

## References to sales of donkeys (Nikos Litinas)

The list below contains (and will be renewed) with any reference to sales of donkeys. The list was published in Nikos Litinas, “P.Lond. III 128: Sale of a Donkey”, *ZPE* 124 (1999), pp. 199-204, <http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/ifa/zpe/downloads/1999/124pdf/124195.pdf> where bibliography and references to previous lists. Subsequently it was brought update and corrected based on older or recent publications (I want to thank all the scholars who gave me further pieces of information or comments on the first list, published in *ZPE* 124 (1999)):

*O.Bu.Njem.* 99

*P.Ber.* (in *O.Ber.*) II 125

*P.Berl.Cohen* 8 and 9

*PSI* inv. 1434 by Simona Russo, “Ancora una vendita di Asino”, as *P.Bingen* 61

*P.Cair.Zen.* III 59458

The references to animal in *P.Cair.Zen.* IV 59659, 9-10 (after 241 B.C.) ἐν ἄρρεν βαδιστικὸν λευκὸν ἄξιον (δραχμῶν) ρμ and 15-16 ἔρσεν (l. ἄρσεν) ἐργατικὸν λευκὸν ἄξιον (δραχμῶν) ν are considered as donkeys in APIS (oxford-ipap.apis.1129) (see TM 1290), and although they are included in the list, this assumption is not certain

*P.Dime* III 33 and 34

*P.Flor.* II 142

*P.Hib.* I 73, 6

*P.Kell.* I 65, 27-28

*P.Lond.* II 473 (p. 76)

*P.Mich.* inv. 778 (published by W. Graham Claytor and Andrzej Mirończuk, “The Archive of the Theadelphia Herdsman Heron, Son of Hermas”, *ZPE* 194 (2015), 197-200

*P.NYU* Inv. #75 (XVIII.47) by B. Nielsen and K.A. Worp in *ZPE* 133 (2000), 173-176. <http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/ifa/zpe/downloads/2000/133pdf/133163.pdf>

*P.NYU* Inv. #38 (XVI.c58) by B. Nielsen and K.A. Worp in *ZPE* 136 (2001), pp. 128-131

*P.Oxy.* LXIX 4746, 4748, 4749, 4750, 4751, 4752

*P.Prag.* III 246

*P.Sorb.* III 133, 140, 112

*P.Tebt.* II 423, 14-16

*PSI* IV 406

*SB* XVIII 13867, 10-11

*P.Bru.x*.inv. E. 7916 by J. Bingen, “Une vente d’âne d’Ibiôn Argaiou”, in R. De Smet – H. Melaerts – C. Saerens, *Studia Varia Bruxellensia ad orbem Graeco-Latinum pertinentia, IV, In honorem Aloysi Gerlo*, Leuven 1997, pp. 37-47 (= *SB* XXIV 16174)

**Moreover, the list includes references to sales of donkeys in the Mediterranean world found in literary texts and documents other than papyri.**

Sale of donkeys? In *P.Tebt.* II 409, 3-8 (A.D. 5) an amount of 12 dr. will be given to someone to provide three τελήους μοικλεας (l. τελείους μύκλους) (= old donkeys). This amount seems very small for considering it as the price of three animals, so probably it was given for the work they provide.

For the prices of donkeys in Pharaonic Egypt see J.J. Janssen, “On Prices and Wages in Ancient Egypt”, *Altorientalische Forschungen* 15 (1988), 10-23, esp. p. 14.

For discussion concerning the sales of animals and donkeys in the Ptolemaic period see Joseph G. Manning, “A Ptolemaic Agreement Concerning a Donkey With an Unusual Warranty Clause. The Strange Case of *P.dem.Princ.* 1 (inv. 7524)”, *Enchoria* 28 (12002/2003), pp. 46-61.

Cf. also

R. Duncan-Jones, *The Economy of the Roman Empire: Quantitative Studies*, Cambridge University Press, 1974, p. 238n footnote 2 and p. 249.

T. Frank (ed.), *An Economic Survey of Ancient Rome*, Baltimore, MD, The Johns Hopkins Press, Vol. 5, p. 279.

D. Sperber, *Roman Palestine, 200-400, money and prices*, Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University, 1974, p. 105

D. Sperber, “Cost of Living in Roman Palestine”, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 8/3 (Dec., 1965), pp. 248-271, esp. p. 255.

### Exchange of donkeys with other animals

*P.Wisc.* I 15 (A.D. 236), as **no 163** of the list.

*P.Tor.Amenothos* 14 (Thebes; 118 B.C.), exchange of a female donkey and a filly with a female donkey.

*P.Tur.Botti* 18 (111 B.C.; Deir el-Medina), exchange of a cow and calf with a donkey.

*P.dem.Princ.* 1; see above Joseph G. Manning, “A Ptolemaic Agreement Concerning a Donkey With an Unusual Warranty Clause. The Strange Case of *P.dem.Princ.* 1 (inv. 7524)”, *Enchoria* 28 (12002/2003), pp. 46-61; (second half of II B.C. [?]; Fayyum, Philadelphia [?]), mutual agreement in exchange for performance?

Philogelos, 126 Ἀβδηρίτης ὄνάριον τινα χρεωστῶν καὶ μὴ ἔχων παρεκάλει, ἵνα ἀντ’ αὐτοῦ δύο ἡμίονους παράσχη.

**ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE LIST**

**DATES:** All dates except nos. 1-15 are A.D.

**PROVENANCE:** Identifies the place where the text was found (not composed), either provided by the editors (based on the acquisition reports of the papyrus etc.) or by the text itself and its content. The places are given in transliterated Greek, except the names of the nomes (Arsinoite nome, Oxyrhynchite nome, Memphite nome, Upper Cynopolite nome) and Oxyrhynchos (which stands for the capital of the Oxyrhynchite nome) and Arsinoe (which stands for the capital of the Arsinoite nome). Also, S.N. stands for S(oknopaiou) N(esos).

**FORM OR KIND OF DOCUMENT:** Homologia and cheirographon refer to the form of the document (agreement of sale). Bank-*diagraphé*, abstract of a contract, grapheion-register, account, receipt, notarial protocol, register, private letter, list which refers to a certain kind of the document.

**PLACE OF THE CONCLUDED DOCUMENT:** Identifies the place where the papyrus was composed (which is not always the same as the place of provenance), an information provided by the document itself. **MP** stands for Market-Place.

**No:** Refers to the number of donkeys mentioned in the transactions.

**SEX:** Refers to a male or female donkey. **M** stands for M(ale); **F** stands for F(emale);

**AGE:** Refers to the age of the donkey as given in the documents. **P** stands for πωλος; **0** for αβολος; **1** for πρωτοβολος; **2** for δευτεροβολος; **4** for τετραβολος; **5** for τελειος.

**PRICE:** Given in dr(achmas), tal(anta) or sol(idi).

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no	document	TM number	date	Provenance	Form or kind of document	place of the concluded sale	no	sex	age	price
1	<i>PSI</i> IV 406	2089	260-258 B.C.	Philadelphia	private letter/report	Palaestine	1 1	F M?		
2	<i>P.Mich.</i> I 34, 7-8	1934	254 B.C.	Philadelphia	petition. A donkey was lost and its value was 80 drachmai.		1	F		80 dr.
3	<i>P.Cair.Zen.</i> III 59458	1097	Middle III B.C.	Philadelphia	private letter		1	?		
4	<i>P.Hib.</i> I 73, 6	8222	244-243 B.C.	Ancyron polis / Oxyrhynchite nome	private letter		1	M?		20 dr.
5	<i>P.Cair.Zen.</i> IV 59659, 9-10	1290	after 241 B.C.	Philadelphia	petition ?		1	M		140 dr.
6	<i>P.Cair.Zen.</i> IV 59659, 15-15	1290	after 241 B.C.	Philadelphia	petition ?		1	M		50 dr.
7	<i>P.Sorb.</i> III 133, 6-7		226 B.C.	Mouchis	petition to an <i>archiphylakites</i>		1 1	F M?	P	60 dr.
8	<i>P.Ent.</i> 41, 2	3316	221 B.C.	Magdôla	petition to the king		1			40 dr.
9	<i>P.Sorb.</i> III 140	121883	c. 220 B.C.	Mouchis?	cheirographon		1 1	F M	P	40 dr.
10	<i>P.Sorb.</i> III 112, 7-8	121859	219 B.C.	Mouchis?	Petition to the King		1	M		
11	<i>P.Inv. Sorbonne</i> no 217a (Françoise de Cenival, Acte de vente d'une ânesse, de l ; an 9 de Ptolémée Épiphane (P.inv. Sorbonne no 217a), <i>RdÉ</i> 27 (1975), pp. 58-61)	45937	196 B.C.	Magdôla	Demotic document of sale		1	F		
12	<i>P.CtYBR</i> inv. 311 (= <i>SB</i> XXIV 16054)	41804	145 B.C.	Tebtynis	homologia	Tebtynis	1	F	P	lost
13	<i>P.Dime</i> III 33	48887	18 or 17 B.C.	S.N.	Demotic document of sale		1			
14	<i>P.Dime</i> III 34	109341	c. 18 – 17 B.C.?	S.N.	Demotic document of sale		1			
15	<i>P.Köln</i> I 54	11515	4 B.C.	Arsinoe	bank- <i>diagraphé</i>	Arsinoe	1	M	5	40 dr.
16	Varro, <i>r.r.</i> 3.2.7		I B.C.		Appius subridens, Quoniam ego ignoro, inquit, quid sit villa, velim me doceas, ne labar [in] imprudentia[m], quod volo emere a M. Seio in Ostiensi villam. quod si ea aedificia villae non sunt, quae asinum tuum, quem mihi quadraginta milibus emptum ostendebas aput te, non habent, metuo ne pro villa emam [Ostia] in litore Seianas aedes					
					To which Appius replied, with a smile: "As I don't know what a villa is, I should like you to enlighten me, so that I shall not go wrong from lack of foresight; since I want to buy a villa from Marcus Seius near Ostia. For if buildings are not villas unless they contain the ass which you showed me at your place, <b>for which you paid 40,000 sesterces</b> , I'm afraid I shall be buying a 'Seian' house <sup>17</sup> instead of a seaside villa (transl. by W. D. Hooper and H. B. Ash, Loeb Classical Library, 1934)					
17	Varro, <i>r.r.</i> 2.8.3		I B.C.		equinam. hunc minorem si admiseris, et ipse citius senescit, et quae ex eo concipiuntur fiunt deteriora. qui non habent eum asinum, quem supposuerunt equae, et asin[ari]um admissarium habere volunt, de asinis quem amplissimum formosissimumque possunt eligunt, quique seminio natus sit bono, Arcadico, ut antiqui dicebant, ut nos experti sumus, Reatino, ubi tricenis ac quadragenis milibus admissarii aliquot venierunt. quos emimus item ut equos stipulamurque in emendo ac facimus in accipiendo idem, quod dictum est in equis					
					If you use him at an early age, he himself tires sooner, and his offspring will be of poorer quality. Those who do not have such a jack, reared on mare's milk, but want a breeding jack, pick one as heavy and handsome as they can find and of good breed — of the Arcadian breed, our ancestors used to say, but of Reatine breed, as we have found by experience; in that district <b>several breeding asses have sold for three hundred and even four hundred thousand sesterces</b> . In purchasing we observe the same rules as in the case of horses, and make the same stipulations in the matter of purchase and acceptance as were named in the case of horses. (transl. by W. D. Hooper and H. B. Ash, Loeb Classical Library, 1934)					
18	Varro, <i>r.r.</i> 2.1.14		I B.C.		tertia pars est, quo sit seminio quaerendum. hoc nomine enim asini Arcadi<ci> in Graecia nobilitati, in Italia Reatini, usque eo ut mea memoria asinus venierit sestertiis milibus sexaginta et unae quadrigae Romae constiterint quadringentis milibus					
					The third point of inquiry is as to the breed; it is for this reason that in Greece the asses of Arcadia are noted, and in Italy those of Reate — so much so that within my recollection <b>an ass fetched 60,000 sesterces, and one team of four at Rome sold for 400,000</b> . (transl. by W. D. Hooper and H. B. Ash, Loeb Classical Library, 1934)					

