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I. GRANARY RECEIPTS

38a

BL inv. 20154
(Greville Chester, 87-7-30-196)
Plate 41

10.8 x 8.6 cm.

Late II a.C.
Thebes

The formula most closely resembles Group 5 in Z.M. Packman, *The Taxes in Grain in Ptolemaic Egypt* (New Haven-Toronto 1968, *Am.Stud.Pap.* 4) 30-32, but it seems to lack a statement of the year for which paid (but cf. note to l. 2) and a signature. A large L-shaped line frames the lower left corner of the text.

Ἔτους Μεσορή ια· με(μέτρηκεν) εἰς τὸν ἐν Διοὺς πόλι(ει)
τῆι μ(εγάλη) θησ(αυρόν) εἰς τὸ ἥ(μισυ) (ἀρτάβης) Σωκράτης
3 Ἡρακλείδου (πυροῦ) πέντε, (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) ε.

“Year x, Mesore 11. Sokrates son of Herakleides has paid to the granary in Diospolis Magna, for the half-artaba (tax), five (art.) of wheat, total 5 (art.) wheat.”

2. The reading of the first part of the line is difficult, and there is a large L-shaped character after what we are reluctantly reading as θησ(αυρόν). We do not, however, see any way of reading a year number before it, and we therefore suppose that it is part of the abbreviation of θησ(αυρόν) rather than the year symbol.

2-3. Sokrates son of Herakleides also appears in *O.Bödl.* I 133 *verso*, dated (apparently on palaeographical grounds) to the early I B.C. by the editor. Without any means of dating our ostrakon, we cannot say how likely an identification is.

38b

BL inv. 26016
(93-5-14-1145)
Plate 41

12.2 x 10.5 cm.

8 June 114
Thebes

Μέτρη(μα) θησ(αυροῦ) μητροπ(όλεως) γενή(ματος) ιζ (ἔτους)
Παῦ(νι) ιδ ὄνό(ματος) Σενχώ(νσιος)

¹ It was through ostraka that Roger Bagnall first met Piet Sijpesteijn in 1971, when Bagnall was involved in work on the Toronto collection and Sijpesteijn on the Leiden; and it was the editing of two collections of ostraka that first brought the three of us together (*O.Amst.*, *O.Leid.*). It seems particularly appropriate, then, for us to contribute to Piet's memory a small selection from the large collection in the British Library, virtually untouched since Wilcken published a larger selection in his *Griechische Ostraka aus Ägypten und Nubien* (Berlin-Leipzig 1899; Nachdr. Amsterdam 1970-1971 mit Nachträgen von P.J. Sijpesteijn). For the most part these are drawn from a small group of texts of which photographs were made before the outbreak of the migration of salt toward the surface of the sherds (arrested by the application of soluble nylon in the 1970s, but after much damage had been done), and they therefore show the ostraka when they were much clearer than they are now. We are indebted to T.S. Pattie for these photographs and for facilitating our work on this collection over the years. The photographs of the ostraka are reproduced by permission of the British Library. The present inventory numbers are followed in parentheses by previous numbers and other information present on the labels.

- 4 Φθουμ(ώνθου) διὰ Παμώνθ(ου) Τεῶτ(ος)
 ὑπ(ὲρ) (Ἀγορῶν) (πυροῦ) μίαν ἥμισυ κδ''
 (γίνονται) (πυροῦ) α L κδ''. Γάιο(ς) σεση(μείωμαι).

"Payment to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 17th year, Pauni 14, in the name of Senchonsis daughter of Phthoumonthes, through Pamonthes son of Teos, for Agorai, one, a half, $\frac{1}{24}$ (art.) of wheat, total, $1\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{24}$ (art.) of wheat. I, Gaius, have signed."

1. Granary receipts with omitted imperial names are rare. Cf. *O.Bodl.* 1620. Tax receipts on papyrus, however, omit imperial names fairly commonly, especially in the later II century. See generally J.-J. Aubert, *BASP* 28 (1991) 103-104.

2-3. For Senchonsis daughter of Phthoumonthes, see *O.Bodl.* 1242, 1299; *O.Leid.* 197 (A.D. 123-132), plus the linked lists *O.Bodl.* 1716 and 1789.

