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F. Preisigke, NB 332, lists from SB I 5889 the “proper name” Πλήρης. Between brackets Preisigke adds the words “Grabschrift, nur dieses eine Wort enthaltend”. These words are the clue to the correct explanation of the adjective πλήρης. The tomb on which the word πλήρης was written was full, no more corpses could be buried in it (cf. J. and L. Robert, *Bulletin épigraphique* 1958, no. 540).

D. Foraboschi, *Onomasticon Alterum Papyrologicum* 261a, lists another example of the same “proper name” from P.Mil.Vogl. I 28,73 but there πλήρης has the meaning “in total”.

So far the “proper name” Πλήρης has not yet occurred in the papyri. I. Kajanto, *The Latin Cognomina*, Helsinki 1965, lists only one example of the *cognomen* Plenus (p. 232); H. Solin, *Die griechischen Eigennamen in Rom. Ein Namenbuch*, Berlin-New York 1982, lists none (unless Plynus [p. 1157] is a spelling of Plenus).