

These papyri are described as coming from Behneseh (Oxyrhynchus), and this is borne out by such place-names as occur. They are mostly fragmentary, complete documents being rare, and the collection includes a great deal of mere rubbish, but it is comparatively rich in literary fragments, several of them rather interesting, and there are a fair number of documents in reasonable preservation or offering points of interest, and the price paid does not seem at all excessive. Time being short, I have described singly only the most promising pieces, and those very summarily. Among the mass of undescribed fragments are several which may yield interesting matter, but it is unlikely that much of value will be found. Roman numerals refer to centuries.

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- (1) Recto. Literary prose fragment. παιπαλόεσσα occurs. Καλλιμαχος is twice mentioned. δουμιγης (a compound word or δουμιγης?) occurs, also perhaps τηλεγουω. Probably a commentary. III. Verso. Also perhaps literary but little sense can be made of it. 6½" x 1½".

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- (2) Christian text, not Biblical but I Cor. 3,13 is quoted, probably in abbreviated form. κϛ occurs. In a good literary hand, not later than the middle of the III cent. 5" x 3½".

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- (3) Curious fragment (upper part of a col.), evidently from a speech (ἠνδρες occurs). Probably a late sophist. II. 2½" x 4½".

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- (4) Literary fragment, perhaps Christian (σωτηρίαν occurs). From a codex. III. 7½" x 1½".

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- (5) Homer, Od. VII 1-16, 29-40, 82-98. 3 fragments. II.

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- (6) A. Fragment of letter, V, with another fragment stuck on to it. 5" x 3". B. Literary fragment (verso). III. 4" x 1½". C. Petition. III. 3½" x 3½". Two other fragments.

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- (7) Money account. 1 col. III. Another text on verso. 7½" x 3½".

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 (8) A. Tax-receipt. VI. $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ". B. Obscure text. Literary?
 3699 Cursive hand. V?. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". Also a scrap of an account. ³⁷⁰⁰
- 3701 (9) Fragment, perhaps a covenant. V. $6\frac{1}{4}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3702 (10) Order for payment. V. At present (not completely unrolled)
 3703 $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Three scraps.
- 3704 (11) Letter, much damaged & imperfect. VI. 10" x 10".
- 3705 (12) Account. IV(?). $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3706 (13) A. Order for payment. Complete. IV/V. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3". B. Re-
 3707 ceipt from representatives of a trade guild of Oxyrhynchus to a member for his *συντέλεια*. A.D.386. Conclusion
 3708 lost. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x 4".
- 3709 (14) Account. IV. Imperfect at top. $5\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3".
- 3710 (15) Document issued by a logistes; fragment. Late III. 4" x
 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3711 (16) Letter. Early VI. 6" x $11\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3712 (17) Letter (containing order for payment). V. Complete. 3" x
 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- 3713 (18) A. Order for delivery of new wine. V. 2" x $5\frac{1}{4}$ ". B. Per-
 3714 haps a receipt or order for conveyance. IV(?). Imperfect.
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- 3715 (19) Receipt(?). V. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5". Another fragment.
- 3716 (20) Account. IV. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3".
- 3717 (21) A. Fragments of a V or VI cent. codex; a Wisdom book but
 3718 Christian, not LXX. I have not succeeded in identifying
 it. Sirach is mentioned, and *σολφος φοβερος* may be a
 quotation of Sir.i.8. B. Imperfect leaf of a IV cent.
 3719 codex. Unidentified Christian text.
- (22) Loan or deposit of corn. A.D.507. Complete but damaged.
 3720 $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3721 (23) Two fragments of a document (placard or proclamation?) in
 very large thick Latin rustic Capitals, perhaps IV. On
 the verso of one is the word c|ircum in the same rustic
 capitals; on the verso of both is what is probably Latin
 cursive script.
- 3722 (24) Fragment of a petition. IV. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ ".

