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In *Aegyptus* 68 (1988), pp. 13-18, G. Casanova has published a banking receipt for the purchase of a vineyard, which is of particular interest for its date and for the officials it mentions. On the basis of the excellent photograph accompanying the edition I here venture a few corrections.

A first problem is the repetition of the words *κατὰ τὸ ἥμισυ* in ll. 5-6. This suggests a different sentence structure than that proposed by the editor. I think that the vineyard was bought by two persons instead of by one and that each of them paid half the price to the bank. I would therefore read ll. 5-8 as follows:

5 διοικητοῦ ἐπιστολὴν Πτ[ολεμ]αῖος (ἑκατοντάρουρος)
 6 κατὰ τὸ ἥμισυ καὶ Ἄριστις Ἀγίου κατὰ τὸ
 7 ἥμισυ εἰς τὴν τιμὴν τοῦ Νικάνορος τοῦ
 8 Μενοίτου (τριακονταροῦρου) ἀμπελῶνος

l. 6: The reading Ἄριστις is certain. For the name, see O. MASSON, *Pape-Benseleriana*. 1. *Les Malheurs d'Aristis*, *ZPE* 14 (1974), pp. 179-183. The patronymic is somewhat more doubtful. From the photograph Ἀγίου (genitive of Ἀγίας) seems more likely than Ἄγρου, which is not attested as a proper name.

l. 8: Nikanor son of Menoitias is a thirty-arourae soldier. He is mentioned again in l. 13, where Νικά[νορα] should be supplemented instead of Νικά[νορον]. Since the papyrus deals with Mouchis, a village close to Oxyrhyncha, he may be a son of the hundred-arourae soldier Menoitias in P.Tebt. III 819 l. 43 (Pros.Ptol. IV 8687 = F. UEBEL, *Die Kleruchen*, no. 639).

The text mentions two dioecetae, but their names are only partially preserved. In l. 17, however, one may read without hesitation ὑ[π]ὸ Θεογένου¹ τοῦ γενομένου διοικητ[οῦ]. The dioecetes Theogenes is well-known (Pros.Ptol. I and VIII 32). Recently there has been some discussion concerning the date of his tenure. The present text clearly confirms the arguments of Skeat and Maresch that he held office during the reign of Philopator.² The following dates are now available for his career:

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| - 218/217 | - Petrie II 38 (b) l. 5 |
| - after 216/215 | - P.Lille I 3 |
| - 214 | - SB XVI 12287 (= P.Straßb. II 93) ³ |
| - 208 | - P.Edfou 5 |
| - April/May 207 | - the present text (l. 2). |

Between Theogenes and Athenodorus, who was in function in the period 197-190,⁴ we can now insert the dioecetes Δωρ[-]ς of l. 4. If the final sigma is really visible, we should read the name as Δωρ[ίωνο]ς. But since the photograph does not show any trace of the sigma, Δωρ[οθέο]υ cannot be excluded.

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¹ For the genitive in -ου, see E. MAYSER, *Grammatik* I.2, p. 38.

² T.S. SKEAT, *The date of the dioecetes Theogenes*, *Anc. Soc.* 10 (1979), pp. 159-165; K. MARESCH, *P.Köln* VI, pp. 156-159.

³ Skeat's identification (*loc. cit.*, p. 164 n. 3) of Theogenes in l. 1 of this text with the dioecetes is virtually certain.

⁴ Cf. E. Van 't Dack, *Ptolemaica Selecta* (*Stud. Hell.* 29, 1988), p. 374 n. 1.