4. For Agorai, see B. Palme, *Tyche* 4 (1989) 125-29.

5. For the signer Gaius, see *O.Bodl.* 1201 etc. This appears to be his earliest receipt published to date.

38c

BL inv. 19276
 (Budge, Karnak, 87-4-2-352)
 Plate 41

5.7 x 8.8 cm.

117-138
 Thebes

- Μέ(τερημα) θησ(αυροῦ) μη(τροπόλεως) γενή(ματος) [. . (ἔτους)]
 Ἄδριανοῦ τοῦ κυρίου [Μεσορή]
 λ' ἐπάγο(μένων) ἔ ὑπ(ὲρ) (Ἀγορῶν) [όνό(ματος)]
 4 Πανα(μέως) Φατρή(ους) Φθομ[ώνθ(ου) κρ(ιθῆς) τρίτο(ν)]
 δωδέ(κατον), (γίνονται) κρ(ιθῆς) γ̄ ιδ̄. Π[. . σεση(μείωμαι).]

"Payment to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the [xxth year] of Hadrian the lord, [Mesore] 30th, 5th epagomenal day, for Agorai, [in the name of] Panameus son of Phatres, grandson of Phthomonthes, [a third], a twelfth [of barley], total, $\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{12}$ of barley. I, P[---, have signed]."

4. The taxpayer does not seem to be attested elsewhere.

38d

BL inv. 26116
 (93-5-14-1245)
 Plate 42

10.1 x 6.3 cm.

3 July 121
 Thebes

The original is now virtually unreadable.

- Μέ(μετρηται) εἰς θησ(αυρὸν) μη(τροπόλεως) γενή(ματος) ε (ἔτους) Ἄδριανοῦ
 τοῦ κυρίου Ἐπειφ θ ὑ(πὲρ) Χά(ρακος) ὄνό(ματος) Φατρή(ους) Ὠρο(υ) (πυροῦ)
 τρίτο(ν) δωδέ(κατον),
 3 (γίνονται) (πυροῦ) γ̄ ιδ̄. . . σεση(μείωμαι).

"Paid to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 5th year of Hadrian the lord, Epeiph 9, for Charax, in the name of Phatres son of Horos, a third, a twelfth of wheat, total, $\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{12}$ of wheat. I, NN, have signed."

2. The taxpayer does not appear to be attested elsewhere, although he could be the father of the taxpayer in *O.Ont.* I 43 (161-169).

3. The signers near this receipt in time are poorly known, many of the signatures being unread; cf., e.g., *O.Bodl.* 1226. The first letter here might be a *delta*.

38e

BL inv. 26030
(93-5-14-1159)
Plate 42

7.3 x 6 cm.

19 August 127
Thebes

- M[ε(μέτρηται)] εἰ[ς θ]ησ(αυρὸν) μη(τροπόλεως)
γενή(ματος) ια (ἔτους) Ἄδριανοῦ
Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
- 4 Μεσορῆ κς ὀνό(ματος) ()
Ἴμούθου ὑπ(ἔρ) Νό(του) (πυροῦ) τρίτον ὄγδοον,
καὶ ὀνό(ματος) Σενπαμώνθο(υ) Φθουμώνθ(ου)
(πυροῦ) τετρακαίικ(οστόν), (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) S.
- 8 [Ἄ]γτίφ(ιλος) σεση(μείωμαι).

"Paid to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 11th year of Hadrian Caesar the lord, Mesore 26, in the name of NN, son of Imouthes, for Notos, a third, an eighth of wheat, and in the name of Senpamonthes daughter of Phthoumonthes, a twenty-fourth of wheat, total, $\frac{1}{2}$ of wheat. I, Antiphilos, have signed."

4. The name is written in a rapid and cramped fashion, and we are not confident of a reading. The name may begin Παμ-; an ending in -ηο(υς) seems possible.

6. We have not managed to identify the taxpayer.

8. For the signer, see *O.Bodl.* 1249 (125) to 1262 (127), *WO* 825 etc.

38f

BL inv. 21033
(Budge, Karnak, 88-5-12-251)
Plate 41

6.3 x 5.5 cm.

