

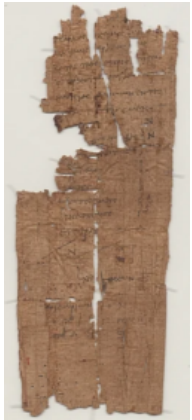
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From today's featured article



Menches's application for the post of scribe

Menches was the village scribe of Kerkeosiris in Ptolemaic Egypt. He was appointed scribe sometime before 119 BC, and was responsible for assessing taxes and land on behalf of the pharaoh. Menches was acquitted of attempted murder in 118 BC, after which he requested royal protection from harassment. He continued to serve as scribe until 110 BC, although labor strikes made it difficult for him to perform his duties. Papyri from his office (*example pictured*) were used to wrap crocodile mummies at a temple in Tebtunis in the 1st century BC. In 1900, English archaeologists Bernard Pyne Grenfell and Arthur Surridge Hunt discovered the papyri at the temple. Known as the "archive of Menches", the papyri are the only known evidence for Menches's life, and are an important source for daily life and government in ancient Egypt. The archive is held at the Bancroft Library of the University of California, Berkeley.

(*Full article...*)

Recently featured: Melisende of Jerusalem • Thomas Hardy (Royal Navy officer, died 1732) • *United States v. Moore* (1973)

Did you know ...

- ... that one of the few surviving "Dutch Billy"-style buildings is **a house in Dublin** (*pictured*)?
- ... that **Luana Santos**, one of the top-ranked women's bantamweight UFC fighters, became a mixed martial artist by chance?
- ... that the *Flying Doctors* episode "**Return of the Hero**" marked the first time that an Australian drama tackled the subject of AIDS?
- ... that Swiss designer **Hans Bellmann** used a single screw in the construction of his award-winning chair, the *Einpunkt-Stuhl*?
- ... that the first script for ***The Last of Us season 2*** was submitted about 90 minutes before the 2023 Writers Guild of America strike?
- ... that **Mary Yasuko Fujishima** ran a snack bar before joining the talent agency Johnny & Associates as vice president?
- ... that the voice cast of the fictional Kessoku Band played their characters' instruments during one of **the band's real-life concerts**?
- ... that **Meredith Hayden** went from working as a private chef in the Hamptons to purchasing her own home there?
- ... that there was a **census for squirrels**?



Mill Street House

In the news

- **A ferry fire** (*aftermath pictured*) off Coron, Palawan, Philippines, kills at least 76 people.
- In Yemen, **heavy fighting** between the Houthis and the Presidential Leadership Council leaves hundreds of people dead.
- American journalist and feminist activist **Gloria Steinem** dies at the age of 92.
- Duane Davis is convicted of orchestrating **the 1996 murder** of American rapper Tupac Shakur.



MV *June Aster* after the fire

Ongoing: Iran war (Lebanon war) • Russo-Ukrainian war (timeline)

Recent deaths: François Rossé • Johan Mijail • Erni Mangold • Joe Morgan • Margaret Bedggood • Frank McDonald

On this day

September 15: Battle of Britain Day in the United Kingdom (1940)

- 1791 – French playwright Olympe de Gouges published the **Declaration of the Rights of Woman and of the Female Citizen**, hoping to expose the failures of the French Revolution in the recognition of gender equality.
- 1821 – The Province of Guatemala **proclaimed the independence** of Central America from the Spanish Empire.
- 1944 – World War II: The Greek People's Liberation Army won the **Battle of Meligalas** and began the execution of many prisoners of war and civilians.
- 1963 – The 16th Street Baptist Church, an African-American church in Birmingham, Alabama, **was bombed** by the Ku Klux Klan, killing four girls and injuring at least 14 other people.
- 2020 – The **Abraham Accords** were signed in Washington, D.C. (*signatories pictured*), normalizing relations between Israel and two Arab nations, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.



Signatories of the Abraham Accords

Stanisław Poniatowski (b. 1676) • **Charles-Amédée Kohler** (d. 1874) • **Signe Toly Anderson** (b. 1941) • **Mirosław Hermaszewski** (b. 1941)

More anniversaries: September 14 • **September 15** • September 16

Today's featured picture



Sunita Williams (born 1965) is an American former NASA astronaut and retired United States Navy captain. Selected as an astronaut in 1998, she first flew to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2006. Williams returned in 2012 for Expedition 32 and Expedition 33, and commanded the latter. In 2024, she became the first woman to fly on a flight test of an orbital spacecraft, aboard the Boeing Crew Flight Test. Technical problems with this mission stranded Williams and her crewmate Butch Wilmore on the ISS for more than nine months. Williams has completed nine spacewalks totalling 62 hours and 6 minutes, the greatest cumulative spacewalking time by a woman. This official NASA portrait, taken in 2004, shows Williams wearing an Extravehicular Mobility Unit.

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- **Teahouse** – Ask basic questions about using or editing Wikipedia.
- **Help desk** – Ask questions about using or editing Wikipedia.
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- **Content portals** – A unique way to navigate the encyclopedia.

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