

Papyri Collection **Manuscript Collection 175**

Papyri from the Fayûm, Hibeh, and Oxyrhynchus Egypt. 3rd century B.C.-3rd century A.D. in 5 boxes.

Papyri consists of fragments from classical authors (some with textual interest); legal documents (including marriage contracts, land transfers, tax receipts, a will, various contracts); miscellaneous accounts and receipts; and personal letters. Many are very fragmentary and mutilated.

Papyri listed below came to the University of Toronto in 1901, 1904, and 1906 from the Egypt Exploration Fund. This fund had been set up to finance archaeological excavations in Egypt on the condition that everything found would go to public museums and institutions and that the finds would be distributed in proportion to the subscriptions to the Fund received from each district or country. In 1901 four papyri were sent to the University of Toronto Library: Fayûm 8, 30, 31, and 170. In 1904 and 1906 thirty-five papyri were sent to Victoria University in the University of Toronto as a return for subscriptions secured by C.T. Currelly (a Victoria graduate), Dr N. Burwash, Principal of Victoria University, and his son, George W. Burwash (a classmate of Currelly). Later, when the Royal Ontario Museum was established, some of the papyri at Victoria appear to have been transferred there, but most were eventually returned to the Victoria College Library. In 1977 the Victoria College Library placed all the papyri then in its possession (30 pieces) on permanent loan in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. In 1979 two more fragments of papyri were discovered at Victoria and placed on loan to the Fisher Library.

Most of these papyri have been published in full in works by B.P. Grenfell and A.S. Hunt who carried out the excavations. Some have been merely listed. In the Library's description below, the papyri have been arranged by general region, and then by Grenfell and Hunt number. Descriptions follow as given in Grenfell and Hunt, with page references. Xeroxes of the entries are also available. Six papyri do not have Grenfell and Hunt numbers and appear never to have been published. These were all found at Harît in the Fayûm and have been listed below following the Fayûm items which have Grenfell and Hunt numbers. An M.A. thesis by M.M. Sadek, *A descriptive catalogue of Greek papyri in Victoria University and University of Toronto Libraries* (Toronto, 1966) gives some additional information and references. (Item 6).

The Library's small, but interesting, collection of papyrus fragments has been scanned and the images and full descriptive data have been contributed to the Advanced Papyrological Information System (APIS) an international collaborative project, where they form a part of a comprehensive database documenting papyrus fragments housed at institutions throughout the world. All the pieces in this original accession have been fully described, and images are available from the Fisher digital collections page at: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/fisher/digital-collections/index.html#papyri> or through APIS at: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/inside/review/apis/>

CLASSICS DEPARTMENT DEPOSIT OF PAPYRI

Another collection of Greco-Roman papyrus fragments was deposited by the Classics Department of the University of Toronto at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library in August 2004. Permission to consult this deposit of materials must be obtained from:

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FAYŪM PAPYRI (Boxes 1,2,5)

Includes documents found at Umm el ‘Atl (Bacchius) in 1895-1896; Harît (Theadelphia), Wadfa (Philoteris), and Kasr el Banât (Euhémeria) in 1898-1899. The inventory number and alphabetic code, usually found on the verso of each papyrus, identifies the site where the document was found. Eleven papyri were published or listed in B.P. Grenfell, A.S. Hunt, and D.G. Hogarth, *Fayûm towns and their papyri* (London : 1900). These are listed below by the Fayûm numbers assigned to them in that work followed by the inventory numbers. The six papyri, found at Harît, and not listed in *Fayûm towns*, are listed by inventory number. Their description is taken from a listing prepared by Frank W. Beare, “Description of the Greek papyri in the collection belonging to Victoria College, Toronto, Canada” [19--?].

Box number	Inventory Number	Description
1	Fayûm 8 (KA 6)	Fragment of Demosthenes, Third Philippic. Ca. end of second century. Umm el ‘Atl. 9 x 7.6 cm. Grenfell, p. 95-96. (Slide available)
1	Fayûm 30 (0234)	Announcement of the death of Aphrodisius, addressed to the scribes of the metropolis by his father, Pantonymus. A.D. 173. Harît. 23 x 7 cm. Grenfell, p. 139-40. (Slide available)
1	Fayûm 31	Transfer of property. Notification to keepers of the archives at Arsinoë from Apia (?) that she wished to sell property and requested an authorization to complete the contract be sent to Theadelphia. Ca. A.D. 129. Harît. 19 x 9.7 cm. Grenfell, p. 140-42. (Slide available)
1	Fayûm 55 (0208)	Receipt for payment on catoecic land inherited by some women from their father. Second century A.D. Harît. 14 x 6.2 cm. Grenfell, p. 194.
1	Fayûm 67	Receipt for taxes paid at customs house at Umm el ‘Atl. A.D. 80. Umm et ‘Atl. 3.5 x 6.3 cm. Grenfell, p. 200.

