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CAPInv. 408: heimatiopolon (l. himatiopolloi)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Sardeis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	εἰματιοπολῶν (Sardis VII 1. 168, ll. 2-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>heimatiopolon</i> (l. <i>himiatiopolloi</i>)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	iv AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	Cloth traders
iii. Descriptive terms	ὑπηρεσία, <i>hyperesia</i> ("activity/ charge/work" could have here the meaning of "people having the same work" as <i>syntechnia</i> : (cf. <i>infra</i>))	
Note	<i>hyperesia</i> : Sardis VII 1. 168, ll. 1-2	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Sardis VII 1. 168 (iv AD)
Note	See also: Dittmann-Schöne III.4.1 Buckler and Robinson (ed. pr.)
Online Resources	Sardis VII 1. 168
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Property inscription. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble block
ii. Source(s) provenance	The block is in the wall closing the entrance of a late Roman grave vault.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	The grave vault where the inscription was engraved.
ii. References to buildings/objects	Reference to the grave vault: <i>καμ(άρα)</i> , <i>kam(ara)</i> , Sardis VII 1. 168, l. 1.

VII. ORGANIZATION

v. Other staff	Buckler and Robinson (ed. pr.) thought that the expression <i>καμ(άρα) ὑπηρεσίας εἰματιοπωλῶν</i> (<i>kamara hyperesias heimatiopolon</i>) could be interpreted as the vault of the assistants of the cloth traders. Since this meaning of the word is not attested, and since the word is often used in Lydia as "activity" or "charge", it probably doesn't define here staff of the association but just the common activity of the cloth traders, having maybe even the meaning of "people having the same work" as <i>syntechnia</i> .
ix. Privileges	Since the association owns a grave vault, it is possible that some or all of its members had the privilege of being buried there.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The association owns a grave vault.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	Since the association has a common grave vault it surely has a common funerary activity. On funerary activities of professional associations cf. van Nijf 1997: 38-69.
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XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Dittmann-Schöne, I. (2010), <i>Die Berufsvereine in den Städten des kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasien</i> . 2nd. ed. Regensburg: 205. van Nijf, O. (1997), <i>The civic world of professional associations in the Roman East</i> . Amsterdam: 38-69.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

It is a traders association.