

CAPInv. 160: U-EGY-007

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Egypt |
| ii. Nome | Gynaikopolites (L03) |
| iii. Site | Taposiris Parva |

II. NAME

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| i. Association with unknown name | U-EGY-007 |
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III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 205 - 181 BC |
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V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | SB V 8873 (205-181 BC) |
| Note | Other editions of the text: OGIS 97. |
| Online Resources | OGIS 97 TM 6393 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Epigraphic source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek dedication of the association to Osiris, Sarapis, and Isis. |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | Marble altar base. |

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

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| ii. References to buildings/objects | The association dedicates to the divinities a βωμός, <i>bomos</i> , and some περσέα, <i>perseai</i> , a type of tree. |
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VII. ORGANIZATION

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| ii. Leadership | The man, called Sparis, mentioned in l. 10, may be the leader of the association. However this is uncertain. |
| iii. Members | The members are called οἱ θιασεῖται, <i>hoi thiasētai</i> (l. 11), l. θιασῖται, <i>thiasitai</i> . |
| v. Other staff | In ll. 10-11, there is mention of οἱ κομεγέται, <i>hoi komegetai</i> : they probably were officials in charge of festive processions (κῶμοι, <i>komoî</i>). |

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| i. Treasury/Funds | The associations probably had funds as they could pay for the altar and the setting up to the inscription. |
| ii. Realty | The land upon which the trees dedicated by the association stood may have belonged to them: however this is not stated in the text and therefore remains uncertain. |

IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| ii. Gender | Men |
| Note | The gender of the nouns employed suggests that the members were men. |
| vi. Proper names and physical features | Σπάρις |

X. ACTIVITIES

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| iii. Worship | The association dedicated the altar and some trees to Osiris, Sarapis, Isis and all the gods and goddesses: Ὅσῳρῳ τε καὶ Σαράπιδι καὶ Ἰσιδι καὶ Ἀνούβιδι, θεοῖς πᾶσι καὶ πάσαις, τὸμ βωμὸν καὶ τὰς περσεάς, <i>Osoro te kai Sarapidi kai Isidi kai Anoubidi, theois pasi kai pasais, ton bomon kai tas perseas</i> (5-9). For discussion of the divinities and of the trees, see Caneva 2016. |
| Deities worshipped | Osiris Sarapis Isis |
| iv. Honours/Other activities | The dedication is made on behalf of the King and Queen (ll. 1-5: ὑπὲρ βασιλέως Πτολεμαίου καὶ βασιλίσσης Κλεοπάτρας, θεῶν Ἐπιφανῶν καὶ Εὐχαρίστων, <i>hyper basileos Ptolemaiou kai basilisses Kleopatras, theon Epiphanon kai Euchariston</i>), thus showing the association's loyalty to the Royal House. |

XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The localisation of Taposiris Parva in the Gynaikopolites nome is uncertain: cf. Trismegistos s.v. |
| ii. Poland concordance | Poland B 452 |
| iii. Bibliography | Caneva, S.G. (2016), 'The Persea Tree from Alexander to Late Antiquity: A Contribution to the Cultural and Social History of Greco-Roman Egypt', <i>AncSoc</i> 46 (2016): 39-66. |

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The term *thiasitai*, the presence of a possible organised internal structure with officials and funds points towards this being a private association.