131/132
Thebes

- M[έ(τερημα) θησ(αροῦ)] γενή(ματος) ιε (ἔτους)
Ἄδριαν[ο]ῦ τ[οῦ κυρίου] month, day
τοῦ ις (ἔτους) ὀνό(ματος) Ἀμμωνίου
- 4 Πεμσάις Παμφίλου
ὑπ(ἔρ) Χ(άρακος) (πυροῦ) ἥμισυ τρίτον
ὄγδον, (γίνονται) (πυροῦ) S γ η. Γά(ιος) σ(εσημείωμαι).
6 leg. ὄγδοον

"Payment [to the granary of X for the crop of the 15th year] of Hadrian the [lord, (date)] of the 16th year, in the name of Ammonios son of Pemsais, grandson of Pamphilos, for Charax, a half, a third, an eighth of wheat, total $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{8}$ of wheat. I, Gaius, have signed."

3-4. The taxpayer does not seem to be attested elsewhere.

6. For Gaius, see *O.Bodl.* 1313.6n. and *O.Wilb.* 57 n. There is the merest surviving trace of the word σεσημείωμα.

BL inv. 25884
(93-5-14-1013)
Plate 42

38g

8.2 x 7.4 cm.

13 July 134
Thebes

The surface is now heavily damaged by salt, and has only partly been recovered by treatment with soluble nylon.

Με(μέτρηται) εἰς θησ(αυρὸν) μητρ[οπ(όλεως) γενή(ματος)]
 ιη (ἔτους) Ἀδριανοῦ Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
 Ἐπεὶφ ιθ ὑπ(ἐρ) ις (ἔτους) (Ἀγορῶν) ὀνό(ματος)
 4 Τικῶ(τος) Πικῶ(τος) μη(τρὸς) Τουῶριο(ς)
 (πυροῦ) α ζ', (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) α ζ'. Γά(ιος) σεση(μείωμα).

"Paid to the granary of the metropolis [for the crop] of the 18th year of Hadrian Caesar the lord, Epeiph 19, for the 16th year, for Agorai, in the name of Tikos daughter of Pikos and Touris, 1¹/₆ of wheat, total 1¹/₆ of wheat. I, Gaius, have signed."

1. There are scattered traces where we print the text entirely inside brackets, but they cannot be assigned to particular letters.

4. The taxpayer appears not to be known elsewhere.

5. For the signer see 38f, note to line 6.

BL inv. 26055
(93-5-14-1184)
Plate 42

38h

8.6 x 10.4 cm.

29 July 142
Thebes

με(μέτρηται) εἰς θησ(αυρὸν) μη(τροπόλεως) γενή(ματος) ε (ἔτους)
 Ἀντωνίνου Καίσαρος
 τοῦ κυρίου Μεσο(ρῆ) ε ὀνό(ματος)
 4 Πετεμε(νώφιος) Πικῶς καὶ ἀδελ(φοῦ)
 ὑ(πέρ) Χ(άρακος) ιθ (ἔτους) (πυροῦ) δωδέκ(ατον) μ' η', καὶ
 ὀνό(ματος) Φαμί(νιος) Πικῶς ὁμοίως
 ιθ (ἔτους) (πυροῦ) δωδέκατον μῆ, καὶ
 8 ὀνό(ματος) τοῦ α(ὐτοῦ) Φαμί(νιος) ὑ(πέρ) (Ἀγορῶν)
 (πυροῦ) κ' δ', (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) δ. Φθ(ο)υμίνις σεση(μείωμα).

"Paid to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 5th year of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Mesore 5, in the name of Petemenophis son of Pikos and his brother, for Charax for the 19th year, 1¹/₁₂ 1¹/₄₈ of wheat, and in the name of Phaminis son of Pikos likewise for the 19th year, 1¹/₄₈ of wheat, and in the name of the same Phaminis for Agorai, 1¹/₂₄ of wheat, total, 1¹/₄ of wheat. I, Phthouminis, have signed."

4. A first-century banker Petemenophis son of Pikos is very well known (see *O.Cair. GPW* 90.5n.), but the only possible match for a second-century taxpayer is the man of this name, grandson of Petearpochrates, attested in *O.Bodl.* 1271 (A.D. 128). His brother Phaminis seems to be otherwise unknown.
- 5, 7. The reading of the 19th year in both lines looks clear, as is the regnal year in l. 1; the arrears (several tiny amounts summed to a quarter-artaba) thus go back six years.
8. It is just possible that faint traces after ('Αγορῶν) are of a *beta*, but they may be just discoloration.
9. For the signer, see *WO* 870, *O.Bodl.* 1358 etc.