19	BGU III 806	20064	1		homologia		1	M	5	
20	SPP XXII 20	18241	3 (BL VII, 265)	S.N.	homologia		1 1	F M	P	
21	P.NYU II 3, 25-26	14117	5	Arsinoite nome	petition to the <i>epistates</i> of the <i>phylakitai</i>		1			lost
22	BGU I 189	8949	7	Arsinoite nome (S.N.?)	homologia	S.N.?	1			
23	P.Louvre I 13	11827	29	S.N.	homologia	S.N.	1	M	PO	
24	PSI Congr. XX 6	13743	41	Tebtynis	homologia	Tebtynis	1	M	P0	
25	P.Mich. II 121 r I iii	11964	42	Tebtynis	abstract of a contract	Tebtynis	1	M	P0	
26	P.Mich. II 121 r I iv	11964	42	Tebtynis	abstract of a contract	Tebtynis	1	M		
27	P.Mich. II 121 r I vi	11964	42	Tebtynis	abstract of a contract	Tebtynis	1	M	P?]0	
28	P.Mich. II 121 r I xi	11964	42	Tebtynis	abstract of a contract	Tebtynis	1	F	P0	
29	P.Mich. II 121 r I xiii	11964	42	Tebtynis	abstract of a contract	Tebtynis	1	F	1	
30	P.Mich. II 121 v I 13, 14. 16	11965	42	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.13 1.14 1.16	1 1 1			
31	P.Mich. II 121 v II 1, 3	11965	42	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.1 1.3	1 1			
32	P.Mich. II 121 v VI 4, 5. 17	11965	42	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.4 1.5 1.17	1 1 1			
33	P.Mich. II 121 v VIII 16, 19. 21	11965	42	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.16 1.19 1.21	1 1/2 1			
34	P.Mich. II 121 v XI 4, 8	11965	42	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.4 1.8	1 1			
35	BGU II 584	20176	44	Arsinoite	homologia	Tebtynis	1	M	1	
36	P.Louvre I 14	11828	44	S.N.	homologia	S.N.	1	M	1	
37	P.Mich. II 123 r V 19, 21	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.19 1.21	1 1 1	F F	P P	
38	P.Mich. II 123 r VI 1, 4	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.1 1.4	1 1			
39	P.Mich. II 123 r VII 14	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
40	P.Mich. II 123 r XII 25	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
41	P.Mich. II 123 r XIII 17	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
42	P.Mich. II 123 r XV 18	11967	45-47	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
43	P.Mich. II 126, 7. 9-12	11971	46-49	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis 1.7 1.9 1.10 1.11 1.12	1 1 1 1 1			
44	P.Mich. V 238, r I 48	12078	46	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
45	P.Mich. V 239, 1	12080	46	Tebtynis	grapheion-register (homologia)	Tebtynis	1			
46	P.Mich. inv. 1971, ed. by N. Litinas in ZPE 160 (2007), pp. 202-204 (not certain if it is a sale of a donkey or camel)		early I		cheirographon		1	M? lost	lost	lost

