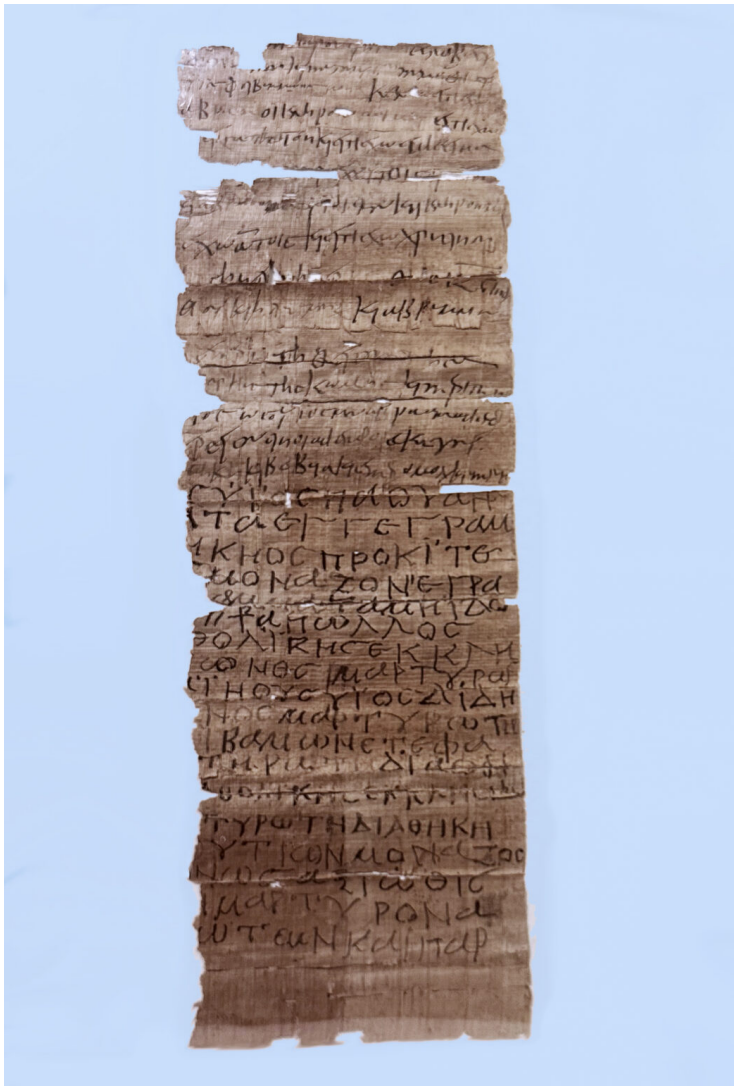
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Byzantine Papyrus Scroll

An ancient Byzantine large papyrus manuscript written in Demotic Greek text in transversa charta style in two sections, from a scroll or rotulus; the preserved text is part of a will and deed of gift signed by four of seven witnesses.



Egypt.
Ca. 4th - 6th century AD.
Length of Will: 16 1/4 in. (41.2 cm).Length of Deed: 6 1/2 in. (16.5 cm).

Wills of the early Byzantine period are very rare.

Published: R. Bagnall and W. Harris, "Studies in Roman Law in memory of A. Arthur Schiller, Two Byzantine Legal Papyri in a Private Collection," (Leiden, 1986), pp. 1-9.

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