- (25) A. Beginnings of 13 hexameter (or elegiac) lines, not
 3723 Homeric. Early II. 4" x 1½". B. Letter. III. 3¾" x 4¼".
 3724 C. Doubtful, perhaps a customs receipt of novel form or a
 3725 pass for transport. IV. Probably complete. 1½" x 2". D.
 3726 Left side of a letter. V. 5" x 4¾".
- (26) A. Fragment of a letter. V/VI. 4¼" x 3". B. Order for
 3727 payment; left half. V. 2½" x 3". C. Fragment of a letter.
 3728 IV. 4¾" x 2¾".
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- (27) Fragments of accounts (both sides); on the recto agricult-
 3130 ural. II/III.
- 3731 (28) Account. V(?). 7" x 6½".
- 3732 (29) A. Order for payment(?). IV or V. 2¼" x 4". B. Very im-
 3133 perfect letter. VI. 5½" x 7¼".
- 3734 (30) A. Inventory of stores embarked on a boat. IV. Complete.
 3135 4¾" x 3¾". B. Small literary scrap. II. 2¾" x 2¼".
- (31) Fragment of document addressed to the logistes of Oxyrhyn-
 3136 chus. IV/V. 5" x 7".
- (32) A. Apparently a (tax?-)receipt. A.D. 289/90. 2¾" x 4½".
 3137 B. Letter; similar hand to 25(B) but probably not the
 3138 same. III. 3¼" x 3".
- (33) A. Order for payment. V. Complete. 1½" x lft. 1". B. Mo-
 3139 ney account. VI. Apparently complete. 11½" x 2½". C.
 3140 Fragment of a letter. VI. 3¾" x 8".
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- (34) A. Account. VI. Imperfect on the right. lft. 1" x 4½".
 3142 B. Beginning of an account of carpets. V. 2¾" x 4".
 3143 C. Uncertain fragment. VI.
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- 3145 (35) Probably a receipt. V/VI. 4" x lft.
- 3146 (36) Probably an order for payment (correcting *παρέσχον* to
παράσχοι). V. Apparently complete. 1½" x 4½".
- 3147 (37) A. Fragment of a letter mentioning the Jews. IV; dated
 in a consulship. 6½" x 3". B. Early Coptic fragment.
 III/IV. 5¾" x 3¼".
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- 3149 (38) Fragment of a letter. IV. 6¼" x 3".
- (39) A. Recto. Fragment relating to a law-case, perhaps a
 3150 petition. Verso. Account of work. II/III. 4¼" x 3¾".

- 3751 B. Two fragments of uncertain document; on the recto of
 3752 one perhaps a school exercise(?). III. C. Beginning of
 a letter; on the verso. III/IV. 3" x 3½". D. Homer, II.
 3753 XVI 532-538, beginnings of lines. III. 2½" x 2½".
 (40) Probably a petition. At the foot, in another hand, the
 3754 Epistrategus is referred to. II/III. 6½" x 3¼".
 (41) Imperfect col. of a roll, Isocrates, Panegyricus, contain-
 3755 ing 33 14-16. III. 6" x 4".
 (42) Agreement conc. or with priests of a temple. Mention is
 3756 made of allowances for keep. A.D.111. Imperfect. 5¼" x 4".
 (43) Petition or application to a riparius of Oxyrhynchus; be-
 3757 ginning only. A.D.464. Another text on verso. 4" x 8½".
 (44) A. Fragment of a land register. III. 5¼" x 3½". B. Tax-
 3758 receipt. A.D.187. Imperfect at the foot. 3½" x 3½".
 3759 (45) Left side of a letter. Qu. is the missing half somewhere
 3760 in this collection? VI. 5" x 7½".
 (46) Uncertain document. Nearly complete but rubbed; not read.
 3761 III/IV. 9½" x 5¼".
 3762 (47) Demotic fragment. *Painted, not written*
 (48) Right side of a letter from one monk to another; not part
 3763 of 45 but the missing half probably exists somewhere. V.
 4¼" x 8½".
 (49) A. Order for payment of wine. V. 2" x 5¼". B. Fragment
 3764 of a letter. IV. 4" x 3¾".
 3765 (50) A. Receipt, perhaps a loan. Early II. 5" x 2½". B. Con-
 3766 clusion of a document conc. a payment of money. A.D.254.
 3767 3¼" x 5½".
 (51) A. Order for the supply of 2 horses to senators. V. Com-
 3768 plete. 2½" x 12½". B. Loan. Oxyrhynchus. Two fragments
 3769 stuck together opposite ways up. A.D.556. ^{?) too late} 6½" x 4½".
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 3771 Two other fragments of different documents.
 (52) A. Two Coptic fragments. B. Fragment of a letter. V. 5½"
 3772 x 3¼". C. ^(modern) Arabic fragment, with some Greek entries. 5¾"
 3773 x 3½". D. Two small fragments of a Book of the Dead.
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 3775 (53) Letter. VI. Somewhat imperfect. 9" x 11½".
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3718 (54) A. Receipt for wine. IV. Complete. $9\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3". B. Receipt for iron for repair of a tank. A.D.496. Complete. $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 3719 (55) A. Contract concluded through a bank; apparently (not read through) conc. land. III. Complete. 9" x 4". B. Right side of a contract. V. $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5".
- 3781 (56) Two fragments of a large document. V.
- 3782 (57) Two fragmentary leaves of a Coptic vellum MS.
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3784 (58) Two fragments of a late Ptolemaic document & other, smaller, fragments of various documents.
- 3785 (59) Much damaged fragment of a letter. V. $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3786 (60) Homer, Od. X 527-555. II. On the verso a money account. 6" x 4".
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3789 (61) A. List of names with figures. VI. 6" x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ". B. Small part of a leaf from a codex of a Christian text (apparently not N.T.). III(?). $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". C. On verso text conc. plants. Qu. Dioscorides or similar work? III/IV. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2".
- 3790 (62) A. Portions of 2 cols. of a land register. II/III. $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". B. Order for payment. V. Imperfect on the right. $2\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4".
- 3791 (63) Conclusion of a document (letter, order or receipt) conc. supplies, perhaps from a monastery. VII. 6" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3792 (64) A. Two incomplete cols. of what appears to be a continuous narrative, perhaps literary (qu. romance?), or a letter; cursive hand. I B.C.(?). $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5". B. Fragment of an account. IV. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 2".
- 3793 (65) Letter. IV. Practically complete. On the verso of an account. 10" x 3".
- 3794 (66) Account of tax payments for the epoikion of Nesos. IV/V. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7". Some other fragments of similar appearance enclosed with it.
- 3797 (67) Fragment of a letter. IV. 5" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- 3798 (68) Coptic fragment. Greek on recto.
- 3799 (69) A. Fragment of a letter conc. a visit to Alexandria. II.