38i

BL inv. 25928
(93-5-14-1057)
Plate 43

11.6 x 11.9 cm.

29 June 144
Thebes

Μέ(τρημα) θησ(αυροῦ) κω(μῶν) γενή(ματος) ζ (ἔτους) Ἄντωνίνου
Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου Ἐπειφ ἕ
ὑπ(ἐρ) Χ(άρακος) ὀνό(ματος) Σενφαήριος Πανα(μέως)
4 (πυροῦ) μίαν, (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) α. Ἄρποκ(ρατίων) σεση(μείωμαι).

"Payment to the granary of the villages for the crop of the 7th year of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Epeiph 5, for Charax, in the name of Senphaeris daughter of Panameus, one (art.) of wheat, total, 1 (art.) of wheat. I, Harpokration, have signed."

3. The taxpayer appears also in *WO* 587 (A.D. 138), also concerning Charax. Our ostrakon allows us to reject the emendation to Πανᾶ[τος] proposed for the patronymic in *WO* 587 (*BL* II 2 66).
4. For the signer see *O.Bodl.* 1367 and note (attested 142-144).

38j

BL inv. 26046
(93-5-14-1175)
Plate 43

9.9 x 10.6 cm.

28 July 173
Thebes

Now in very bad condition.

Μέ(τρημα) θησ(αυροῦ) μη(τροπόλεως) γενή(ματος) ιγ (ἔτους)
Αὐρηλίου Ἄντωνίνου Καίσαρος
τοῦ κυρίου Μεσο(ρή) δ ὑπ(ἐρ) Χ(άρακος) ὀνό(ματος)
4 Τρεμονσήμιο(ς) Πεχο(ίτου) (πυροῦ) ἥμισυ
τετρακ(αιεικοστόν), (γίνεται) (πυροῦ) L κδ. Ἄμώ(νιος) σεση(μείωμαι).

"Payment to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 13th year of Aurelius Antoninus Caesar the lord, Mesore 4, for Charax, in the name of Tremonsemis daughter of Pechoites, a half, a twenty-fourth of wheat, total, $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{24}$ of wheat. I, Amonios, have signed."

4. Τρεμονσημις is not in F. Preisigke, *NB*; D. Foraboschi, *Onomasticon*; E. Lüddeckens - H.J. Thissen, *NBDem.*; or the DDBDP, but the reading is clear (the original surface is well preserved here, and Τρ- is not Π-). It seems most likely to be *T3-rmt-n-Dm3, 'the woman of Jeme.' Similar names can be found in *NBDem.*

1072, cf. the masculine equivalents in *NBDem.* 197. None of those cited in *NBDem.*, however, include the possessive *n*.

5. Amonios signs *O.Bodl.* 1485 of the same year and numerous other receipts of this period.

38k

BL inv. 20222
(Greville Chester, Karnak, 87-7-30-261)
Plate 45

9.8 x 5.8 cm.

28 May 185
Thebes

Μέ(τρημα) θησ(αυροῦ) μη(τροπόλεως) γενή(ματος) κε (ἔτους) Κομμόδου
Ἄντωνίνου Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου Παῦ(νι) γ̄
ὑπ(ἐρ) Χά(ρακος) ὀνό(ματος) Πετε(μενώφιος) Ψεναμού(νιος)
4 (πυροῦ) δύο, (γίνονται) (πυροῦ) β̄. Ἄμώ(νιος) σεση(μείωμα).

“Payment to the granary of the metropolis for the crop of the 25th year of Commodus Antoninus Caesar the lord, Pauni 3, for Charax, in the name of Petemenophis son of Psenamounis, two (art.) of wheat, total 2 (art.) of wheat. I, Amonios, have signed.”

3. Although the combination of these commonplace Theban names can be found, no taxpayer from this period with this name is known. On the original, it seems clear that the name is indeed Πετε(μενώφιος) and not Παγα(μέως).

4. See 38i, note to l. 5, for Amonios.

38l

BL inv. 25231
(93-5-14-452)
Plate 43

6.1 x 5.4 cm.

