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Summary

The present study deals with publishing 60 demotic ostraca of an extensive collection kept in Cairo Museum, in section VII, on the third floor-East, bearing a temporary registration number (SR 18953).

Nothing is known about the origin or the date. But, the internal evidence and the parallel texts in the previous studies helped in general to determine the date and the origin of some of the texts in the present study.

The group of the ostraca consist of different subject tackled within six chapters as follows:

- Chapter one: 24 ostraca tackled various kind of taxes as fruit - salt - yoke - sheep - beer - *tmi* - receipts of offering drinks - overseer of the necropolis payment - burial plot receipts - land allotment - poll tax .
- Chapter two: 2 ostraca are classified as Reminders and 13 ostraca tackled Accounts which varied between accounts of (money - grain - goods - liquids).
- Chapter three: 3 ostraca are classified as lists of proper names.
- Chapter four: 2 ostraca deal with dowry lists.
- Chapter five: 12 ostraca are classified as letters. Most of them concerned with business letters.
- Chapter six: 4 ostraca are classified as temple oath, which tackled different matters.

The conclusions are displayed at the end of the study, which conveys a bona fide impression of the daily life of ancient Egyptians throughout history, not only their social life, but also their economic, political and religious lives.

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