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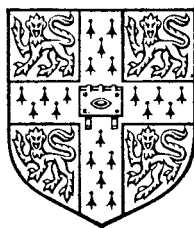
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PREFACE

Kerkeosiris is an attempt to study an Egyptian village at a particular moment of time during the Greek occupation. The evidence, a scribe's archive, is papyrological and its limitations would dismay most economic or social historians. For the ancient world, however, it is in many respects unparalleled and this must be the justification for an attempt of this kind. Much of the material has been previously used in studies of individual institutions of government or studies of the Ptolemaic state, but it is primarily from the point of view of the village, though with the national level in mind, that I have tried to approach the evidence. Many of the results are most clearly presented in tabular form and the tables at the end of the volume are an integral part of the discussion in the text.

There is little consistency in my transcriptions of Greek and Arabic names; except where another form is familiar I have generally given a letter for letter transcription. Classical authors are quoted from the Teubner texts and translations of the texts from *P. Tebt.* 1 are basically those of the editors.

In reference I have generally given the date of a text. Many changes took place between the early Ptolemaic and the Roman periods and the date of a papyrus text, and often also its provenance, can be relevant to an assessment of its significance. For dates I have used the conversion tables of Skeat, *Münchener Beiträge* 39 (1954) and of Samuel, *Münchener Beiträge* 43 (1962). Unless otherwise stated, all dates are B.C.

A list of abbreviations is to be found on pp. xiii–xv. The Bibliography is by no means a complete record of all books consulted but is intended rather to give full bibliographical details of books and articles referred to in the text and notes in abbreviated form. The study was finished in the summer of 1968 and with rare exceptions I have been unable to take account of work appearing after that date.

Kerkeosiris started life as a doctoral dissertation presented in 1966. Since then it has undergone a certain amount of revision in which I have benefited from advice and discussion with many people. It is a pleasure to record thanks. As my research supervisor Dr M. I. Finley provided continual encouragement and helpful criticism and discussion. Mr P. M. Fraser introduced me to very many aspects of Ptolemaic Egypt. Chapter 8 has been revised as the result of discussions with Professor A. H. M.

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ABBREVIATIONS

PAPYRI AND OSTRACA

The sigla used for papyrus and ostraca collections are those of Peremans–Vergote, *Papyrologisch handboek* with the following additions:

- C. Ord. Ptol.* Lenger, M-T. *Corpus des Ordonnances des Ptolemées*. Mémoires de l'Académie royale de Belgique, Classe des Lettres 57, 1. Bruxelles, 1964.
- C. P. Jud.* Tcherikover, V. A. and Fuks, A. *Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum*. 3 vols. Cambridge, Mass., 1957–64.
- P. Alex.* Swiderek, A. and Vandoni, M. *Papyrus grecs du musée gréco-romain d'Alexandrie*. Travaux du centre d'archéologie méditerranéenne de l'Académie polonaise des sciences 2. Warsaw, 1964.
- P. Berl. Zill-iacus* Zilliaceus, H. *Vierzehn Berliner griechische Papyri, Urkunden und Briefe*. Helsingfors, 1941.
- P. Bon.* Montevecchi, O. *Papyri Bononienses*. Milano, 1953–.
- P. Fam. Tebt.* van Groningen, B. A. 'A family archive from Tebtunis.' *Pap. Lugd.-Bat.* 6 (1950).
- P. Gr. Haun.* Larsen, T. *Papyri Graecae Haunienses* 1. Hauniae, 1942.
- P. Merton* Bell, H. I. and Roberts, C. H. *A descriptive catalogue of the Greek papyri in the collection of Wilfred Merton, F.S.A.* Vol. 1. Dublin, 1948.
Rees, B. R., Bell, H. I. and Barns, J. W. B. Vol. II. Dublin, 1959.
- P. Mil. Vogl.* Vogliano, A. *et al. Papyri della Università degli Studi di Milano*. 4 vols. Milano, 1936–67.
- P. Rev.* Revised text of Bingen, J. 'Papyrus Revenue Laws.' *SB/Bh.* 1. Göttingen, 1952.
- P. Sitolog.* Thunell, K. *Sitologen-Papyri aus dem Berliner Museum*. Uppsala, 1924.
- P. Yale* 1 Oates, J. F., Samuel, A. E. and Welles, C. B. *Yale Papyri in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library* 1. American Studies in Papyrology 2. New Haven and Toronto, 1967.
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| <i>M. Grund.</i> | } Mitteis, L. and Wilcken, U. <i>Grundzüge und Chrestomathie der Papyruskunde</i> . 4 vols. Leipzig-Berlin, 1912. |
| <i>W. Grund.</i> | |
| <i>M. Chrest.</i> | |
| <i>W. Chrest.</i> | |

