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Foreword

The author known (if he is known at all) as Dionysius Scytobrachion is hardly a topic of general interest, and since scholars of the rank of Eduard Schwartz and Erich Bethe devoted dissertations to him in the last century it may with justice be asked why the 20th century must see yet another one. This time, however, the subject chose himself. My study of an unpublished papyrus (chapter iii below) revealed that it contained a reference to Dionysius' *Argonauts*, a work already known in outline from Diodorus and the scholia to Apollonius of Rhodes; further searching among published papyri turned up two other unnoticed fragments as well (chapters i–ii below), of which one—from an ancient manuscript of the work itself—was at least a century older than Dionysius is currently thought to have lived. Editions of these three papyri and a new examination of the evidence for Dionysius' life and works formed a dissertation (“The *Argonauts* of Dionysius Scytobrachion”) submitted to Harvard University in 1979; out of this, with the addition of a general description of Dionysius' major works (chapters vii–viii below) and a new fragment collection, the present book has grown.

At every stage of my work I have turned to others for help, and have always received a generous response. Among those to whom I owe thanks for various assistance are W. Clausen, L. Daly, H. Erbse, L. Koenen, B. Kramer, H. Lloyd-Jones, R. Merkelbach, P. J. Parsons, R. Scodel, Z. Stewart, and E. G. Turner. Photographs of P. Hibeh 2.186 and P. Mich. inv. 1316v are reproduced by permission of the British Library and the University of Michigan.

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September 1981

List of Abbreviations

Most of the abbreviations used throughout this study will be found in the lists of Liddell-Scott-Jones, *A Greek-English Lexicon* (9th ed., with a Supplement, Oxford, 1968) and J. Marouzeau, *L'année philologique* (Paris, 1928–). See also the Select Bibliography (pp. 174ff below).

Bethe, <i>Quaestiones</i>	Erich Bethe, <i>Quaestiones Diodoreae Mythographae</i> , Göttingen, 1887
<i>Bibl.</i>	[Apollodorus], <i>Bibliotheca</i>
F	Fragments of Dionysius, cited according to the edition pp. 120ff below
<i>FGrHist</i>	Felix Jacoby, <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> , Berlin-Leiden, 1922– (<i>FGrHist</i> 32 = Dionysius Scytobrachion)
<i>FHG</i>	Karl and Theodor Müller, <i>Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum</i> , 4 vols., Paris, 1841–1851. (<i>FHG</i> II pp. 7–9 = Dionysius Scytobrachion)
Fränkel, <i>Noten</i>	Hermann Fränkel, <i>Noten zu den Argonautika des Apollonios</i> , Munich, 1968
Pack ²	Roger A. Pack, <i>The Greek and Latin Literary Texts from Greco-Roman Egypt</i> , 2nd ed., Ann Arbor, 1965
Pape-Benseler	W. Pape, <i>Wörterbuch der griechischen Eigennamen</i> , 3rd ed. rev. by G. E. Benseler, 2 vols., Braunschweig, 1863–1870
Pf.	Rudolf Pfeiffer
<i>RE</i>	Pauly-Wissowa, <i>Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> , Stuttgart, 1894–1979
Robert, <i>Heldensage</i>	L. Preller, <i>Griechische Mythologie</i> vol. 2: <i>Die griechische Heldensage</i> , rev. by Carl Robert, 4th ed., Berlin, 1920–1926
Roscher, <i>Lexicon</i>	W. H. Roscher, <i>Ausführliches Lexicon der griechischen und römischen Mythologie</i> , Leipzig, 1884–1924
Susemihl	F. Susemihl, <i>Geschichte der griechischen Literatur in der Alexandri-nerzeit</i> , 2 vols., Leipzig, 1892
T	Testimonia on Dionysius, cited according to the edition pp. 120ff below
<i>TGrF</i>	<i>Tragicorum Graecorum Fragmenta</i> , vol. I: <i>Tragici Minores</i> , ed. B. Snell, Göttingen, 1971
Welcker, <i>Ep. Kykl.</i>	<i>Der epische Kyklos</i> , 2 vols., 2nd ed. Bonn, 1865
Wendel, <i>Theokrit-Scholien</i>	Carl Wendel, <i>Überlieferung und Entstehung der Theokrit-Scholien (Abhandlungen der königlichen Gesellschaft der Wissen-schaften zu Göttingen, ph.-h. Kl., n. F. 17, 2)</i> Berlin, 1920