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## CAPInv. 810: *speira*

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Mountain region between Attaleia, Thyateira and Iulia Gordos

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σπεῖρα TAM V.1 806, l. 6, TAM V.1 817, l.7
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>speira</i>

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	165 - ii AD
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	The mention of <i>syngeneis</i> in both inscriptions probably refers to relatives and not to members of the <i>speira</i> .	
ii. Name elements	Other:	The term <i>speira</i> means ‘religious college’, though it is mostly used for Dionysos associations.
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>speira</i>	

### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM V.1 806 (ii AD) TAM V.1 817 (165/166 AD)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscriptions dedicated by the <i>speira</i> together with relatives of the deceased. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Both are marble stele; TAM V.1 817 with pediment and representation of a crown.
ii. Source(s) provenance	TAM V.1 817 built in the hall of a mosque in K��m��rc��. TAM V.1 806 inserted in a fountain in Yegenoba.

## VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	ναρθεκ��φορος, <i>narthekophoros</i> , TAM V.1 817, ll. 7-8
viii. Obligations	The association probably has some sort of funerary obligation towards its members. It dedicates together with the family, and the <i>phratra</i> in one case (TAM V.1 806), the funerary stele to two of its members.

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The attested members are men

## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The terms <i>speira</i> and <i>narthekophoros</i> indicate that the association worships Dionysos
Deities worshipped	Dionysos
iv. Honours/Other activities	funerary activity

## XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	De Hoz, M.-P. (1999), <i>Die Lydischen Kulte im Lichte der griechischen Inschriften</i> . Bonn: no. 15.19-20. Keil, J., and von Premerstein, A. (1911), <i>Bericht ��ber eine zweite Reise in Lydien ausgef��hrt 1908</i> , (Denkschriften Akad. Wien Band 54.2). Vienna: 147, 158
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## XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Dionysos associations are private though many of them have an important public sphere.