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- Select Papyri* Hunt, A. S. and Edgar, C. C. *Select Papyri*. 2 vols. Loeb Classical Library. London, 1932–4.
- Witkowski Witkowski, S. *Epistulae privatae graecae quae in papyris aetatis Lagidarum servantur*. 2nd edition. Lipsiae, 1911.
- O. Medinet Habu* Lichtheim, M. *Demotic Ostraca from Medinet Habu*. The University of Chicago, Oriental Institute Publications 80. Chicago, 1957.
- O. Wängstedt* Wängstedt, S. V. *Ausgewählte demotische Ostraka aus der Sammlung des Victoria-Museums zu Uppsala und der staatlichen Papyrussammlung zu Berlin*. Uppsala, 1954.

Papyrus documents are quoted with the corrections of the *Berichtungsliste der griechischen Papyrusurkunden aus Ägypten*, first edited by F. Preisigke (Berlin und Leipzig, 1922–). A large number of these improvements are due to Wilcken, ‘Urkunden-Referate’, *APF* 1 (1901–).

INSCRIPTIONS

- IG* *Inscriptiones Graecae*. Berlin, 1893–.
- OGIS* Dittenberger, W. *Orientalis Graeci inscriptiones selectae*. 2 vols. Lipsiae, 1903–5.
- SEG* Hondius, J. J. E. *et al. Supplementum epigraphicum Graecum*. Lugduni Batavorum, 1923–.
- Syll.*³ Dittenberger, W. *Sylloge inscriptionum Graecarum*. 3rd edition, 4 vols. Lipsiae, 1915–24.

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

- BL* *Berichtigungsliste der griechischen Papyrusurkunden aus Ägypten*. Berlin und Leipzig 1922–.
- PP* Peremans-van ’t Dack, *Prosopographia Ptolemaica* (see Bibliography).
- ar. aoura
- art. artaba

JOURNALS

The abbreviations used for journals and periodicals are those of *L’Année Philologique* (Paris, 1927–) with the following additions:

- AKM* *Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes*. Leipzig, 1859–.
- DAW* *Denkschriften der Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien*. Wien, 1850–.

ABBREVIATIONS

ILN	<i>Illustrated London News</i> . London, 1842–.
Münchener Beiträge	<i>Münchener Beiträge zur Papyrusforschung und antiken Rechtsgeschichte</i> . München, 1915–.
Pap. Lugd.–Bat.	<i>Papyrologica Lugduno-Batava</i> . Leiden, 1941–.
RAss	<i>Revue d'assyriologie et d'archéologie orientale</i> . Paris, 1884–.
RecTrav	<i>Recueil de travaux relatifs à la philologie et à l'archéologie égyptiennes et assyriennes</i> . Paris, 1870–1923.
ZÄS	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i> . Leipzig, 1863–.

PAPYROLOGICAL CONGRESSES

These are abbreviated in the text and notes as *Congress 3*, etc.

- 3 'Papyri und Altertumswissenschaft. Vorträge des 3. internationalen Papyrologentages in München 1933.' Ed. Otto, W. and Wenger, L. *Münchener Beiträge* 19 (1934).
- 4 *Atti del IV congresso internazionale di papirologia, Firenze 1935*. Milano, 1936.
- 5 *Actes du V^e congrès international de papyrologie, Oxford 1937*. Bruxelles, 1938.
- 7 'VII^e congrès international de papyrologie, Genève 1952.' *MH* 10 (1953), 129–279.
- 8 *Akten des VIII. internationalen Kongresses für Papyrologie, Wien 1955*. Mitteilungen aus der Papyrussammlung der österreichischen Nationalbibliothek, N.S. 5. Wien, 1956.
- 9 *Proceedings of the IX International Congress of Papyrology, Oslo 1958*. Oslo, 1961.
- 10 *Actes du X^e congrès international de papyrologues, Varsovie, Cracovie 1961*. Varsovie, 1964.
- 11 *Atti dell'XI congresso internazionale di papirologia, Milano 1965*. Milano, 1966.