

## Acquisition of Duke Papyri

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*The table below is the result of Phase I of research into these questions. Adjustments will be made as new evidence comes to light. Phase II will include narratives for the acquisitions, documentary support, and other essential information, as well as a way to search available data by papyrus inventory number.*

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**1,398 objects** (roughly): 98% papyrus, 1% parchment, 1% other (stone, wood, etc.)

**1,792 texts** (inv. nos.): Greek (1,353), Coptic (271), Arabic (95), Demotic (46), Hieratic (7), Latin (6), Hieroglyph 1, Greek/Demotic (3), Arabic/Greek 4, Coptic/Arabic 2, Coptic/Greek 3, Demotic/Greek 1

A. Fackelmann = Anton Fackelmann; M. Fackelmann = Michael Fackelmann; Robinson = David M. Robinson; Willis = William H. Willis; Wintermute = Orval S. Wintermute

### Arrival at Duke

#### Unknown

**2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 787, 796.

**Chain of custody:** Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).

**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 805.

**Chain:** Verne Schuman, Jack L. Benson, Willis, Duke (donation).

#### 1942

**2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1, 800.

**Chain:** Rev. W. Frankland Hood, William Randolph Hearst, Dawson's Bookshop (L.A.), Duke.

#### 1967

**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 2.

**Chain:** Maggs Brothers, Kenneth W. Clark, Duke.

**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 798.

**Chain:** Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).

#### 1968

**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 3.

**Chain:** Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).

#### 1969

**11 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 4-13, 801.

**Chain:** Maquid Samedia (Cairo), Duke.

**49 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 14-22, 70-76, 235-237, 804, 809-836, 841.

**Chain:** (un)known source, Wintermute (Duke), Duke (donation).

Wintermute bought inv. 14, 16-17, 19 in August 1968 from Mohammed el-Rachim el-Chaer in Cairo.

Wintermute bought inv. 15, 18, 20-22, 70-71, 74, 76 in July 1968 from an unknown source in Achmim.

Wintermute bought inv. 72-73, 235-237, 804, 834-836, 841 sometime in the summer of 1968 from an unknown source in Egypt.

Wintermute bought inv. 810-813, 815-816, 818 sometime during the summer of 1968 in Cairo from Mohammed el-Rachim el-Chaer.

Wintermute purchased inv. 75, 809, 814, 817, 819-833 in Achmim from an unknown source sometime in the summer of 1968.

#### 1970

**53 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 23-69, 281-286 (cartonnage).

**Chain:** unknown source in Cairo, A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke University.

- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 77, 837-838.  
**Chain:** David A. Batchelor, E.S. David, George Allen, Duke.  
 David A. Batchelor (a teacher in Pittsburg, PA) bought these from E.S. David (dealer, Long Island City, NY; date unknown). George Allen (dealer, Philadelphia) at Hesperia Art sold the papyri on behalf of Batchelor to Duke in January 1970.
- 33 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 78-96, 256-269 (cartonnage).  
**Chain:** unknown source, A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 97, 98, 99.  
**Chain:** D.L. Askren, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 37 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 842-878.  
**Chain:** Unknown source, Wintermute, Duke.
- 1971**
- 69 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 100-168 (cartonnage).  
**Chain:** unknown source, A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.  
 Willis, on behalf of Duke, purchased P.Duk. inv. 100-102, 105, 113-117, 120-121, 123-126, 128-130, 134, 136, 137, 144, 146-149, 152, 154, 156-160, 162-163, 165-166, 168 from A. Fackelmann in January 1971. Along with these papyri, Fackelmann donated P.Duk. inv. 103-104, 106-112, 118-119, 122, 127, 131-133, 135, 138-143, 145, 150-151, 153, 155, 161, 164, 167. These papyri were recovered from six cartonnage pectorals: 1) inv. 100-114; 2) inv. 115-116; 3) inv. 117-119; 4) inv. 120-146; 5) inv. 147-168. These papyri were recovered from the same cartonnage as P.Duk. inv. 301-312.
- 63 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 169-229, 1304, 1317.  
**Chain:** Maquid Samed (Cairo), Ernst Koffler and H.W. Muller (Munich), Willis, Duke.
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 247-249.  
**Chain:** A. Fackelmann, Bruce Vance (former Willis student), Duke (donation).
- 2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 839-840.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Henry A. Sanders (Michigan), Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1972**
- 6 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 250-255.  
**Chain:** A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke Divinity School, Duke University.
- 12 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 301-312 (recovered from same cartonnage as inv. 100-168).  
**Chain:** unknown source, A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 739.  
**Chain:** Sir Thomas Phillipps, Ede (London, dealer), Duke.
- 1973**
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 752.  
**Chain:** Erik von Scherling, Rubenstein, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 79 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 879, 913-914, 944, 970-971, 1037, 1052-1123.  
**Chain:** Brother of Wadih Saleh (Cairo), Wadih Saleh (Duke), Duke.
- 1974**
- 111 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 324-434 (cartonnage).  
**Chain:** unknown source, A. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 63 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 598-659, 803 (cartonnage except inv. 642-652, 656-657).  
**Chain:** unknown source, M. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 1975**
- 14 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 660-673.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Cairo? Luxor?), M. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 1976**
- 67 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 230-231, 728-738, 1318-1371.  
**Chain:** (un)known source, Ludwig Koenen (Michigan), Willis, Duke.  
 Willis, on behalf of Duke, bought these from Koenen (Michigan). Koenen purchased these in May 1976 from at least three source in Egypt: 1) inv. 230-231, 728-729 were

