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CAPInv. 1706: **U-EGY-059** 

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

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-059		

i. Date(s)	5 AD

iii.	Descriptive terms	$\Box$ $ny.t$
	Note	$\square$ ny.t. 3. In the four editions of this inscription, the word 'association' is translitterated sn.t, but this reading was rejected by De Cenival 2006.

i.	Source(s)	Short Texts I 173 (Epeiph year 34 of Augustus = 25 June-24 July AD 5).
	Note	Other editions of the inscription are: Farid 1987; Farid 1993: 53; Farid 1995: 302.
	Online Resources	<u>TM 47599</u>
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	The text is a Demotic dedication of something unclear by a <i>strategos</i> and the <i>mr šn</i> of an unknown association, for the god Orshenufe. The object of the dedication in line 1 is hard to read, and both editors of the texts suggest different reading: "harvest" (Vleeming in Short Texts I 173) and "House of the face" (Farid).
i.c.	Physical format(s)	Sandstone stela (35 X 27 X 5,5 cm) with a representation of a king offering two jars to four deities.

## ii. Source(s) provenance

The stela is from Dendera and is now in Cairo Museum.

ii.	Leadership	The <i>mr šn</i> ( <i>lesonis</i> ) cited 1. 3 is probably the president of the association. The lesonis is usually a 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 $n \square rm \square .w(n) \square$ ('the people (from the) association', 1. 3).
iv.	Officials	The dedication is made by the <i>mr šn</i> and a <i>strategos</i> (l. 2) <i>Trwphn</i> (Tryphon) also known through other, similar dedications). We do not know if <i>Trwphn</i> had a role in the association or if he just took part in the dedication.

ii.	Gender	Men
	Note	Both of people named are male. We do not know about the others.
vi.	Proper names and physical features	-Trwphn (Tryphon) -P□ -b□ k(s□ )P□ -š(-Pabékissson of Psenesis)

i. Local interaction	The association had connections with official authorities, as the <i>strategos</i> of the nome is one of the dedicants of the inscription. The association had probably interactions too with the temple of Dendera (and maybe took part in some celebrations).

iii. Bibliography	De Cenival, Fr. (2006), 'À propos du mot désignant en démotique « l'association »', RdE 57 : 233-234. De Cenival, Fr. (1972), Les associations religieuses en Égypte d'après les documents démotiques, Le Caire.  Farid, A. (1987), 'Zwei demotischen Stelen', BIFAO 87: 85-98.  Farid, A. (1993), Die demotischen Inschriften der Strategen, San Antonio.  Farid, A. (1995), Fünf Stelen, Berlin.

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The use of $\Box$ ny(1.3) to describe this group proves that it was a private association.

