is the transfer of landed property in Ptolemaic Egypt. The thesis concentrates in particular on Upper Egypt where landed property was traditionally in control of temples such as at Thebes and Edfu, and the ways in which the Ptolemites, temples, and individual property holders interacted. The picture being drawn is different from the traditional view of Ptolemaic Egypt, which has been based to a large extent on Greek texts from the Fayum and "official" documents. Manning hopes that by focusing on private "contracts" he can not only better understand the structure and function of Ptolemaic rule, but also better understand Ptolemaic social history.

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