bought from an unknown source (these fragments recovered at Oxyrhynchus); 2) inv. 730-733 were bought from Hajji Mohammed Abd er-Rahim el-Shaer in Cairo; 3) inv. 734-738, 1318-1371 were bought from Farag Farouk el-Shaer, a relative of the second dealer also in Cairo. Inv. 1318-1371 were recovered from a mummy head (cartonnage) found at El-Lahun in the Fayyum (Egypt).

- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 766.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt?), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1979**
- 54 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 674-727 (cartonnage).  
**Chain:** unknown source (Cairo), M. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.  
The papyri were selected by Willis on his visit to M. Fackelmann in December 1979. The fragments were recovered from three heads, two footcasings, two pectorals.
- 1981**
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 232.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 244.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 7 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 740-746.  
**Chain:** sons of Farag el-Shaer (Cairo), Willis, Duke.
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 747-749.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Fayyum), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 754, 760.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Erik von Scherling, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 764-765.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1982**
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 755.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Erik von Scherling, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 6 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 767-772.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1983**
- 2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 773, 786.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1984**
- 11 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 313-323 (cartonnage).  
**Chain:** unknown source, M. Fackelmann, Willis, Duke.
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 775-776, 778.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1985**
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 774, 777, 779.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1986**
- 1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 756.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Erik von Scherling, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1987**
- 2 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 780, 797  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1988**
- (?)156 pap.(?):** P.Duk. inv. 435-587, 802, 807-808.  
**Chain:** Maquid Samedia (Cairo), University of Mississippi, Duke.
- 1989**
- 3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 781, 785, 794.

- Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1990**  
**8 pap.:** P.Duk.inv. 784, 788-793, 795.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Egypt), Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1993**  
**3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 750, 753, 757.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).  
**7 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 751, 758-759, 761-763, 782(?).  
**Chain:** unknown source, Erik von Scherling, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 1996**  
**3 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 783, 1374-1375.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Robinson, Willis, Duke (donation).
- 2001**  
**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1376  
**Chain:** unknown source (Fayyum), Verne Schuman (Indiana), Edgar F. Kiser, Cookie Ansprach Kohn, Duke (donation).
- 2008**  
**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1377.  
**Chain:** unknown source (Jordanian), Artemission (London), Ernest A. Muro, Tina Muro, Duke (donation).  
**7 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1378, 1387, 1391-1393, 1395-1396.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Artemission (London), Ernest A. Muro Jr., Tina Muro, Duke (donation).  
**12 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1379-1386, 1388-1390, 1394.  
**Chain:** unknown source, Ernest A. Muro Jr., Tina Muro, Duke (donation).  
**1 pap.:** P.Duk. inv. 1397.  
**Chain:** unknown Dutch collector, Archea Ancient Art, Hixenbaugh Ancient Art (New York), Ernest A. Muro Jr., Tina Muro, Duke (donation).

#### **Papyri without Acquisition Information**

To date, no acquisition or provenance documentation is known for the following (all unpublished): P.Duk. inv. 233-234, 245-246, 1372-1373.

P.Duk. inv. 588-597 (all unpublished) were apparently bought in 1971, but from whom is unknown. The folders and metadata say they are former Mississippi papyri, but the date doesn't match our purchase of Mississippi papyri. It is possible they were bought from A. Fackelmann (with inv. 598-659? but this sale was in 1974).

For many others, the only information about their purchase history comes from the Duke webpage "Acquiring the Duke Papyri," which was last updated by former Duke professor John Oates on 5.30.01 (his source is unknown). They include:

1970 purchase: P.Duk. inv. 238-243, 270-280, 287-300, 806.

1971 purchase: P.Duk. inv. 1278-1303, 1305-1316.

1973 purchase: P.Duk. inv. 880-912, 915-943, 945-969, 972-1036, 1038-1051, 1124-1277.

These dates should be accepted with caution, since some of the information on the website contradicts internal documents in the Rubenstein. The first group, 1970 purchase (P.Duk. inv. 238-243, 270-280, 287-300, 806), was almost certainly purchased from A. Fackelmann, since some of the items in this group come from the same ancient archive as materials purchased from A. Fackelmann in January 1970 (e.g. P.Duk. inv. 23-28 pair with P.Duk. inv. 300).