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CAPInv. 1704: The great association of Hathor

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Tentyrites (U06)
iii. Site	Dendera (?)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	<i>Tꜣ ꜥ ny.t ꜥ ꜥ .t n (l. l)ꜥt-ꜥ r</i>
ii. Full name (transliterated)	The great association of Hathor

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	30 (?) BC - 100 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	Hathor
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>ꜥ ny.t</i>	
Note	<i>ꜥ ny.l.</i> 1, 3. In the three editions of this inscription, the word 'association' is transliterated <i>sn.t</i> , but this reading was rejected by De Cenival 2006.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Short Texts I 174 (year 2 of an unknown reign).
Note	Other editions: <i>CGC</i> 50024; Farid 1995: 271.
Online Resources	TM 53815
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	The Demotic inscription is a dedication, made by the <i>mr šn</i> of an association of Hathor, and by all the association.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Sandstone stela (35 x 26 cm) showing a king making an offering to three deities.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Both editors agree that the stela comes from Dendera, from the contents.

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The <i>mr šn</i> (<i>lesonis</i>) cited l. 2-3 is probably the president of the association. The <i>lesonis</i> is usually an official attached to temples. In an association, the <i>mr šn</i> is an administrator or the president (De Cenival 1972: 154-159). Considering the way the title is mentioned in the inscription, it appears slightly more likely that it refers here to the function in the association.
iii. Members	Referred to as <i>n□ rm□ .w (n) □</i> ('the people (from the) association', l. 3).
v. Other staff	At the end of the text, another hand added the name of a man named Apollonios, a herdsman of the prophet of the god Re (the reading of the name of the god is unsure). We do not know if this person is attached to the association.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The one person named is male. We do not know about the others.
vi. Proper names and physical features	-□ <i>r-msn s□ P□ -d□ -□ r-sr(1.2) Haremsēn</i> son of Peteharsemtheus. -□ <i>plwr(3. 5-6)</i> , Apollonios.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	De Cenival, Fr. (2006), 'À propos du mot désignant en démotique « l'association »', <i>RdE</i> 57 : 233-234. De Cenival, Fr. (1972), <i>Les associations religieuses en Égypte d'après les documents démotiques</i> , Le Caire. Farid, A. (1995), <i>Fünf Stelen</i> , Berlin. Hughes, G. R., (1958) 'The sixth day of the lunar month and the Demotic word for "cult guild"', <i>MDAIK</i> 16: 147-160.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The use of <i>ny(f. 1)</i> to describe this group proves that it was a private association.