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LIST OF NAMES FROM COPTOS

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Coptos

This ostrakon list of names from Coptos formerly in the collection of Sir Henry Wellcome<sup>1</sup>, the manufacturing chemist, in the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine is now housed in the Petrie Museum in the Department of Egyptology in University College London.<sup>2</sup> The text is written on the convex surface of a pink ceramic water jar which is ribbed on the concave side. There is no pitch on the inner surface. The scribe wrote in carbon ink in a firm, upright, slightly cursive script of the second century A.D. which is largely bilinear using a nib 1 mm wide. Rho, iota and psi protrude below the line; the left limb of kappa rises above it.

The Latin names Lucius (3, 4), Lollius (5), and Sulla (7) suggest that their owners may have been Roman auxiliary soldiers or their children. The Ala Vocontiorum was stationed in the area of Coptos from A.D. 113<sup>3</sup> to 165<sup>4</sup>, and is found at Palmyra in A.D. 183<sup>5</sup>, being replaced at Coptos by the Ala Herculiana by A.D. 185<sup>6</sup>, which itself was previously stationed at Palmyra in A.D. 167.<sup>7</sup> But soldiers of other units pass through Coptos to the forts in the desert to the east.

- .....
- Κρ]όνιο[ε  
 Κρόνιος [ .....  
 Λούκιος —————  
 Λούκιος Διο[δ]νυ[ .....  
 5 Λόλλιος Πακύβεω[ε  
 Μηνόδωρος Διον[υ]-  
 Μεσοῆρις ὁ καὶ Σύλλαε ο[ .....  
 Ὀννώφρις ὁ καὶ Χαϊρήμ[ων  
 Κῶλις Ψεννουήρε[ωε  
 10 Πανεβχοῖνις Π[ο]  
 Κρονίων δοῦλ(ος) α[.....
- Cf. Tafel Xb

<sup>1</sup> On Sir Henry Wellcome (1853-1936) see W.R. Dawson, E.P. Uphill, *Who was who in Egyptology*<sup>2</sup>, London, 1972, 300-01.

<sup>2</sup> I am grateful to Mrs Barbara Adams, Curator of the Petrie Museum, for bringing this text to my attention and for permission to publish.

<sup>3</sup> SB I 4383 = *IGPan* 20 from Mons Porphyrites 136 km to the N.E. of Coptos. For the Ala Vocontiorum see C. Römer, *ZPE* 82 (1990), 144-5 and H.-G. Pflaum, *Syria* 44 (1967), 351-2.

<sup>4</sup> IGRR I 1184 = SB I 4280 from Contra-Coptos.

<sup>5</sup> H. Seyrig, 'Antiquité syriennes 12 – Textes relatifs à la garnison romaine de Palmyre' item 8, *Syria* 14 (1933), 164-5, corrected by M. Speidel, *Syria* 49 (1972), 495-7. For the Ala Herculiana see J. Lesquier, *L'armée romaine d'Égypte d'Auguste à Diocletien*, Cairo 1918, 78-9.

<sup>6</sup> *P.Amherst* II 107 and *BGU* III 807.

<sup>7</sup> ILS 8869 = AE 1933, 208.

<sup>1</sup>Kr]onio[s <sup>2</sup>Kronios [ <sup>3</sup>Lucius – <sup>4</sup>Lucius son of Diony[ <sup>5</sup>Lollius son of Pakybis <sup>6</sup>Mēno-  
dōrus son of Dion[ <sup>7</sup>Mesoēris alias Sulla [ <sup>8</sup>Onnōphris alias Chaeremon <sup>9</sup>Kōlis son of Psen-  
nouēris <sup>10</sup>Panebchoinis son of Po[ <sup>11</sup>Kroniōn slave [

4 δ altered to v.

