Only the upper half of this roll could be opened. It consisted of three fragment stacks, α (maximal fragment width 8 cm), β (6 cm), and γ (7 cm). From the best preserved stack, α, seventy-two layers could be separated, most of them in poor condition. The roll’s core was reached after fifty-three layers, followed by nineteen layers from its lower half. Eleven layers in the core were empty. From the β- and γ-stacks, it has been very difficult, if not impossible, to separate the layers.

No keywords revealing the document’s nature can be discerned. The text was probably written in the first person. It clearly dealt with matters surrounding the family of the archdeacon Theodoros, son of Obodianos. He is mentioned together with his father-in-law Patrophilos and his son Panolbios, as well as a “brother” and “that of the grandmother.” Further personalities are Georgios (possibly the “brother,” see Introduction, p. 3) and Flavius Tim[], who is not known from other Petra documents. It is obvious that the document is somehow related to 29–31 and 72, where Theodoros, Patrophilos, the latter’s son Hierios, and Georgios arrange property matters after the death of Panolbios. He seems to be dead in this document, too, if ll. 7 and 36 refer to him and l. 26 is restored correctly. We assume that the document’s date is close to those of 29–31, that is, around the 580s.

There are no subscriptions, as the whole document was written by the same uneven cursive hand. Orthographic errors are common, especially between ω/ω and ε/η. All this gives the impression of a draft. It is not possible to produce a continuous text, so we have given only the lines where at least one significant word can be read. The line numbering has been constructed for editorial purposes.

1 παρ᾽ αὐτοῦ [ . . . from/by the same . . . ] α2.1
2 ] ν τὴν μεθ[ωσίν . . . the lease . . . ] α2.2
3 τούτων ἀκε[ραίων ὄντων? . . . these [being] untouched . . . ] α3,1
4 μὴ ἄρμοζο[ . . . not belonging/fitting . . . ] α3,1
5 Θεόδωρο[ . . . Theodoros . . . ] α3,2
6 μέρος ἡμε[ν . . . one half . . . ] α3,3
7 καὶ ὁ μακαριῶ[τατος . . . and the most blessed . . . ] α3,4
8 ]. ἀλειφε[ . . . anoint . . . ] α3,5
9 μικρὸν αὐτοῦ [ἀδελφόν . . . his little [brother . . . ] α4,1
10 γράμ[μα- . . . ] α4,2
11 ποιήσομε[ν . . . we shall do . . . ] α4,5
κληρονομ[... the heir(s)...
ς τοὺϲ περιόνταϲ [... the surviving...
ς τῆϲ μαμικῆϲ [... of the grandmother...
κλήρονομ[... the heir(s)...
Φλ(άουιοϲ) Τιμ[... Flavius Tim[...
μοῖραν ελ[... the part...
παῖδων[... children...
Γεώργιον[... Georgios...
τοιοῦτον[... such as this...
ἀδελφοῦ[... brother...
Πανόλβιον[... Panolbios...
ἡὕρον[... I found...
θεοφιλέϲτάτῳ Θεοδώρῳ[... to the most God-loving[Theodoros...
Πανόλβιον τὸν[... the [most blessed] Panolbios...
ἀνδραϲ καταθ[... the men...
ὁ θεοφιλέϲτατ[... the most God-loving...
αὐτῆϲ ἀποφρῆϲ[... you placed...
ηρετομ[... I found...
πρῶτοι μ[... the first ones...
ἡμετέραν ο[... our...
ἀλλὰ τινοϲ κα[... but someone’s...
dίκα̣ιον[... the right...
μακαριωτ[... the most blessed...
μαρτυραϲ[... witness...

**Commentary**

4 μὴ ἁρμοζο[... the verb (in the form ἁρμόττω) appears in 29 several times in phrases renouncing the parties’ right to contest the agreement, see 29 139–41 comm.

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