1	Fayûm 111 (E358) (E378)	Letter from Gemellus to Epagathus. Reproaches him for causing death of two pigs owing to fatigue of journey; instructs him on purchases and on farm maintenance. A.D. 95-96. Kasr el Banât. 25 x 9.5 cm. Grenfell, p. 265-66.
1	Fayûm 155 (KA 64)	Notice of a loan of 48 drachmae to be repaid the following year. A.D. 136. Umm el 'Atl. 15.6 x 9.8 cm. Frenfell, p. 297 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 44.
1	Fayûm 170 (KA 43 A)	Receipt for taxes paid at customs house. Second or third century A.D. Umm el 'Atl. 5.4 x 5 cm. Grenfell, p. 298 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 46. (Slide available)
1	Fayûm 252 (E 386)	Letter from Lucius Bellenus Gemellus to his brother M. Antonius (?) Maximus, asking him to send Epagathus. Much mutilated. Ca. A.D. 100. Kasr el Banât. 20.4 x 9.8 cm. (2 fragments mounted as one). Grenfell, p. 305 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 51.
1	Fayûm 266 (E 396)	Incomplete letter of Lucius Bellenus Gemellus. Ca. A.D. 100. Kasr el Banât. 20.5 x 14.3 cm. Grenfell, p. 307, 261-273 (listed only).
2	Fayûm 307 (W 46)	Lease of land at Philoteris (i.e. Wadfa). Incomplete. A.D. 132. Wadfa. 18.2 x 5.9 cm. Grenfell, p. 309 (listed only).
2	(θ 206)	“Fragment containing a private letter on verso and on the recto an official document of some sort.” Undated. Harît. 2 fragments: 12.4 x 11.5 cm. 3.8 x 3 cm. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 3.
2	(θ 274)	“Fragment of a lease of land. Early 2 nd century.” Harît. 5.5 x 4.4 cm. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 5.

2	(θ 308)	“Two fragments of a document originally consisting of two columns, containing a list of names – possibly accounts.” Undated. Harît. 2 fragments: 6.4 x 5.4 cm. 11.9 x 7.6 cm. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 3.
2	θ 317 [?]	“Fragment of an acknowledgment of a debt incurred by a certain Apollonius in the reign of Commodus.” Undated. Harît. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 5. Inventory number may read θ 311.
5	θ 325	“Fragment from the end of a latter.” Undated. Harît. 6.8 x 6.5 cm. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 5.
2	θ 369	“Large fragment of an account apparently concerned with payments of wheat.” Undate. Harît. 20.9 x 8.6 cm. Not in Grenfell. Beare, p. 3.

HIBEH PAPYRUS (Box 2)

Excavations were carried out by Grenfell and Hunt at Hibeh during 1902 and 1903. Findings were published in B.P. Grenfell and A.S. Hunt, *The Hibeh Papyri* (London : 1906).

Box	Inventory number	Description
2	Hibeh 54	Letter from Demophon to Prolemaeus. Asks that musicians be sent for a ceremony; that the slave be returned to him, if arrested; that various food stuffs and other articles be sent. Ca. B.C. 245. From Mummy A. 24.5 x 7 cm. Verso has traces of painted decorations which originally formed part of the cartonnage decorating the mummy. Grenfell, p. 200-01.

OXYRHYNCHUS PAPYRI (Boxes 2,3,4)

Excavations at Oxyrhinchus were carried out by Grenfell and Hunt from 1896/97 to 1909. The papyri below are listed in B.P. Grenfell and A.S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhinchus Papyri*, parts II-IV (London : 1898-1904).

