

Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 215

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I just reread the Archive link and noticed them saying "The paragraphi are original, but the other punctuation marks.... added later."

A paragraphus is a "short stroke in the margin marking a break in sense."

From Greek, παράγραφος (sc. γραμμή), ἢ,

"A line or stroke drawn in the margin, with a dot over it, to mark the change of persons in a dialogue, or the corresponding parts of a chorus or parabasis"

Hmm, so there's something to look for in the older manuscripts although that punctuation could have been obsolete by the time we get to the 1100-1500s unless the scribe was copying exactly what they saw from earlier manuscripts.