

Place Date Language Material Number of texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition	Apynchis son of Tesenouphis	ArchID 108. Version 2 (2013) Karolien Geens
	Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Herakleides, Soknopaiou Nesos AD 83 Greek Papyrus 6 Private archive Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum Possibly found together in Soknopaiou Nesos	

Bibliography

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 O. MONTEVECCHI, *La papirologia*, Milano, 1988², p. 252 no. 27.
 The numbers in **bold** refer to *BGU XI*.

Description

This archive consists of six documents in Berlin (*BGU XI* 2095-2100) which have been found together. It is likely that all papyri belonged to a ‘pasted roll’ (*tomos synkollesimos*, a roll created by filing, compare the official *tomoi synkollesimoi*, ArchID 370, 546-549). Though only **2098** and **2099** were still connected, Maehler was able to put all fragments back in their original position, except for **2095**. This explains why **2096-2100** bear a single inventory number (P. 21671), while **2095** has a separate inventory number (P. 21670). **2097**, **2098**, **2100** and maybe **2096** are in the same hand; **2095** and **2099** are in a different hand.

All documents deal with the purchase of house property in AD 83, among which part of a house with a single floor and a courtyard in Soknopaiou Nesos. CLARYSSE wonders whether the *tomos* belongs to a court case.¹

Two brothers, Tesenouphis and Stotoetis, both priests in Soknopaiou Nesos, sell half a house to their uncle Apynchis, also priest in the same village, for 160 drachmas (see App.). **2095** is the contract of sale addressed to Apynchis. A copy of the bank receipt is preserved in **2099**: the bank of Kastor in Ptolemais Euergetis confirms that Apynchis has paid the amount of 160 drachmas to the brothers Tesenouphis and Stotoetis, as well as 40 drachmas for some other property. In **2098** Apynchis declares the purchase of the house in Soknopaiou Nesos to the archive keepers (*bibliophylakes*) of Ptolemais Euergetis.

The other documents are older title deeds of the same house. Tesenouphis and Stotoetis had inherited this house property from their mother Thenap[ynchis], sister of Apynchis. In **2097** they declare the inherited property to the archive keepers of Ptolemais Euergetis. Thenapynchis, on her part, inherited the house from her father Tesenouphis, by a contract of division with her brothers [Tese]nouphis, Apynchis, and the latter’s son (no date). Their father might have died some time earlier. **2096** is probably a fragment of the division of property referred to in **2097**. In **2100** finally, Apynchis declares to the archive keepers of Ptolemais Euergetis inherited house property, among which another part of the same house.

¹ W. Clarysse, ‘Tomoi Synkollesimoi’, in M. Brosius (ed.), *Ancient Archives and Archival Traditions: Concepts of Record-keeping in the Ancient World*, Oxford, 2003, p. 355.

Since he is the eldest son, he has received a double share.

The documents form a small archive relating to one house, in which it was presumably kept. As the house was purchased by Apynchis, we may call it the archive of Apynchis.

Archive texts *BGU XI 2095-2100.*

Text types Declarations of house property (3), contracts of sale and division of inherited property (2), bank receipt (1) = incoming documents.

Appendix **Stemma of the family**