47	SB XVI 13073	14711	51	Arsinoite nome (Neilou polis)	homologia	Neilou polis (division. of Herakleides)	1	F	P0	lost
48	P.Bingen 61	78036	56?	Tebtynis	cheirographon		1	F		
49	P.Ber. (in O.Ber.) II 125	89151	61	Berenike	cheirographon		1	M		160 dr.
50	P.Lond. II 282 (p.194)	11667	69	Arsinoite nome (S.N.?)	homologia	lost	1	F	5	
51	P.Gen. 23 (=M.Chr. 264)	11218	70	S.N.?	cheirographon		1	M	5	
52	P.Stras. IV 251	13225	69-79	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Euêmeria	1 1	F M	P	lost
53	D. Sperber, "Cost of Living in Roman Palestine", <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i> 8/3 (Dec., 1965), pp. 248-271, esp. p. 255; D. Sperber, <i>Roman Palestine, 200-400, money and prices</i> , Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University, 1974, p. 105, text in B. Bechorot 11a		80-110	Palaestine			1		P (new born)	2-4 dr.
54	Martialis 3.62		86-103	Rome	<p>Centenis quod emis pueros et saepe ducenis,  Quod sub rege Numa condita vina bibis,  Quod constat decies tibi non spatiosa supellex,  Libra quod argenti milia quinque rapit,  Aurea quod fundi pretio carruca paratur,  Quod pluris mula est, quam domus empta tibi:  Haec animo credis magno te, Quinte, parare?  Falleris: haec animus, Quinte, pusillus emit.</p> <p>Because you purchase slaves at a hundred and often two hundred thousand sesterces; because you drink wines stored in the reign of Numa; because your not over-large stock of furniture cost you a million; because a pound weight ox wrought silver costs you five thousand; because a golden chariot becomes yours at the price of a whole farm; <b>because your mule cost you more than the value of a house</b>;----do you imagine that such expenses are the proof of a great mind, Quintus? You are mistaken, Quintus; they are the extravagances of a small mind.</p>					
55	BGU IV 1066	18510	98		cheirographon		1	M	5	108 dr.
56	BGU XV 2479	9747	98-117				1 2	F F	P	70 dr.
57	P.Oxy. XXXVIII 2846	25941	second half of I	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon		1	M	5	<100 dr.
58	D. Sperber, "Cost of Living in Roman Palestine", <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i> 8/3 (Dec., 1965), pp. 248-271, esp. p. 255, text in M. Baba Kama 10.4		I-II	Palestine			1			1-2 maneh = c. 100-200 dr.
59	Plinius, NH 8.73		I-II	Rome	<p>asinum CCCC nummum emptum Q. Axio senatori auctor est M. Varro, haut scio an omnium pretio animalium victo</p> <p>M. Varro informs us that Quintus Axius, the senator, <b>paid for an ass the sum of four hundred thousand sesterces</b> (from John Bostock - H.T. Riley, <i>The Natural History</i>. Pliny the Elder, London. 1855).</p>					
60	Plinius, NH 8.73		I-II	Rome	<p>notum est in Celtiberia singulas quadringentena milia nummum enixas, mularum maxime partu</p> <p>It is a well-known fact, that in Celtiberia there are some sheasses which have produced to their owners as much as <b>four hundred thousand sesterces</b> (from John Bostock - H.T. Riley, <i>The Natural History</i>. Pliny the Elder, London. 1855).</p>					