16 August 211
Thebes

Μέ(τρημα) θησ(αυροῦ) κω(μῶν) γενή(ματος) ιθ (ἔτους) Ἄντωνίνου
καὶ Γέτα Εὐσεβῶν Σεβαστῶν
Μεσορή κγ̄ ὑπ(ἐρ) Νό(του) ὀνό(ματος)
4 Σαχομ(νέως) ὀμ(σίως) Καμήτιο(ς) (πυροῦ) δύο,
(γίνονται) (πυροῦ) β̄. Πα() σεση(μείωμα).

“Payment to the granary of the villages for the crop of the 19th year of Antoninus and Geta Pii Augusti, Mesore 23, for Notos, in the name of Sachomneus son of the same, grandson of Kametis, two (art.) of wheat, total, 2 (art.) of wheat. I, Pa(), have signed.”

4. The taxpayer seems not to be otherwise attested.

5. The signer is in *O.Bodl.* 1588 (208/209).

II. MONEY TAX RECEIPTS

38m. RECEIPT FOR A MONTHLY TAX

BL inv. 20276
(Greville Chester, 87-7-30-311)
Plate 43

7.6 x 8.8 cm.

ca. December 64
Thebes

For such payments by months, with no statement of the tax, cf. *O.Bodl.* 1048 ff. It is generally assumed that they are taxes on trades, and collection for two months together is common (Hathyr and Choiak also in *O.Bodl.* 1053, and cf. *infra*).

4 Ψεμμώ(νθης) Ἀράθης καὶ μέτο(χοι)
Ψεναμούνιος Παναμέως
χα(ίρειν)· ἀπέχω(μεν) παρὰ σοῦ τὸ τέλ(ος)
Ἄθῦρ καὶ Χοίακ τοῦ
ια (ἔτους) Νέρωνος τοῦ
κυρίου.

“Psemmonthes son of Arathes and partners to Psenamounis son of Panameus, greetings. We have received from you the tax for Hathyr and Choiak of the 11th year of Nero the lord.”

1. The collector occurs also in *WO* 1394-1395 (BL 26085, 25864), the first of which also covers Hathyr and Choiak of Nero's 11th year. They also have the spelling ἀπέχω(μεν) found here.
2. Despite the banality of these names in the Theban ostraka, no person of this name appears elsewhere as a first-century taxpayer.

38n. RECEIPT FOR DIKE AND BATH TAXES

BL inv. 19785
(87-4-2-1255)
Plate 44

7.6 x 8.6 cm.

29 June 85
Thebes

4 Διαγέγρα(φε)
Πάπιος ὑπ(έρ) χῶ(ματικοῦ) Χά(ρακος) δ (ἔτους)
(δραχμάς) ς (τετρώβολον), β(αλανευτικοῦ) (τετρώβολον) (ἡμιοβέλιον),
(γίνονται) ζ (διώβ.) (ἡμιοβ.) καὶ προ(σδιαγραφόμενα). (ἔτους) δ
Δομιτιανοῦ τοῦ κυρίου
Παῦνι λῆ. Πτολ(εμαῖος) σεση(μείωμαι).

“NN son of NN, grandson of Paapis, has paid for dike tax for Charax for the 4th year, 6 dr. 4 ob., for bath tax 4½ ob., total, 7 dr. 2½ ob. and additional charges. Year 4 of Domitian the lord, Pauni 35. I, Ptolemaios, have signed.”

1. There are clearly two names here, which we have not succeeded in reading; the writing is largely sawtooth.
2. Παῦπις is rare in the Theban ostraka, but cf. *O.Bodl.* 652, 1912.
5. The signer is well attested, cf. e.g. *WO* 1409, 1413 (84-88).

38o. RECEIPT FOR BATH TAX

BL inv. 21031
(Budge, Karnak, 88-5-12-249)
Plate 44

5.3 x 5.6 cm.

28 July 127
Thebes

The surface is now much deteriorated.

Πετεχεσποχ(οχράτης) καὶ μ(έτοχοι)
[τελ(ῶναι) θησ(αυροῦ)] ἱερ(ῶν) Παμ-
ώνθης Ἄρσι(ήσιος) ἀπέσ-
4 χομ(εν) βαλ(ανευτικὸν) ἰα (ἔτους)
Ἄδριανοῦ τοῦ
κυρίου Και(σαρείου) δ̄
] . . . ē
8] . . .

