

CAPInv. 852: hoi mystai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Caria
iii. Site	Tralleis

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ μύσται (<i>I.Tralleis and Nysa</i> 86, lines 7-8)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi mystai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	132 (?) - 200 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	οἱ μύσται, <i>hoi mystai</i> The term designates initiates.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	<i>I.Tralleis und Nysa</i> 86 (ca. 132-200 AD)
Note	Cf. also Vidman, <i>SIRIS</i> 295; Bricault, <i>RICIS</i> 303/1301, with commentary.
Online Resources	PHI: Tralles 79
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific statue base(?) in Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble block.

ii. Source(s) provenance	Aydin (Tralleis).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	The honorand, Iulius Amyntianus, is a priest of the Egyptian gods, and is also identified as Panhellene (a Hadrianic or later title). As priest, he may have been an official of the group. For the individual, see the refs. collected in <i>I. Tralleis and Nysa</i> and Bricault.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The honorand is a priest.
Deities worshipped	(E)Isis and Sara(a)pis
iv. Honours/Other activities	The inscription is honorific.

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Vidman, L. (1969), <i>Sylloge Inscriptionum Religionis Isiacae et Sarapiacae (SIRIS)</i> , Berlin. Bricault, L. (2005), <i>Recueil des inscriptions concernant les cultes isiaques (RICIS)</i> , Paris.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The associational character of the group of <i>mystai</i> who came together, presumably for the cult of the Egyptian gods (so Vidman and Bricault), is far from established. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, they may have been fluid cult group lacking other features of a private association, such as a more defined name, organisation and durative character.