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### Aphthonetos, governor (strategos) of the Arsinoite nome

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Arsinoites (Fayum), Krokodilopolis About 244-228 BC Greek Papyrus 8 certain, I uncertain Official archive

London, British Library; Dublin, Trinity College

Extracted from mummy cartonnage found by Petrie at Gurob in 1889

# **Bibliography**

O. MONTEVECCHI, La papirologia, Milano, 1988<sup>2</sup>, p. 249 no. 3 [d].

Numbers in **bold** refer to *P. Petrie* III.

#### Description

Aphthonetos (*Pros. Ptol.* I and VIII 236) is the first known civil *strategos* of the Arsinoite nome, attested from 244 to 222 BC. A small group of petitions among the Petrie papyri, from mummy cartonnage found at Gurob in 1889, are addressed to him. They are formulated as memoranda ('To Aphthonetos from NN') and all have the same shape: narrow vertical strips written along the fibres. The cartonnage numbers, where preserved, show that they derive from the same mummy (EE 2, 3, 4). None of them bears a date and there is nowhere an address or a docket on the back.

**25** (= *Chrest. Mitt.* 30) is a doubtful case: it is an official letter by Harmais to Aphthonetos, including the copy of a decision by the chrematists in a case in which Aphthonetos is also involved. The text is dated in 228 BC, but comes from a different mummy case (M' 2) and it is uncertain whether it was part of the archive. We have excluded *P. Petrie* II 12 (1) (242 BC), which belongs to the archive of the engineer Theodoros (archive of Kleon and Theodoros, ArchID 122), and **29 i**, a letter by [Aph]thonetos (not necessarily the *strategos*) to Aristomachos.

## Archive texts

P. Petrie III **29 b** (= P. Petrie II 12 (2)); **29 c** (= Chrest. Mitt. 12; = P. Petrie II 12 (3)); **29 d** (= P. Petrie II 12 (p. 32)); **29 e-h**; **29 j** ined.; *uncertain*: **25** (= Chrest. Mitt. 30).

### Text types

Petitions (8), letter (1 uncertain) = incoming documents.