61	<i>P.Mert.</i> III 120	25888	I-II	Arsinoite nome	homologia?	lost	1 1	F	P	lost
62	<i>PSI</i> I 38	20126	101	Hermou polis	cheirographon	Hermou polis	1	M		306 dr.
63	<i>P.Mich.</i> IX 551	12044	103	Karanis	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	P0	280 dr.
64	<i>P.Stras.</i> VI 504	13383	106		homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	1	270 dr.
65	<i>BGU</i> III 982	9424	108	Arsinoite nome	copy of bank- <i>diagraphe</i>	Arsinoe	1	F		lost
66	<i>P.Mil.Vogl.</i> IV 212, recto xi, 4	12405	109		account		2		P	212 dr.
67	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13897	14771	111	Tebtynis	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	5	208 dr.
68	<i>BGU XV</i> 2480	9748	120 ?				1	M	1	100+dr.
69	<i>P.IFAO</i> I 11	11493	123		homologia	Bakchias	1	M	?	lost
70	<i>P.Fay.</i> 92	10935	126	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Theadelphia	1	F	1	56 dr.
71	<i>P.Soter.</i> 27	13142	126	Theadelphia	homologia	Theadelphia	1/2		P0	60 dr.
72	<i>P.Mich.</i> IX 552	12045	131	Karanis	cheirographon		1	M	P0	48 dr.
73	<i>P.Grenf.</i> II 46 (= <i>M.Chr.</i> 259)	11330	137	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	F	5	106 dr.
74	<i>P.Mich.</i> inv. 778 (see <i>ZPE</i> 194 (2015), 197-200)		137	Theadelphia?	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	5	176 dr.
75	<i>P.Aberd.</i> 55	10009	117-138	Arsinoite nome	cheirographon		1	F		60 dr.
76	<i>P.Ryl.</i> II 158	12941	138	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Ibiôn Eikosipentarourôn	1	M		lost
77	<i>SB VI</i> 9093	14106	138	Theadelphia	homologia	Theadelphia	1	M	PO	364 dr.
78	<i>P.Louvre</i> I 15	23918	139	S.N.	homologia	Heliou polis?	1	M	5	280 dr.
79	<i>P.Meyer</i> 13	11953	141	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Philopator Apias	1	M	1	340 dr.
80	<i>P.Basel</i> 4	10146	141		bank- <i>diagraphe</i>	Arsinoe	1	M	5	148 dr.
81	<i>SPP XXII</i> 22	15099	142	S.N.	homologia	Philopator Theag.	1	F	1	244 dr.
82	<i>P.Münch.</i> III 81	12474	142	Arsinoe	bank- <i>diagraphe</i>	Arsinoe?	1	M	5	184 dr.
83	<i>P.Lond.</i> II 303 (p.195) (= <i>M.Chr.</i> 160)	11683	142	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Herakleia	1	M	5	148 dr.
84	<i>P.Lond.</i> II 466 (p.196)	11749	143	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	F	1	160 dr.
85	<i>CPR VI</i> 2	15773	144		homologia	Kerkesoucha	1 1	F M	5 P	88 dr.
86	<i>SPP XXII</i> 170	15085	145	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Kerkesoucha ( <i>BL</i> 8, p.488)	1	F	5	108 dr.
87	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13257	14727	145	S.N.	receipt for the tax on a donkey	Alexandrou Nesos	1	M	P	lost
88	<i>P.Lond.</i> II 313 (p.197)	11692	148	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	F	5	64 dr.
89	<i>SB XX</i> 14461	23746	148 or 158		cheirographon		1	F		120 dr.
90	<i>PSA.Athen.</i> 27 (= <i>SB V</i> 8254)	10132	150	Karanis	homologia	Karanis	1	M?	P0	200 dr.
91	<i>SPP XXII</i> 27	15102	155	S.N.	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	5	
92	<i>SB XVI</i> 12559	14613	155		homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	F	1?	224 dr.
92	<i>P.Bru.</i> inv. E. 7916 (= <i>SB XXIV</i> 16174)	43799	155	?	homologia	Ibiôn Argiou	1	M	1	
94	<i>SPP XXII</i> 29 (= <i>SB XVIII</i> 13866) ( <i>BL VIII</i> , 480)	14763	155	S.N.	homologia	Kerkesoucha	1	M	5	236 dr.
95	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13258	14728	160	Alexandrou Nesos	receipt for the tax on donkeys	Alexandrou Nesos?	1	?	1	
96	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13259	14729	166	Alexandrou Nesos	receipt for the tax on donkeys	Alexandrou Nesos?	1	F	5	188 dr.
97	<i>SB XII</i> 11063	16377	167-169		cheirographon		1	F		
98	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13176, 159-164	18322	168	Hermou polis	<i>acta familiae</i> (πράσις ονοῦ in 12 Nov. 163)		1	F		
99	<i>P.Flor.</i> I 22	10949	177	S.N.	homologia	Arsinoe	1	F	5	140 dr.
100	<i>P.Col.</i> X 263	22264	178	Memphite nome	homologia		1	F		172 dr.
101	<i>P.Col.</i> X 264	22265	178	Memphite nome	homologia		1	F		23[.] dr.
102	<i>P.Lond.</i> II 339 (p.200)	19986	179		cheirographon		1 1	F F	5 P	160 dr.
103	<i>SB III</i> 6001	14003	179	Arsinoite nome	cheirographon		1	M	5	160 dr.
104	<i>BGU II</i> 541	9226	177-180	Arsinoite nome	cheirographon		1	F		128 dr.
105	<i>P.Prag.</i> I 63	12783	180		receipt for the tax on donkeys	Alexandrou Nesos?	1	M	5	140 dr.

106	<i>P.Berl.Cohen</i> 8	110051	190	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Kerkesoucha?	1	F	5	240 dr.
107	<i>P.Berl.Cohen</i> 9	110052	193	Arsinoite nome	notarial protocol	Arsinoe (MP)	1	M		209 dr.
108	<i>P.Lond.</i> II 473 (p. 76)	11754	193	Arsinoite nome	notarial protocol	Arsinoe (MP)	1	F		
109	<i>BGU</i> II 527 (= <i>M.Chr.</i> 262)	9219	197	Arsinoite nome	homologia	Arsinoe	1	M	P	300 dr.
110	<i>P.Münch.</i> III 82	12475	197	Arsinoite nome	cheirographon		1	F		
							1	F	P	
111	<i>BGU</i> III 758	9332	198	Arsinoite nome	cheirographon		1	F	5	348 dr.
112	<i>P.NYU</i> II 13	121946	198	Oxyrhynchite nome	homologia		1	F	5	320 dr.
113	Lucian, <i>Asin</i> , 35		II	Greece	τούτω πιπράσκομαι πολλῆς πάνυ τιμῆς, τριάκοντα δραχμῶν. I am sold for a large amount, 30 drachmas.					30 dr.
114	Lucian, <i>Asin</i> , 46		II	Greece	ὁ δὲ στρατιώτης πωλήσειν με ἔγνω, καὶ πιπράσκει με πέντε καὶ εἴκοσιν Ἀττικῶν· ὁ δὲ ὠνησάμενος θεράπων ἦν ἀνδρὸς σφόδρα πλουσίου πόλεως τῶν ἐν Μακεδονίᾳ τῆς μεγίστης Θεσσαλονίκης  The soldier decided to put me up for sale and got twenty-five Attic drachmas for me. The buyer was the servant of a very wealthy man from Thessalonica, the largest city in Macedonia.					25 dr.
115	Lucian, <i>Asin</i> , 42 and 43		II	Greece	reference is made to the sale of the donkey, without mentioning the price					
116	Apuleius, <i>Metamorphoses</i> 8.25		II		sed praeuenit cogitatum meum emptor anxius pretio depenso statim, quod quidem gaudens dominus scilicet taedio mei facile suscepit, septemdecim denarium, et ilico me stomida spartea deligatum tradidit Philebo  But my buyer, still beside himself, was faster than my thought: he immediately counted out my price, which my master took quick enough and happily enough, bored with me by now, don't you know—seventeen denarii—and right then and there fitted me with a halter made of broom-grass rope and handed me over to Philebus (translation from J.C. Relihan, Apuleius. <i>The Golden Ass, or, A Book of Changes, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2007</i> )					
117	Apuleius, <i>Metamorphoses</i> 9.10		II		altera die productum me rursum uoce praeconis uenui subiciunt, septemque nummis carius quam prius me comparauerat Philebus  A miller from the next hamlet over snapped me up at a higher price, seven sesterces more than the seventeen denarii that Philebus had paid for me before (translation from J.C. Relihan, Apuleius. <i>The Golden Ass, or, A Book of Changes, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2007</i> )					
118	Apuleius, <i>Metamorphoses</i> 9.31		II		me denique ipsum pauperculus quidam hortulanus comparat quinquaginta nummis, magno, ut aiebat, sed ut communi labore uictum sibi quaereret  At last a poor old truck farmer buys me for fifty sesterces: a high price, as he kept on saying, but so that he could make himself a living through our labor side-by-side (translation from J.C. Relihan, Apuleius. <i>The Golden Ass, or, A Book of Changes, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2007</i> )					
119	Apuleius, <i>Metamorphoses</i> 10.13		II		uicinis me quibusdam duobus seruis fratribus undecim denariis uendidit  and so he sold me, for eleven denarii, to some slaves who lived nearby, a couple of brothers (translation from J.C. Relihan, Apuleius. <i>The Golden Ass, or, A Book of Changes, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2007</i> )					
120	Apuleius, <i>Metamorphoses</i> 10.17		II		iubet quadruplum restitui pretium  He ordered that they be given four times what they paid (translation from J.C. Relihan, Apuleius. <i>The Golden Ass, or, A Book of Changes, Indianapolis/Cambridge 2007</i> )					
121	<i>P.Stras.</i> IV 215	26975	second half of II		homologia		1	M	1	

