



DĀTAMIΘRA

* **DĀTAMIΘRA** (El. Da-da/tam5-mi-ut-ra, Aram. *dtmtr*), Iranian personal name resulting from an inversion of *Miθra-dāta*– “given by Mithra” and continued in the New Persian Dādmehr. It is also attested in the variant *Dāta-miça-(El. Da-da-mi-iš-šá), with persianized second element (Hinz and Koch, pp. 261, 298). Such a name may also form the basis of the shortened Old Iranian *Dātama-, reflected in Greek Datámēs (see [DATAMES](#)).

One bearer of this name was a treasurer, who is attested sixteen times in Aramaic documents from Persepolis of the period between the seventh and nineteenth years of Xerxes I (486-65 B.C.E.), that is, 479/8-67/6 B.C.E. (Bowman, pp. 73, 193a). In 467/6 he was replaced by one Bagapāta; in two instances Dātamiθra is explicitly designated “the treasurer, who is in Arachosia” and “the treasurer, who is in *ghšt*k,” apparently references to his later post (Bowman, pp. 28-29), though its geographical location is unclear.

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