Granary of Pyrreia

Place
Date
Language
Material
Number of texts
Type
Collections
Find/Acquisition

Arsinoites (Fayum), meris of Themistos, Pyrreia

156 or 145 BC - 147 or 136 BC

Greek Papyrus

10 certain, I uncertain

Official archive

Paris, Sorbonne; Cairo, Egyptian Museum

Extracted from mummy cartonnage found by Jouguet in El-Lahun in 1900

## **Bibliography**

W. CLARYSSE / H. HAUBEN, 'Ten Ptolemaic Granary Receipts from Pyrrheia', ZPE 89 (1991), p. 47-68.

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## Description

The archive consists of 10 Greek papyri. They are housed in the Sorbonne collection and the Cairo Museum and derive from mummy cartonnage found by P. Jouguet in El-Lahun (ancient Ptolemais Hormou) in 1900.

Nine out of the ten texts are *naukleros* receipts, i.e. receipts by which the shippers or *naukleroi* confirm to the officials of the granary (*sitologos* and controllers) that tax grain has been loaded in their boat. The officials are in charge of the granary of the village Pyrreia in the meris of Themistos. Five of the receipts are issued to Herakleodoros, the controller of the royal scribe, and two to the *sitologos* Petobastis. *SB* XX 15150, the only text which is not a captain's receipt, is a kind of internal report (cf. *P. Heid.* VI 370, Introduction), issued by Petobastis and signed by Herakleodoros. The unpublished official letter P. Sorb. inv. 692, written by Petobastis and Apollonios to Chesortaios, and mentioning an *archisitologos*, may be part of the archive (see Clarysse/Hauben 1991, p. 52).

With the exception of *SB* XX 15150 (dated October-November 156 or 145 BC) and *SB* XIV 11866 (dated January 147 or 136 BC), the texts are dated in a very short period of time: March-April of year 26, either 155 or 145 BC. They clearly form only a tiny section of the papers of the granary of Pyrreia. The best parallel is the contemporary archive of the granary of Oxyryncha, which contains three times as many texts (ArchID 272).

## Archive texts

*P. Lille Gr.* I 22; *SB* XIV 11866-11868; *SB* XX 15150-15154; *ZPE* 89 (1991), p. 55-57 no. 2 (= *P. Lille Gr.* I 21); *uncertain*: P. Sorb. inv. 692.

## Text types

*Naukleros* receipts (9) and internal report (1) = incoming and internal documents.