122	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 3-4	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M	0	
123	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 5-8	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	F		
124	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 9-10	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
125	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 12-13	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
126	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 14-15	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
127	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 17-18	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
128	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 19-21	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M	0	
129	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 22-23	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M	0	
130	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 24-25	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M	0	
131	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 26-27	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
132	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 28-29	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M	0	
133	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, ii 32- iii 1	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
134	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 2-3	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
135	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 4-5	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts do.	Arsinoe	1	M		
136	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 7-9	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts.	Arsinoe	1	M		
137	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 11-12	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	lost		
138	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 13-14	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
139	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 16-18	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
140	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 19-20	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		



141	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 22-23	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	1	M		
142	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 33, iii 25-27	28692	second half of II	Arsinoite nome	tax payments for the bank- <i>diagraphai</i> concerning donkey sales contracts	Arsinoe	3			
143	<i>SB XVIII</i> 13867, 10-11	27679	middle II	?	private letter		1			
144	<i>SPP XXII</i> 101	27647	II	S.N.	notarial protocol	Arsinoe (MP)	1	F	5	280 dr.
145	<i>SB X</i> 10750 (= <i>PUG II</i> 80)	26595	II		?		1	lost	lost	140 dr.
146	<i>P.Flor.</i> I 25, 7	32137	II	Arsinoe	register of the <i>diagraphai</i>	Arsinoe?	1	lost	lost	lost
147	<i>BGU II</i> 568, 1	28182	II		register					
148	<i>SB XIV</i> 11899, 25-26	26548	II	Oxyrhynchos	private letter		1?	F		
149	<i>CPR XV</i> 48	27841	II	?	receipt of the payment	?	1	F	1	100+ (?) dr.
150	<i>P.Louvre</i> I 78?	29535	II	S.N.	homologia		1?	M		
151	<i>P.Bodl.</i> I 121	29144	II	Arsinoite nome?			1	F	lost	lost
152	<i>BGU I</i> 228	28235	II-III	Arsinoite nome	homologia		1	F		260 dr.
153	<i>SPP XXII</i> 56, iv	27634	II-III	S.N.	list of expenses and incomes		x>1			124 dr.
154	<i>P.Prag.</i> III 246	130571	II-III	Arsinoite nome?			1			
155	<i>SB XVI</i> 12612	14626	202-203	S.N.	homologia		1	F	5	800 dr.
156	<i>P.Oxy.</i> XIV 1707 descr. (=SP I 33)	21985	204	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Alexandria?	1	F	1	600 dr.
157	<i>BGU XIII</i> 2336	9725	208	Alexandrou Nesos	receipt	Alexandrou Nesos (MP)		lost		120 dr.
158	<i>P.Tebt.</i> II 423, 14-16	31367	early III (before 216?)	Tebtynis	private letter	Nemera (Oxyrhynchite nome?)	x≤3			
159	<i>PSI I</i> 79	20145	216-217	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon		2	F	4	1500 dr.
160	<i>SPP XXII</i> 16	18240	217	S.N.	cheirographon		1	F		400 dr.
161	<i>P.Lond.</i> III 1128 descr. (= <i>SB XXVI</i> 16735)	22798	217-267		cheirographon	Hermou polis	1	M		1300 dr.
162	<i>BGU II</i> 413 (= <i>M.Chr.</i> 263)	9156	219		notarial protocol	Kerkesoucha	1	M	5	500 dr.
163	<i>P.Diog.</i> 28	10700	223	Philadelpheia?	cheirographon		1	F		600 dr.
164	<i>P.Wisc.</i> I 15	16821	236	Boubastis or Oxyrhynchos	exchange of donkeys (cheirographon)		1	F	P	80 dr.+ 1 pregnant (5)
165	<i>P.Oxy.</i> LXIX 4746	80731	244-249	Oxyrhynchos	lost		1	F	lost	lost