“Petechespochrates and partners, tax-farmers of the granary of the temples, to Pamonthes son of Harsiesis. We have received the bath tax of the 11th year of Hadrian the lord, Kaisareios 4, . . .”

1. The collector is well known, see *WO* 819, 844-846, *O.Bodl.* 701, 708 n., 709.
- 2-3. The combination of names of the taxpayer occurs in *O.Leid.* 299 (name list), but their banality is such that no identification is warranted.
- 7-8. The faint traces of the last two lines are obscure to us; it is not even possible to be certain if the sherd is broken at the bottom.

38p. RECEIPT FOR BATH TAX

BL inv. 25542
(93-5-14-710)
Plate 44

8.5 x 8.5 cm.

1 July 125
Thebes

Πετεχεσποχ(ράτης) καὶ μ(έτοχοι) τε[λ(ῶναι) θησ(αυροῦ) ἱερ(ῶν)]
Πανα(μει) Παμώνθ(ου) Ἐριεῦ[τος χα(ίρειν) · ἔσχ(ομεν) παρὰ σοῦ]
ὑπ(έρ) βαλ(ανευτικῶ) τοῦ θ̄ (ἔτους) Ἄδριαν[οῦ τοῦ κυρίου]
4 Παῦ[νι] ζ̄
h3.t-sp 9 ibd 2? smw . . .

“Petechespochrates and partners, tax-farmers [of the granary of the temples], to Panameus son of Pamonthes, grandson of Herieus, [greetings. We have received from you] for bath tax of the 9th year of Hadrian the lord, Pauni (?) 7.” (*Demotic*) “Year 9, Pauni (?) . . .”

1. Cf. the preceding ostrakon for the collector.
2. The taxpayer does not appear to be elsewhere attested.
5. We thank Brian Muhs for the reading of the Demotic.

38q. RECEIPT FOR BATH TAX

BL inv. 25919
(93-5-14-1048)
Plate 44

13.1 x 11 cm.

1 March 144
Thebes

Φίλων καὶ μ(έτοχοι) τελῶ(ναι) θησ(αυροῦ) ἱερῶν
Πικῶς ν(εωτέρῳ) Ἀρχίου(υ) ἔσχ(ομεν) τὸ βαλ(ανευτικὸν) τοῦ ζ(ἔτους)
'Αντωνείνου Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
4 Φαμενώθ ἑ.

"Philon and partners, tax-farmers of the granary of the temples, to Pikos the younger, son of Archias. We have received the bath tax of the 7th year of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Phamenoth 5."

1. For the collector see *WO* 882.
2. For the taxpayer see *WO* 605, 612, 613, 637; *O.Bodl.* 1280.
4. The month name is written very rapidly.

38r. RECEIPT FOR TAX ON WEAVERS

BL inv. 26466
(90-5-30-131)
Plate 45

8.5 x 9.7 cm.

24 July 144
Thebes

Ἰναρῶς Πατώτου καὶ μ(έτοχοι) τελ(ῶναι) γερδ(ίων)
Πανσισώϊ Πασήμιος χα(ίρειν)· ἔσχ(ομεν)
παρὰ σο(ῦ) τέλο(ς) ἀριθ(μήσεως) Ἐπειφ Μεσορή.
4 (ἔτους) ζ' Ἀντωνίνου Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
'Επειφ λ. Ἡρ() σεση(μείωμαι).

"Inaros son of Patotes and partners, tax-farmers of weavers, to Pansisois son of Pasemis, greetings. We have received from you the tax for the account of Epeiph and Mesore. Year 7 of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Epeiph 30. I, Her(), have signed."

1. For the collector, see *O.Bodl.* 1022, *WO* 1063-1064 (patronymic in 1064).
2. The taxpayer is found in *O.Bodl.* 1020 and 1022.
3. The appearance of ἀριθ(μήσεως) in a collector receipt of this period is unusual, although there is an instance in *WO* 1578 (133), a receipt issued by a praktor. On ἀρίθμησις see *BGU XV* 2554.3n.
5. There is usually no signature on receipts of this type, and we do not know why one appears here.

