

Stéphanie Wackenier, Bilingualism and Translation in the Early Ptolemaic Administration.

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Bilingualism has been often studied in private contexts, as a marker of the multiculturalism of an individual or a family. Such view has been extended to the study of administrative practices in Hellenistic Egypt, where officials needed to use two languages. But if a 'family' bilingualism can be assumed for the last two last centuries of the Ptolemaic rule, it is not obvious that the same might happen during the third century BC, when bilingual families were not so many. Examines the issue of administrators' bilingualism during the first part of Ptolemaic bilingualism from a new perspective, starting from new or neglected documents.

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