

Place Date Language Material Number of texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition	Aurelia Tapais ArchID 327. Version 2 (2013) Karolien Geens
	Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Herakleides, Philadelpheia AD 298-307 Greek Papyrus 6 Private archive Ann Arbor, Michigan University; Madison, Wisconsin State University; Paris, Sorbonne Found during clandestine diggings in 1920 in Gharabet el-Gerza (Philadelpheia)
Description	<p>The small archive of Aurelia Tapais (AD 298-307) contains 6 papyri which were found during clandestine diggings in 1920 in Gharabet el-Gerza, ancient Philadelpheia. A lot of papyri (including the archive of Aurelius Diogenes) came on the antiquity market between 1920 and 1922 and arrived in various papyrus collections: British Museum, Michigan, Genève, Cornell, Princeton and Sorbonne. The papyri in the archive of Aurelia Tapais are in the collection of the Sorbonne (<i>P. Graux</i> II 17-19); they were purchased in the Fayum or in Alexandria by Graux in 1921 and 1922. Also <i>P. Mich.</i> XII 627 and <i>P. Wisc.</i> II 58-59 belong to the archive, for they were purchased in Egypt by B.P. Grenfell and F.W. Kelsey in March-April 1920 for the universities of Michigan and Wisconsin.</p> <p>Three papyri are incoming documents, viz. contracts of sale of a house addressed to Aurelia Tapais. The other three are copies of documents submitted by Aurelia Tapais, which explains their presence among her papers.</p> <p>In AD 298, Aurelia Tapais bought a building of one storey containing a mill from Aurelius Titus Valerius Gaianus. <i>P. Wisc.</i> II 58-59 are two duplicates of the contract of sale. On that same day, Aurelia Tapais submitted to the archive keepers (<i>bibliophylakes</i>) of Ptolemais Euergetis a request for provisional registration (<i>parathesis</i>) of a building of one storey containing a mill, which she had purchased from Aurelius Titus Valerius Gaianus. Because Gaianus had not declared the property at the <i>bibliotheke</i>, the sale could not be booked immediately. Accordingly, Aurelia Tapais requested that a provisional registration be entered to ensure the priority of her claim. As evidence of the transaction, she includes a copy of the contract of sale, probably <i>P. Wisc.</i> II 58, since its docket is in the same hand as <i>P. Mich.</i> XII 627, 1 and 17 (cf. the introduction to this text).</p> <p>In AD 307, Gounthios, Ataris, Atrea and two minors addressed a contract to Aurelia Tapais, by which they conveyed to her a house in the village of Philadelpheia. This contract, of which <i>P. Graux</i> II 17 is a copy, was submitted independently from the contract of sale submitted by the purchaser Aurelia Tapais. <i>P. Graux</i> II 18-19 are two copies of a request for <i>parathesis</i> of this purchase, submitted by Aurelia Tapais.</p>
Archive texts	<i>P. Graux</i> II 17-19; <i>P. Mich.</i> XII 627; <i>P. Wisc.</i> II 58-59.
Text types	Contracts of sale = incoming documents; requests for <i>parathesis</i> = outgoing documents (copies).