

Four Demotic Ostraca Accounts

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The article deals with four Demotic ostraca that belong to the collection of the Egyptian Museum at Cairo. The provenance is unknown, and the date is Ptolemaic period. The ostraca concern accounts of grain, goods, and unidentified accounts whose names are accompanied by figures which are not preceded by any units of currency or anything in kind. The first text contains an account of wheat; the second text is an account of goods (oil, cloth, and incense), and the third and fourth texts are unidentified accounts. The third apparently deals with some persons who are attached to temples, and the fourth contains proper names and numbers. These four Demotic ostraca belong to the collection of the Egyptian Museum at Cairo.

This collection was registered in the inventory of books at the Museum in 1955, and is preserved on the third floor P. 23 East. Their number is: Inv. No./TR. 18953/25-1-55/4. All ostraca of the collection are kept in several boxes. Nothing is known about their provenance or their date. Some boxes have a note stating their provenance. Few varied texts of Coptic, Greek, Hieratic, and Hieroglyphic origin are excluded in special boxes. The provenance of our four Demotic ostraca is unknown, and their writing refers to the Ptolemaic period. The ostraca concern accounts of grain, goods, and unidentified accounts.