

<p>Place Date Language Material Number of texts Type Collections Find/Acquisition</p>	<p>Isidoros, village scribe (<i>komogrammateus</i>) of Lagis and Trikomia</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ArchID I 12. Version 2 (2013) Ruben Smolders</p> <p>Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Themistos, Trikomia and Lagis AD 161-164 Greek Papyrus 5 Official archive Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum Acquired before 1920</p>
<p>Bibliography</p>	<p>The numbers in bold refer to <i>P. Berl. Leihg.</i></p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>This small archive (AD 161-164) consists of five texts on four papyri. The inventory numbers show that three of the four papyri entered the Berlin Museum together. <i>BGU XIII 2250</i> and 7 are two versions of a report by Isidoros,¹ <i>komogrammateus</i> of Lagis and Trikomia, to the <i>strategos</i> Harpokration. 29 is a declaration of uninundated and artificially irrigated land addressed to Isidoros by farmers of public and ousiac land. In AD 163 an Alexandrian Dionysiac artist and his sister ask the village scribe of Lagis for permission to change their olive yards into grain land (18); the text is signed by Isidoros (l. 23) in his own hand, so one would expect this document in the archive of the petitioners rather than in that of Isidoros. 8 contains a list of payers written on the back of 7. Some of them are from Lagis and recur in texts from the archive; no doubt this verso was reused by Isidoros or his clerks (and not by the <i>strategos</i>).</p> <p>From the archive it appears that Lagis and Trikomia were in serious difficulties in AD 161-164. In <i>BGU XIII 2250</i> and 7 Isidoros submits to the <i>strategos</i> a list of farmers who were to take over the lands of those who had either fled and abandoned them, or were unable to bear the full load (7, 3-4 (cf. 2250, 6-7): τῶν γεωργούντων ἀντὶ ἀνακεχωρηκότων καὶ ἐξησθενηκότων). 29, a declaration of several parcels of unwatered land, suggests that natural circumstances were involved in the declining economy. Since documentation from Lagis and Trikomia is rare, this archive is an important witness for both villages.²</p>
<p>Archive texts</p>	<p><i>BGU XIII 2250</i>; <i>P. Berl. Leihg.</i> I 7, 8, 18; II 29.</p>
<p>Text types</p>	<p>Reports, petition, list = outgoing and internal documents.</p>

¹ J. Shelton, 'Review: Greek papyri from Roman Egypt by William M. Brashear', *Gnomon* 51 (1979), p. 609 thinks that *BGU XIII 2250* is an earlier draft of **7**. Consequently, *BGU XIII 2250* could be dated in AD 164. But that last papyrus could also contain a report for a different year.

² See for Lagis: TM Geo 1216; for Trikomia: TM Geo 2470.