38s. RECEIPT FOR TAX ON WEAVERS

BL inv. 25453
(93-5-14-621)
Plate 45

7.4 x 8.1 cm.

11 May 153
Thebes

The surface, reconstructed after salt damage, is in very bad condition now.

Ἰναρῶς καὶ μ(έτοχοι) τελ(ῶναι) γερδ(ίων)
Πουῦσι Πουώριο(ς) πρ(εσβυτέρου)

4 Ἐριέως ἔχομ(εν) ὑπ(ἐρ) τέλ(ους)
 Φαμενώθ καὶ Φαρμο(ῦθι)
 ις (ἔτους) Ἀντωνίνου
 Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
 Παχῶν ιζ.

“Inaros and partners, tax-farmers of weavers, to Pousis son of Pouoris the elder, grandson of Herieus. We have received for the tax of Phamenoth and Pharmouthi for the 16th year of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Pachon 16.”

1. For the collector, see the preceding.
2. The start of this line is badly faded, and the reading is not certain. We have not found the taxpayer in another text.

38t. RECEIPT FOR BATH TAX

BL inv. 20275
 (Greville Chester, 87-7-30-310)
 Plate 45

8.2 x 7 cm.

26 March 174
 Thebes

4 Ἀσκλάς καὶ μ(έτοχοι) ἐπιτ(ηρηταὶ) θησ(αυροῦ) ἱερ(ῶν)
 Ἀρσόνι ν(εωτέρῳ) ὁμ(οίως) ἔσχ(ομεν) [παρὰ σοῦ]
 τὸ βαλ(ανευτικὸν) τοῦ ιδ (ἔτους) Αὐρηλίου
 Ἀντωνίνου Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου
 Φαμ(ενῶθ) λ.

“Asklas and partners, overseers of the granary of the temples, to Harsonis the younger, son of the same. We have received [from you] the bath tax of the 14th year of Aurelius Antoninus Caesar the lord, Phamenoth 30.”

1. For the collector see *O.Bodl.* 732 n., 734, from A.D. 172 and 174.
2. The taxpayer's name is now faint and read with reservation. It may be a variant on Ἀρσῶνις, and it may be found as a compounding element in the name Ἀρσοντωοῦς (Ἀρσονθωοῦς) found in *SB XVIII* 13837 and *P.Oxy.* LI 3646; cf. also Ἀρσῶνσις in *P.Oxy.* LX 4065. There are only faint traces of the end of the line where we print the text inside brackets, although the surface exists.

38u. RECEIPT FOR RENT

BL inv. 25742
 (93-5-14-871)
 Plate 46

6.1 x 5.6 cm.

8 July 175 or 207
 Thebes

4 Ἐπιφ ιδ τοῦ ιε (ἔτους) ὀνό(ματος)
 Πρεμτώτης Ὄρου
 ὑπ(ἐρ) προδ(όματος) καὶ ἐνοικ(ίου)
 λεS X(άρακος) δραχ(μάς) ἐνέα
 (διώβολον) (γίνονται) (δραχμαὶ) θ (διώβ.). Σαραπ(ίων)
 σεση(μείωμαι).
 4 leg. δραχ(μάς) ἐννέα

"Epeiph 14 of the 15th year, in the name of Premtotes son of Horos, for advance payment and rent . . . for Charax, 9 dr. 2 ob., total, 9 dr. 2 ob. I, Sarapion, have signed."

2. The reading of the taxpayer's name is uncertain. We have not found a Premtotes son of Horos elsewhere.
3. The readings of the taxes in l. 3 are doubtful, but they are supported by *WO* 1469 (A.D. 215), where we find successive receipts for προδ() and ἐνοίκ(ιον), 8 dr. 3 ob. and 4 dr. respectively. A date of 207 for our ostrakon may be more likely given this parallel.
4. We cannot explain the apparent numeral 35 here. It cannot be a regnal year, but we do not know what else to suggest. It is possible that the scribe tried to squeeze a second *nu* in ἐνέα between the *epsilon* and *nu*, but the traces are too small to be certain.
5. We have not identified the signer elsewhere.

38v. RECEIPT FOR CROWN TAX

BL inv. 20329
(Greville Chester, 87-7-30-361)
Plate 46

7.1 x 5.6 cm.

