

	<p>Pates and Pachrates-correspondence</p>
<p>Place Date Language Material Number texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition</p>	<p>Pathyris 103 – 101 B.C. Greek and demotic Papyri 8 certain, 1 uncertain Private correspondence Berlin, Staatliche Museen; Cairo, Egyptian Museum; Heidelberg University; London, British Library and British Museum; New York, Pierpont Morgan Library; [uncertain text in Cairo, Egyptian Museum] Partly found during the excavations of 1891 and partly acquired on the antiquities market shortly afterwards</p>
<p>Bibliography</p>	<p>This description has been printed in K. Vandorpe and S. Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives. A Multicultural Community in Hellenistic Egypt</i> (Collectanea Hellenistica 3), Brussels 2009, p. 98-99 §34b.</p> <p>W. Clarysse and J.K. Winnicki, 'Papyri', in E. Van 't Dack e.a., <i>The Judaeo-Syria Egyptian Conflict of 103-101 B.C. A Multilingual Dossier concerning a "War of Scepters"</i> (Collectanea Hellenistica 1), Brussels 1989, p. 37-81.</p> <p>P. War of Scepters [numbers in bold refer to the text numbers in this edition].</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>The 8 texts are spread over seven collections; in three instances fragments of one text are now in two different collections. Together with other archives (Dryton, Temple, <i>Archeion</i> archive and the Platon-correspondence), the archive of Pates is one of the first Pathyris archives to be discovered. Part of the texts were probably unearthed during excavations in 1891 (8 was published in 1895) and were brought to the Cairo Museum, other papyri turned up on the antiquities market as a result of illicit trade and were sold to different collections in the following years. The Pates correspondence became mixed up with the Dryton group (see Vandorpe and Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives</i> (2009), §21(1) and Collection A, E, I, O, U, V, AA and FF).</p> <p>All texts are part of a private correspondence between soldiers of Pathyris on campaign in the North in 103-101 B.C. during the Judean-Syrian-Egyptian conflict (Vandorpe and Waebens, <i>Reconstructing Pathyris' Archives</i> (2009), §4). The letters were sent from different places in the eastern Delta (4 from Pelousion, 6 from Mendes) and Palestine (3 and 7 from ?Ptolemais Acco) by different writers. They were addressed to multiple addressees, among whom the officers Pates, son of Tsnous/Panebchounis¹, and Pachrates, son of Peteharsemtheus², came first in at least 6 out of 9 cases. Four letters are in Greek, four in demotic, which shows the mixed character of the Pathyrite military unit. It is unclear where exactly Pates and Pachrates were when they received the letters; but probably they were taking part in the campaign and brought the letters</p>

¹ Pros. Ptol. II 2091 = 4044.

² Pros. Ptol. II 4049 (=2092).

home to Pathyris on their return. The texts may have been kept in Pathyris' military camp, less probably in the private archive of Pates, who is always mentioned as first addressee.

Pates and Pachrates are mentioned a few times in other texts from Pathyris,³ but these do not belong to their archive. The present group of letters is a typical correspondence file. After the detailed study by W. Clarysse and J.K. Winnicki in 1989, one fragment was added to **4** by Martin and Nachtergaele in 1998 (SB XXIV 16069).

Archive
texts

N°	Language	Date	Addressees	Place of Dispatch
1	Greek	103, June 29	Pates and Pachrates	unknown
2	Greek	<i>lost</i>	<i>lost</i>	unknown
3	Demotic	103, Sept. 27	Pates and Pachrates	Ptolemais
4	Greek	102, April 17	Patepsnou (?) (= Pates?)	Pelousion
5	Demotic	102, Aug. 13	Pates and Pachrates	Pelousion or Mendes
6	Demotic	102, Sept. 23	Pates and Pachrates	Mendes
7	Greek	102, Sept. 25	<i>lost</i>	Ptolemais
8	Greek	101, Jan. 13	Pates and Pachrates	unknown

Greek and demotic papyri: P. War of Scepters 1-8 [P. War of Scepters **1** (Greek) = P. Grenf. I 30 + P. Amh. Gr. II 39; *AfP* 2 (1903), p. 516; Witkowski, *Epistulae* 57; SB XX 14728; **2** (Greek) = P. Cairo I 10359 descr.; SB XX 14729; **3** (demotic) = Fs. Museum Berlin, p. 289-291 no. B; **4** (Greek) = P. Grenf. I 32; P. Cairo I 10373 descr.; SB XX 14730; SB XXIV 16069; **5** (demotic) = ZÄS 42 (1905), p. 48-49; **6** (demotic) = ZÄS 42 (1905), p. 50 + Fs. Museum Berlin, p. 291-292 no. C; **7** (Greek) = P. Grenf. I 35; SB XX 14731; **8** (Greek) = *AfP* 2 (1903), p. 515-516 no. 1; SB XVIII 13171]; *uncertain*: P. Cairo II 30986 descr. (demotic) [cf. P. War of Scepters, p. 56 and 79].

Text types

Greek and demotic letters.

³ See P. War of Scepters, p. 38.