- 3800 $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$. B. Two imperfect cols. (I complete in breadth) of a literary prose work (philosophical; apparently not Plato or Aristotle). II. On the verso another text. $2\frac{3}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.
- (70) A. Accounts. IV. $10\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. B. Fragment of account in large literary uncials, apparently a list of names. II(?).
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3802 Another text on verso. $9'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.
- 3803 (71) Account of supplies. IV(?). $9\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\text{ft.}2''$.
- 3804 (72) Probably a petition. V. Another text on verso. $11'' \times 8\frac{3}{4}''$.
- 3805 (73) A. Bilingual (Latin and Greek) application by a woman to the prefect Mevius Honoratianus (A.D.231-233) for a tutor. Imperfect on the right. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$. B. Official letter from the riparius of Oxyrhynchus to the senate. A.D.348. Imperfect. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$.
- 3806 (74) A. Fragments perhaps of a register of deeds. III. B. Account of corn. III. $4'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$.
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3808 (75) A. Loan of money at Oxyrhynchus. Fine hand. II. Imperfect. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. B. Fragment probably of a lease of land. III. $5'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$. C. Fragment of an account. III. $3\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3''$.
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3811 (76) Letter. V. Imperfect. $7\frac{3}{4}'' \times 4\frac{3}{4}''$.
- 3812 (77) Two imperfect cols. of an account of provisions. III. $6'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$.
- 3813 (78) Letter. III/IV. Imperfect at foot. $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$.
- 3814 (79) A. Money accounts (both sides). III. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4\frac{1}{2}''$. B. Perhaps a lease of land. III. Very imperfect. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6''$.
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3816 (80) Series of corn receipts (both sides). V. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 7\frac{1}{2}''$.
- 3817 (81) A. Account of supplies; fragment. IV. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$. B. Uncertain contract. III. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2''$.
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3819 (82) Account. IV. $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{3}{4}''$.
- 3820 (83) A. Letter. III. $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{4}''$. B. Money account. III/IV. $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{3}{4}''$.
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3822 (84) A. Astrological tables. III/IV. $3\frac{3}{4}'' \times 3''$. B. Fragment of a letter. III. $4\frac{3}{4}'' \times 2\frac{1}{4}''$.
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3824 (85) Account of corn. IV/V. Complete. $1\text{ft.} \times 5\frac{3}{4}''$.
- 3825 (86) Account in similar hand, same date, Complete. Another on the verso. $1\text{ft.} \times 5''$.
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- 3827 (87) Fragmentary leaf or leaves of a Coptic vellum codex.
- (88) A. Fragmentary accounts (both sides). V. 1ft. x 4½".
 3828 B. Official letter signed in Latin by Anastasius Anatolius [, no doubt a high official. VI. Much defaced. 6" x 1ft.
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- (89) A. Apparently an official return of accounts; 2 imperfect
 3830 cols. III. 5½" x 9". B. Fragment of a puzzling but appar-
 3831 ently rather interesting text. III. 3" x 4½". C. List of
 3832 names. II. 7" x 3½".
- 3833 (90) Account (both sides). VI. 7½" x 11".

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