166	<i>SB XII</i> 11015	30313	first half of III		cheirographon		1	F	4	lost
167	<i>P.Flor.</i> II 142	10999	264	Theadelphia	private letter		2	F		
168	<i>P.Hamb.</i> I 98	11424	265	Arsinoe	homologia	Arsinoe (MP)	1	lost M?	lost	lost
169	<i>SB VI</i> 9221 (= <i>P.Cair.Isid.</i> 84)	10414	267 or 276	Karanis	homologia	Arsinoe	1	M	P0	500 dr.
170	<i>SB V</i> 8021	13168	277	Narmouthis	homologia		1	F	γραυς	3800 dr.
171	<i>P.Mich.</i> IX 553	12046	283-284	Karanis	lost	lost	1	lost	lost	lost
172	<i>PSI XIV</i> 1417	17157	290-291	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Oxyrhynchite nome (MP)	1	F	5	1 tal.
173	<i>BGU II</i> 373	9140	298	Arsinoite nome	homologia		1	M	P	lost
174	<i>P.Thead.</i> 3 (= <i>P.Sakaon</i> 61)	13078	299	Theadelpheia	homologia		1	F	5	lost
175	<i>P.Oslo</i> III 134	28913	second half of III ( <i>BL</i> 8,p.229)		cheirographon		1	M	P	132 dr.
176	<i>SB VIII</i> 9829	22909	III	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon		2	M	5	4 tal.
177	<i>P.Mert.</i> III 106	21326	c. 280	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Oxyrhynchos?	1	F	5	4000 dr.
178	<i>P.Oxy.</i> VII 1069	31316	III	Oxyrhynchos	private letter		1	M ?		
179	<i>O.Bu.Njem.</i> 99		III	Gholaia, Libya	private letter		1	M?		
180	<i>P.Oxy.</i> LXIII 4360	22127	c.295-325	Oxyrhynchos	?	Oxyrhynchos?	1	M	5	
181	<i>PSI VII</i> 810, 6 (see <i>P.Bingen</i> , p. 47, 26n.)	27239	III-IV		accounts		1	M		172 dr.

182	<i>PSI VII 810, 7</i> (see <i>P.Bingen</i> , p. 47, 26n.)	27239	III-IV		accounts		1	F		107 dr.
183	<i>P.Oxy. XLIII 3143</i>	16019	305	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Oxyrhynchos	1	M	2	15 tal.
183	<i>P.Oxy. XLIII 3145</i>	32549	early IV	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Oxyrhynchite nome (MP)	1	M	5	12 tal.
185	<i>SB XXII 15328</i>	43180	early IV	Karanis?	homologia		1	F	lost; a donkey ?	[+ ?] 2000 dr.
186	<i>P.Kell. I 65, 27-28</i>	33319	early IV	Kellis	private letter		1	M	P	
187	<i>SB I 5679 = P.Nekr. 37</i>	23259	307	Megalê Oasis	cheirographon	Megalê Oasis?	1/2	F		2 tal.+ 3000 dr.
188	<i>P.Oxy. LXIX 4748</i>	80733	307	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Upper Cynopolite nome (MP)	1	M	0	5 tal.+ 1000 dr.
189	<i>P.Oxy. LXIX 4750</i>	80735	307	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon		1	M	2	5 tal.+ 4000 dr.
190	<i>P.Oxy. LXIX 4749 (?)</i>	80734	307	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	lost	lost	lost	lost	lost
191	<i>P.Berl.Leihg. I 21</i>	20109	309	Hermou polis	cheirographon	Upper Cynopolite nome (MP)	1	M	0	6 tal.+ 3500 dr.
192	<i>SB VI 9179 (=P.Cair.Isid. 86)</i>	10416	309	Karanis	homologia		1	F	P0	2 tal.+ 3000 dr.
193	<i>P.Oxy. LXIX 4751</i>	80736	310	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon		1	M	lost	8 tal.
194	<i>P.Oxy. XIV 1708</i>	21986	311	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Upper Cynopolite nome (MP)	1	M	2	10 tal.+ 4000 dr.
195	<i>SB VI 9214</i>	17871	311	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Oxyrhynchite nome (MP)	1	M	0	6 tal.+ 3000 dr.
196	<i>P.Corn. 13</i>	20909	311	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Upper Cynopolite nome (MP)	1	M	1	10 tal.
197	<i>P.Oxy. LXIX 4752</i>	80737	311	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon	Upper Cynopolite nome (MP)	1	F	P0	9 tal.+ 3000 dr.
198	<i>P.Cair Isid 72 iii, 19-20</i>	10403	314	Karanis	memorandum for a petition (see the following no)	Karanis?	2	F		40 tal.
199	<i>P.Cair.Isid. 72, 25-26 and 73, 10-11</i>	10403 10404	314	Karanis	petition to the prefect	Karanis?	1	F		27 tal.
200	<i>P.Cair.Isid. 145, 2</i>	30629	first quarter of IV	Karanis	private account		1			1 tal.+ 3000 dr.
201	<i>P.Kellis I 34</i>	20296	315	Kelleôs komê	cheirographon		1/2	M?	P	2 tal.+ 3000 dr.
202	<i>SB XIV 11278</i>	18110	316	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon?	lost	1	M		39 tal.
203	<i>P.Oxy. X 1288, 5</i>	21803	324-330 ( <i>BL 8</i> , p.244)	Oxyrhynchos	private account					6 tal.+ 10 art.
203	<i>CPR VII 36</i>	15839	331	Hermou polis	cheirographon	Hermou polis	1		1	40 tal.
205	<i>PSI VIII 882</i>	17584	337 (see <i>CPR VII 36, 7n.</i> ) (c. 347 <i>Bingen</i> , p. 47, 26n.)	Oxyrhynchos	cheirographon?	lost	1	F		40 tal.
206	<i>P.Abinn. 80 verso, 11 (= SB VIII 9697= P.Sakaon 54)</i>	32688	IV	Dionysias	list of sales	Andromachis	1		P	350 tal.
207	<i>SB XX 14293</i>	23711	383		cheirographon	lost	1	M		21500 tal.
208	D. Sperber, "Cost of Living in Roman Palestine", <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i> 8/3 (Dec., 1965), pp. 248-271, esp. p. 255, text in <i>J. Baba Mezia</i> 4.1 (9c)		end of IV	Palestine			1			8 aurei