Box	Inventory number	Description
2	Oxy. 265 (27 B2)	Marriage contract of Dionysius and Sarapous. Incomplete and mutilated. A.D. 81-95. 26.4 x 13.5 cm. Grenfell II, 235-238.
2	Oxy. 372 (29A)	Fragment of a marriage contract. Onophris gives her daughter. Dowry described. A.D. 74-75. 13.5 x 10 cm. Grenfell, II, 312 (listed only). Transcript given in Sadek, p. 9-10.
2	Oxy. 426 (40 A12)	Fragment of lyric poem. Early third century A.D. 24 x 5 cm. Grenfell, III, 67-68 (listed only). Transcript mounted with document. Grenfell and Hunt considered this fragment to be from Pindar. Other scholars have published it as a fragment from Bacchylides. (Sadek, p. 12.)
2	Oxy. 451 (49 H8)	Fragment of Thucydides. End of chapter 73 and beginning of chapter 74. Early third century A.D. 7 x 3.4 cm. Grenfell, III, 103-04 (listed only). Transcript mounted with document.
2	Oxy. 457	Column from a roll containing the speech of Aeschines against Ctesiphontem, section 167. Ca. second century A.D. 13 x 7 cm. Grenfell, III, 110-111. Transcript mounted with document. Sadek dates to early third century. (Sadek, p. 15)
3	Oxy. 493 (46 2B)	Will of Pasion and Berenice by which each is made heir to the other with authority to divide property among their four children. Incomplete. Early second century A.D. 25 x 11.3 cm. Grenfell, III, 199-201.

3	Oxy. 498 (176 H1)	Copy of a contract made with stone-cutters by Antonia Asclepias for building a house. Mutilated and incomplete. Second century A.D. 17.6 x 8.7 cm. Grenfell, III, 214-217. Transcript mounted with document.
4	Oxy. 499	Lease of land in the village of Senepta. Tryphon and Sarapion of Oxyrhynchus to Apollonius of Senepta. A.D. 121. 30.5 x 6.5 cm. Grenfell, III, 217-218.
4	Oxy. 513 (55 A1)	Receipt for sale of confiscated property. Acknowledgement from Diogenes to Serenus for repayment of sum Diogenes had previously paid for confiscated land, subsequently sold to Serenus. A.D. 184. 33 x 11.3 cm. Grenfell, III, 245-249.
3	Oxy. 560 (51 E1)	Fragment of Homer, <i>Iliad</i> XXIII, ends of 11.775-785; most of 11.834-847. Third century A.D. 5.4 x 18 cm. Grenfell, III, 277 (listed only).
3	Oxy. 608 (48 E1)	Letter from Horion to his sister Taëoukon (?). Complete but badly obliterated in parts. Address on verso. Second century A.D. 23 x 11.6 cm. Grenfell, III, 283 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 22-23.
3	Oxy. 637 (41 B2)	Return of property. Incomplete, beginning and end lost. Ca. A.D. 109. 11.5 x 7.2 cm. Grenfell, III, 287 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 25-26.
3	Oxy. 665 (M1 87)	Fragment of a history of Sicily. Summary of events ca. 465 B.C. Probably part of an epitome of a continuous history of Sicily, now lost. Second century A.D. 2 fragments: 7.2 x 4.5 cm; 10.2 x 4.3 cm. Grenfell, IV, 80-82. Sadek dates to early third century. Sadek, p. 28.

4	Oxy. 725 (152 A2)	Contract apprenticing Thonis, ward of Ischyron, to Heraclas, a weaver, for five years. Arrangements are made for wages, clothes, holidays. A.D. 183. 30.4 x 10.8 cm. Grenfell, IV, 206-208.
3	Oxy. 744 (M3 75)	Letter from Hilarion in Alexandria to Alis. Sends affectionate greetings and instructs her to take care of the child. Gives instruction if another birth should occur. B.C. 1. 24 x 14.3 cm. Grenfell, IV, 243-244.
3	Oxy. 753 (M10 22)	Fragment from Homer. <i>Iliad</i> , IV, 11.364-398. On recto a third or second century account. Third century A.D. 19.2 x 6.4. Grenfell, IV, 248 (listed only).
3	Oxy. 792 (M4 21)	Accounts. On recto incomplete account of payments of wheat. On verso practically complete account of receipts and payments of money. First century B.C. 26 x 8.3 cm. Grenfell, IV, 254 (listed only). Transcript in Sadek, p. 35.
3	Oxy. 804 (M3 78)	Horoscope, dated the 27 th year of Augustus Caesar. Incomplete. Broke in middle. Oct. 2(?), A.D. 4. Two fragments mounted together: 27.4 x 9.3 cm. Grenfell, IV, 256 (listed only). Sadek dates to B.C. 4. Sadek, p. 36.

Item	Author	Description
6	Sadek, M.M.	A descriptive catalogue of Greek papyri in Victoria University and University of Toronto Libraries. Toronto : 1966.