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## SURVEY OF SOVIET PAPYROLOGY

I. D. A m u s i n, *Iz novykh rabot po papirologii* = *New works on papyrology. Vestnik Drevney Istorii* (= *VDI*), 1959, No. 2, pp. 192–203.

This is a detailed review of *C.P. Jud. I* and R. T a u b e n s c h l a g's, *The Law*<sup>2</sup>. In the first part the reviewer highly praises the methodological and philological aspects of the *Corpus* and shows the values of the papyri edited in this volume for the knowledge of the social and economic history of the Jewish population in Egypt. Besides his own notes and observations Mr Amusin quotes the propositions of S. J. L u r i e (contained in a letter to the reviewer) to complete: *C.P. Jud. I*, 128, 10: ]ων ἄν ἐγρύης μεθ᾽ἧναί (= μεθ᾽εἶναί?); 135, 6: [ἄζε]σθαί; 141,8: καταλ[λά]ττιν.

I. D. A m u s i n, *Arameyskiy kontrakt 134 g.n.e. iz okrestnostey Mertvogo moria. Drevniy mir. Sbornik statey v chest' akademika V. V. Struve* = *An Aramaic contract dated A.D. 134 from the environs of the Dead Sea. The Ancien-World. A collection of essays in honour of the academician V. V. Struve. Moscow, 1962, pp. 202–213.*

Mr A m u s i n gives here a reedition, the Russian translation and a detailed commentary of the text published in 1954 (cf. J. T. M i l i k. *Un contrat juif de l'an 134 après J. C. Revue biblique* 61 (1954) pp. 182–190). The editor offers a very important improvement in reading the last word in the l.10: ḥwr or ḥrr. Consequently the corresponding fragment of the contract must be understood as a declaration of the seller that the buyer is „free” or „freed” from any possible vindictio concerning a sold house. This emendation puts aside a series of often contradictory interpretations of this document, allowing for a harmonious and logical reconstruction of its constituent parts. Mr Amusin draws also parallels between this contract and corresponding papyrological and Talmudic materials. In the light of these parallels it is clear that legal practice and formulae which were established in the Near East and Egypt in the VII–VI centuries B.C. remained unchanged.

W. G. B o r u k h o v i c h, *Antichnye avtory o proizvodstve papirusa-bumagi v Egipte. Uchenye zapiski Gor'kovskogo Gosudarstvennogo universiteta. Seriya*

*istoriko-filologicheskaya*. Vyp. 52 = *The ancient authors on the production of the papyrus-paper in Egypt. The Scientific Memoirs of the Gorkiy State University*. Fasc. 52 (1962) pp. 407-422.

A Russian translation and analysis of respective texts. Special attention is given to the testimony of Pliny.

W. G. Borukhovich, *Papirusnye svidelstva ob organizacii proizvodstva i prodaje charty v Egiptie vremeni Ptolemeev. Problemy socialno-ekonomicheskoy istorii Drevnego mira. Sbornik pamyati akademika A. I. Tiimeneva = Papyrus-testimonies concerning the organization of the production and sale of charta in Egypt in the times of the Ptolemies. The problems of the social and economic history of the Ancient World. A collection of essays in memory of the academician A. I. Tiimenev*. Moscow-Leningrad, 1963, pp. 271-287.

This work brings a short history of the papyrus-production in the pre-Ptolemaic times, followed by a detailed analysis of the data concerning the organization of the production and sale of the papyrus in Egypt under the Ptolemies. The author makes use of the documents from the Roman period. Special attention is devoted to the question of the exact meaning of the term *χαρτηρά*, which, more or less presumably, must be understood to denote a tax imposed on the consumer. This term could also mean the monopoly of selling royal *charta*. This monopoly as well as the collection of the τέλος χαρτῶν or *χαρτηρά* could be entrusted to the organization of tax-farmers. The monopoly of the sale of papyrus seems to be introduced by Ptolemy II. The main production rested in the hands of the State treasury and temples, but besides the royal workshops there could also exist private workshops, especially in the later times when the system of monopolies began to decline. In the Tebt. I, 5 the author suggests to complete the l.172 as follows: καὶ κηνοβο[σκούς] κ[αὶ χαρτοποιού]ς καὶ ἐλαιουργούς.

M. A. Dandamaev, *Kontrakty o sdache vnaem skota, prinadlejashchego satrapu Arshamu. Problemy socialno-ekonomicheskoy istorii Drevnego mira. Sbornik pamyati akademika, A. I. Tiimeneva = The lease contracts of cattle belonging to the satrap Arsham. The problems of the social and economic history of the Ancient World. A collection of essays in memory of the academician A. I. Tiimenev*, Moscow-Leningrad, 1963, pp. 127-149.

A translation and commentary of the three lease contracts of cattle belonging to Arsham, the satrap of Egypt in the second half of the V-th century B.C. (UM 144, 146, 147). This essay gives valuable information on the developments in social and economic life and also on the social structure of the territories conquered by the Achaemenids pre-Ptolemaic Egypt including.