209	Cyrl of Scythopolis, <i>Vita Theodosii</i> , p. 238		Middle of VI	Palestine	κρυμμένον εὐρὼν τὸ ῥηθὲν χρυσίον κτίζει ἐν πρώτοις ὑπεράνω τοῦ σπηλαίου ξενοδοχεῖον καὶ ἐδεξιοῦτο πάντα ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν. ἀγοράζει δὲ δύο μικρὰ ὄναρια καὶ δι' ἑαυτοῦ ἀπήρχετο καὶ τὴν σωματικὴν χρεῖαν ἀπεκόμιζεν.		2		μικρά	
210	<i>P.Oxy.</i> VI 922, 25-26 In ll. 17-23 some sales of ζῶα are mentioned and in n.17 ad loc. the editors consider them as asses or mules. However, as the nature of these animals is not clear, these transactions are not mentioned in the present list.	37133	late VI-early VII	Oxyrhynchos	accounts of horses	see 24n. <i>ad loc.</i>	1 1 1	F F F	μικρά	4 sol. for all
211	<i>P.Nessana</i> 89, 31	37380	VI-VIII	Nessana	accounts of a trading company		1	F		2 1/3 sol.
212	<i>P.Nessana</i> 89, 34	37380	VI-VII	Nessana	accounts of a trading company		1	F		5 1/3 sol.
213	<i>P.Nessana</i> 89, 29	37380	VI-VII	Nessana	accounts of a trading company		1?			2 1/3 sol.
214	<i>P.Bal.</i> II 119		VI-VII	Monastêrion Abba Apollo (Balaizeh)	Coptic. Deed of sale ( <i>asfaleia</i> )		1 1		? P	1 sol. for both
215	Aesopus, <i>Fabulae</i> 200				ὄνον τις ἀγοράζων ἐπὶ πείρα αὐτὸν ἔλαβε καὶ εἰσαγαγὼν εἰς τοὺς ἰδίους ἐπὶ τῆς φάτνης αὐτὸν ἔστησεν. ὁ δὲ καταλιπὼν τοὺς ἄλλους παρὰ τῷ ἀργοτάτῳ καὶ ἀδηφάγῳ ἔστη καὶ ὅς οὐδὲν ἐποίει. δῆσας οὖν καὶ ἀπάγων τῷ δεσπότῃ αὐτὸν ἀπέδωκε. τοῦ δὲ διερωτῶντος, εἰ οὕτως ἀξίαν αὐτοῦ τὴν δοκιμασίαν ἐποίησατο, ὑπολαβὼν εἶπεν· “ἀλλ’ ἔγωγε οὐδὲν ἐπιδέομαι πείρας. οἶδα γάρ, ὅτι τοιοῦτός ἐστι, ὁποῖον ἐξ ἀπάντων τὸν συνήθη ἐξελέξατο”. ὁ λόγος δηλοῖ, ὅτι τοιοῦτος εἶναι τις ὑπολαμβάνεται, ὁποῖος ἂν ἦδηται τοῖς ἐταίροις.  There was a man who wanted to buy a donkey. He selected one donkey for further examination and led him to where his own donkeys were, leaving him by the feeding trough. The new donkey went and stood next to the donkey who was the laziest and greediest of them all, ignoring all the others. As the new donkey showed no signs of any better behaviour, the man led him away again, returning him to his former master. When asked whether he had given the donkey a fair chance, the man explained, “I don't even need to put him to the test. I know what kind of donkey he is because of the company he keeps”. <i>The story shows that a person is considered similar to the people whose companionship he enjoys.</i> From <i>Aesop's Fables</i> . A new translation by Laura Gibbs, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002, no 307					