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CAPInv. 692: U-NEA-012

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Dura Europos

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-NEA-012
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	i - iii AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Cumont 1926: 396, no. 40 (i - iii AD)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	List of names, in Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Graffito
ii. Source(s) provenance	Scratched into the Eastern wall of the temple of the Palmyrene gods

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	8 names have been preserved; all are introduced with M(νησθη), <i>M(nesthei)</i> . Cumont 1926: 396 thinks that these were pilgrims who commemorated their visit. Milik 1972: 123 argues that there were originally 10 names, divided into 5 free persons, one freedman and 4 slaves (without patronymic, hence 10 instead of 8 names). "On obtient ainsi un thiase de dix personnes". This is obviously speculative.
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iii. Bibliography

Cumont, F. (1926), *Fouilles de Doura-Europos (1922-1923)*. Vol. I. Paris.
Milik, J.T. (1972), *Dédicaces faites par des dieux (Palmyre, Hatra, Tyr) et des thiasés sémitiques à l'époque romaine*. Paris.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

The *mnesthe*-inscriptions have been linked to associations several times, but there is no way to know whether or not a permanent organizational structure united these names on the wall.