30 April 189
Thebes

Παχὼ(ν) ἔ τοῦ κθ (ἔτους) ὀνό(ματος)
Σισόιτο(ς) νεωτέρου Ὀννώ(φριος) ὑπ(ὲρ)
στεφ(ανικοῦ) χρή(ματος) τοῦ κη (ἔτους) Νό(του)
4 (δραχμάς) ἕξ (πεντάβολον), (γίνονται) (δραχμαὶ) ς (πεντώβ.).
Ἀμ(ώνιος) σεση(μείωμαι).

"Pachon 5 of the 29th year, in the name of Sisois the younger, son of Onnophris, for crown tax of the 28th year for Notos, six dr. 5 ob., total, 6 dr. 5 ob. I, Amonios, have signed."

2. The taxpayer does not seem to be attested elsewhere. The first -v- of Ὀννώ(φριος) is corrected from *omicron* or a blot.
3. For the crown tax, see A.K. Bowman, *BASP* 4 (1967) 59-74.
4. The signer could be the Amonios of *O.Bodl.* 1111, but there is no strong reason to identify them, and the other Amonios writes more of his name in signing.

III. OTHER

38w. NAME AND TITLE

BL inv. 25895
(93-5-14-1024)
Plate 46

13.8 x 6.9 cm.

II a.C.
Thebes ?

The purpose of this tag is unknown. The man does not appear in *Pros.Ptol.* or F. Uebel, *Die Kleruchen Ägyptens unter den ersten sechs Ptolemäern* (Berlin 1968); a person of this name can be found in *O.Stras.* 797, but there is no other basis to connect them. The primary discussion of the class of katoikic cavalrymen remains that in *P.Tebt.* I p. 557; see also *P.Dion.* pp. 42-45, where they are defined as cleruchs on active duty.

Πτολεμαῖος Ταύρωνος τῶν
κατοίκων ἰππέων.

38x. RECEIPT FOR CHAFF

BL inv. 20155
(Greville Chester, 87-7-30-197)
Plate 46

10.4 x 8.3 cm.

29 September 157
Thebes

4 Πατσέβθιο(ς) ἀχυράριο(ς) μητροπόλεως
Παναμ(εῖ) Μενεφρών(ος). ἐνεβλήθης
εἰς τὴν ἐν Κόπτῳ εἴλησ ὑπὲρ γε-
νήμ(ατος) κ (ἔτους) γόμον δίμυρον, (γίνεται) γ(όμου) β¹.
(ἔτους) κα Ἄντωνίνου Καίσαρος
τοῦ κυρίου (m. 2?) Φαῶφι β.
(m. 3?) Ἰσίδωρος σεσημ(είωμαι).

3 leg. εἴλην 4 leg. δίμοιρον

“Patsbthios, chaff-collector for the metropolis, to Panameus son of Menephron. You have delivered to the *ala* in Koptos for the crop of the 20th year two-thirds of a gomos, total, $\frac{2}{3}$ gom. Year 21 of Antoninus Caesar the lord, Phaophi 2. I, Isidoros, have signed.”

1. The collector is probably attested also in *O.Deiss.* 19 (170), where he identifies himself as an ἀχυροπράκτωρ.
2. For the taxpayer, Panameus son of Menephron, cf. *O.Bodl.* 1869.15, a name list dated by ed. to ca. 120.
3. An *ala* in Koptos under Antoninus is attested in other chaff receipts from 142 and 144: *O.Bodl.* 1654 and 1655.
6. The date seems to be in a faster hand than the body of the text; it is not clear if the signature is still in the hand of the date or in yet a third hand.
7. The signer does not seem to be otherwise attested.

38y. DEKANIA LIST

BL inv. 25784
(93-5-14-913)
Plate 46

8.1 x 9.2 cm.

II A.D.
Thebes

⤴ Πετεμενῶφης Πασήμιο(ς) Πετεχώ(νσιος)
Φθουμώνθ(ης) Παμ ιναί
Παναμεῦς Παχνούμιο(ς)
4 Πασήμις ἦτος
Πατώτης Πέτεχώντο(ς) Ὠρου.

2. The symbol ⤴ stands for δεκανός.
5. The first two names are doubtfully read.