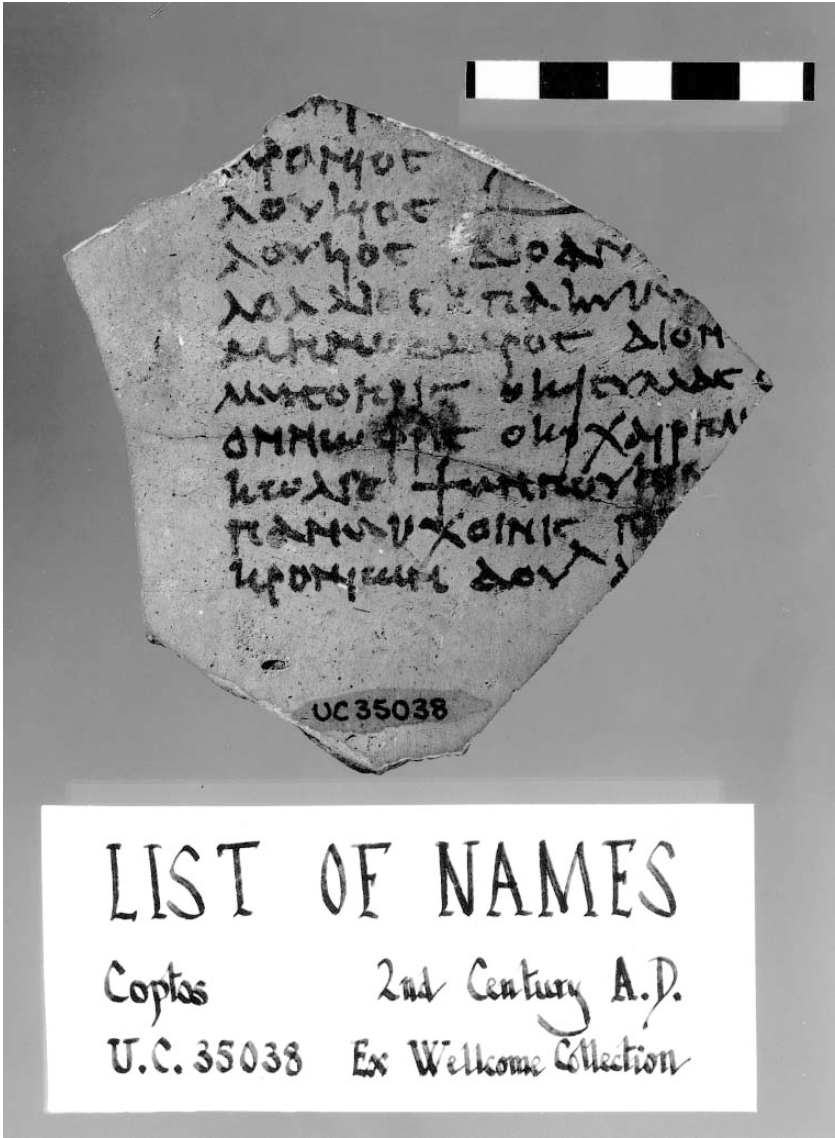
5 In *O.Bodl.* II 1172 (Coptos. 11 June A.D. 33) there is a granary receipt for corn ὑπ(ἐρ)]  
⁴Φρο(υρίου) Πακῶβις.

7 For *Κύλλας* = *Sulla* see W. Pape, G.E. Benseler, *Wörterbuch der griechischen Eigennamen*  
s.v. In Mons Claudianus ostraca inv. 6395,1 and inv. 6406,1 ἸΑννις *Κύλλας* = *Annius Sulla*  
occur. In Mons Claudianus ostrakon inv. 6728,1 there is an ἸΑννις *Κύλλας*. All these  
examples are of Antonine date. The name is found twice at Kamiros in Rhodes at the turn of  
the Christian era in M. Segrè, I. Pugliese Caratelli, 'Tituli Calymnii', *ASAA* 22-3 = N.S. 11-  
13 (1947-51), 141-318 item 86,2.

9 For *Κῶλις* compare SB XIV 11731,1 on an ostrakon from Karnak-Nord, *Κῶλις Πλῆνις*  
*πρόβ- δ* = G. Wagner, *BIFAO* 70 (1971), 47 item 11.

*Ψεννουήρε*[ω: For *Ψεννουήρις* compare P.Columbia I recto 1 b col. 3,25 (Theadelphia  
A.D. 134-5). *I.Ko.Ko.* 78 (Paneion of Wadi Hammamat) and Plates 15,1 and 49,2 *ibid.*  
suggest that SB V 8619 *Ψεννουή(ρις)* = *CIG* III 4716 d 43 – appendix is a misread second  
transcription of *Ψενπουή(ρις)* and should be deleted.

10 For *Πανεβχοίνις* compare *WO* 672,5-6 and 13 (Apollonias near Thebes, 2nd-3rd century  
A.D.).



Namenliste (University College London, UC 35038)