

CAPInv. 1651: Sebaste plateia

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lycia
iii. Site	Soura (Sura)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σεβαστή πλατεία (<i>Petersen-Luschan</i> , Reisen II no. 83, ll. 6-7; <i>Petersen-Luschan</i> , Reisen II no.84, l. 6; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 48 l. 10; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 49 ll. 9-10; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 50 ll. 4-5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Sebaste plateia</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	200 - 300 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	The name is abbreviated: σ(εβαστῆς) π(λατείας) in Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 49 l. 7	
ii. Name elements	Cultic:	Σεβαστή, <i>Sebaste</i> This term indicates the august or "Augustal" character of the association, namely that it had some connection with the cult of the living Roman emperor (such as the celebration of rites in his honour).
iii. Descriptive terms	πλατεία, <i>plateia</i> The term "neighbourhood" refers to a street association.	
Note	For sources, see V.i.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Text 1: Petersen-Luschan, <i>Reisen</i> II 45, no. 83 (237 AD)
	Text 2: Petersen-Luschan, <i>Reisen</i> II 46, no. 84 (3rd c. AD)
Online Resources	Text 3: Heberdey-Kalinka, <i>Bericht</i> , 15, no. 48 (3rd c. AD)
	Text 4: Heberdey-Kalinka, <i>Bericht</i> 15, no. 49 (3rd c. AD)
	Text 5: Heberdey-Kalinka, <i>Bericht</i> 15, no. 50 (3rd c. AD)
	Text 1: PHI: Petersen-Luschan, Reisen II 45,83 Harland, AGRW no. 11637
	2: PHI: Petersen-Luschan, Reisen II 46,84 Harland, AGRW no. 11677
	3: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,48 Harland, AGRW no. 11685
	4: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,49 Harland, AGRW no. 11694
	5: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,50 Harland, AGRW no. 11703

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedications to Apollo Sourios. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Large marble slabs.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Kocademre (Soura/Sura near Myra).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The objects or structures consecrated to Apollo Sourios remain unclear in all of the texts.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i>. The secretary of the association was apparently appointed on an annual base (all attested names of the secretaries in the five inscriptions are different). This official appears on all five texts. προστάται, <i>prostatai</i>. These officials were also appointed on an annual basis. They appear on all five texts.
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v. Other staff

ἱεροκηρυκεύω, *hierokerukeuo*

All five texts mention a ἱεροκήρυξ, *hierokeryx*. Texts 1-2 and 5 mention the same man, Marcus Xanthos; the other two texts mention different individuals. It is unclear if this office is to be related to the association, or perhaps better, to a dating formula following a prominent office, such as that of the Lycian *ethnos*, cp. TAM II 366 (Xanthos).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number

Text 1:

grammateus: the *grammateus* bears a Roman name

26 prostatai; three of the prostatai bear Roman names while the name of one prostatai is not followed by the father's name

Text 2:

grammateus

21 prostatai of which two were possibly freemen

Text 3:

grammateus: the *grammateus* bears a Roman name

23 prostatai: two of the *prostatai* bear Roman names, and one was probably a freedman

Text 4:

grammateus: 1 Roman name

20 prostatai

Text 5:

grammateus: 1 not Roman

20 prostatai

ii. Gender

Men

Women

Note

All of the members mentioned in texts 1-5 are male, with one exception, a female *grammateus* in Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15 no. 48 ll. 6-7

iv. Status

Freedmen

probable Roman citizens.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

All of the five texts are consecrations made to Apollo Sourios (of Soura/Sura).

Deities worshipped

Apollo Sourios.

Emperor/Sebastos (likely), see above IV.ii.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

ἱερομένης διὰ βίου, *hieromenos dia biou*

Along with the civic or provincial *archiereus*, this title is invoked in the dating formulae of all the text. It is clear that the priesthood was that of Apollo Sourios: the office-holder Ἀντίγονος δις (β') ὁ καὶ Λυσίμαχος Μυρτιάς mentioned in Text 2 is the same man honoured by Soura in Petersen-Luschan, *Reisen* II 45, no. 82 (the priesthood was nominally "for life", but actually the office-holder is different in all 5 texts, thus the title was likely an honorific one).

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Taken together, the material strongly suggests a well-organised street association with various annual officials.