

	Archive of Euphron
Place	Kynopolites
Date	199 – 150 BC
Language	Greek
Material	Papyrus
Number of texts	3 certain, 1 uncertain
Type	Official correspondence
Collections	Princeton, University
Find/Acquisition	Egypt, 1920's by Garrett
Bibliography	
Description	<p>Four Ptolemaic letters in the Princeton collection are addressed to a certain Euphron. Three were bought in Egypt in the 1920's by R.Garrett. These three are very fragmentary, but clearly belong together. Euphron is apparently an official, who docketts his incoming correspondence, but the papyri are too fragmentary to see what his function was. No dates are preserved and the texts are dated on palaeographical grounds to the first half of the second century BC. <i>SB XX 14186</i> mentions rebels (<i>apostatai</i>) and the Kynopolite nome. For this reason it is tempting to link Euphron with Hakoris son of Hergeus, the Egyptian leader who lined up with the Ptolemies during the great revolt and called his son Euphron, the Greek rendering of this father's name¹. Though <i>P.Princ. II 119</i> deals with family and business matters, it belongs to the same collection and to the same period. Moreover the letter is written against the fibres in a fine official hand (as are <i>SB XX 14184</i> and <i>14185</i>) and its author Pasinous may well be identical with the eponymous officer of that name who was active in the Hermopolites in the mid second century BC. In that case the private elements could point to a close relationship between two leading men of the area.</p>

¹ For this man and his family, see now W. CLARYSSE, *Hakoris, an Egyptian nobleman and his family*, *AncSoc.* 22 (1991), pp.235-243.