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to a single family, dated between 134 and 89 B.C. The papyri centre round a certain Horus, son of Nechutes, of the Persian Epigone.

The Greek papyri pertain mostly to sales (N° 1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 21). N° 8 and 13 are *dationes in solutum* in the shape of a fictitious sale; in N° 2, 8 ὠνὴ ἐν πίστει is mentioned. N° 10 shows that in loans of money the effects of *mora* were statutory; on the gratuitous loans of Jewish people in this collection, see Taubenschlag, *Law*, 260. N° 4 is a *novatio* with change of creditor. In N° 10, 41 the record office of the Ptolemaic era is called βιβλιοθήκη; otherwise the record offices are designated as ἀρχεῖα. Perhaps the Ptolemaic administration used, as did later the Roman administration, ἀρχεῖα and βιβλιοθήκη for different purposes. As Wilcken, *Arch. f. Pap.* XIII, 221 points out, it was the habit, to keep copies of agoranomical deeds in this agoranomic archive.

The Demotic documents show greater variety. There are sales (N° 7, 13, 18, 23), loan (N° 10) and satisfaction of loan (N° 24), marriage-settlements (N° 14, 21), mortgage of land (N° 27), discharge from mortgage (N° 22), release from a mortgage (N° 20), discharge from suretyship (N° 15), lease (N° 16). N° 9 is a family arrangement concerning a vineyard (*divisio parentis inter liberos?*).

## GREEK POPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD

H. ZILLIACUS, *Neue Ptolemäertexte zum Korntransport und Saatarlehen*. Aegyptus XIX (1939), p. 59ff.

The papyri published derive from the archive of the royal scribe Archebes, probably from Herakleopolites, and are closely connected with BGU. 1741-1743. They deal with shipping of corn, probably to Alexandria, and offer valuable information on the control-system.

W. L. WESTERMANN, C. W. KEYES, H. LIEBESNY, *Zenon Papyri*. Business Papers of the third century B.C. dealing with Palestine and Egypt. New York. Columbia University 1940.

With this volume the publication of the Zenon-documents in the Columbia University is completed. To the Zenon papyri in this volume four Ptolemaic examples of later date are added.

The publication contains petitions, contracts, receipts, diagraphai regarding payments to a bank, letters, reports and accounts.

N° 66 (about 256 or 255 B.C.) is significant for the problem of the Greek feeling of racial superiority and the native reaction toward it. N° 83 (245 or 244 B.C.) gives important information on the legal-property

relations existing between father and child, characterized by mutual liability for debts, on anatocismos, on correal responsibility of surety and debtor, on execution of executorial documents. N° 63 (257 B.C.) on *arra*; N° 85 (244-243 B.C.) on loans with interest and on *colonia partiaria*; N° 68 (258 B.C.) on oath used in letters; N° 74 (248 B.C.) on the term ἐπ' αὐτοφώρῳ (see SB. 7374 = Osl. II 21 and BGU. 372 II cf. Taubenschlag, *Law* 347 note 144).—N° 75 (248/6 B.C.) shows that the employees of Zenon's organization were differentiated into four groups, distinguished partially at least, by the length of contractual service for which they were hired.—The supplementary royal decree in N° 120 (229 or 228 B.C.) on collection of a two percent-dorea on income from properties, gives new information on the composition of the Greek family and on ἀποσκευή (cf. Taubenschlag, *Law* 132 note 5). It may be mentioned that N° 60 (no date) contains a list of books, mentioning an unknown "collection" by Kallisthenes.

#### PAPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC, ROMAN AND BYZANTINE PERIODS

A. BATAILLE, O. GUÉRAUD, P. JOUGUET, N. LEWIS, H. MARROU, J. SCHERER, W. G. WADDELL, *Les Papyrus Fouad* N° 1-89 Le Caire 1939.

The publication, a collective work, performed by English, American and French scholars, contains 89 papyri. N° 1-5 are literary texts, N° 6-8 horoscops, N° 8-25 official documents, N° 26-33 petitions, N° 33-60 deeds and contracts, N° 60-61 concern taxation or liturgies, N° 71-75 are lists, N° 76-89 are private letters.

The first of the official documents (N° 8 first cent. A.D.), refers to manifestations in honor of Vespasian. It is known that the prefect Tiberius Alexander ordered the army and the people of Alexandria, on July 1, 69 to swear allegiance to Vespasian (*Tac. Hist.* II 74-79; *Josephus, Bellum Jud.* IV, 616-618). It is probable that the papyrus refers to this event and deals with an occasional discourse, a monologue, or even a dialogue made in Alexandria or at another place on this occasion. N° 9 (first cent. A.D.) is a copy of an edict of the prefect Postumus (cf. Reinmuth, *The prefect of Egypt* 132ff.), N° 10 (about 120 A.D.) an edict of T. Haterius Nepos on the discipline in the temples (cf. Guéraud, *Mélanges Desrousseaux* 199/200, Wilcken, *Arch. f. Pap.* XIII (1938), p. 145/6). N° 21 (63 A.D.) is a report on proceedings before the prefect concerning the *civitas of the veterani* (cf. Yale Inv. 1528, see B. Welles, *J.R.S.* XXVIII (1938), p. 41ff.; L. Wenger, *Sav. Z.* LIX (1939), p. 384; *Arch. f. Pap.*