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CAPInv. 1241: U-CGR-008

i.	Geographical area	Central Greece
ii.	Region	Thessaly. Magnesia.
iii.	Site	Ancient Demetrias

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name U-CGR-008

III DATE

i. Date(s) Imp.

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements

Cultic: According to Poland, IG IX.2 1129

referring to heroes, *heroissai* and *ktistai* relates to a group of *heroistai* (Poland B

*50A).

Theophoric: The inscription has been also related to

the third century cult of the archegetai and ktistai bestowed upon royal and heroic recipients in Demetrias (Leschorn 1984: 258-62; Marzolff 1987: 36-46); however, the text in question is out of date regarding the practice and the character of this cult, while also the monument bearing the inscription belongs to the private sphere (Kravaritou

2013: 257).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s) IG IX.2 1129 (Imp.)



	Note	See also: Reinach 1889: 111 SEG 47: 723 Leschorn 1984: 264 Heinz 1998: 442, cat. no. A 139 Kravaritou 2013: 257
	Online Resources	IG IX.2 1129
i.a.	Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	Document(s) typology & language/script	IG IX.2 1129 is a funerary inscription in Greek in possessive genitive (<i>B</i> , <i>heroon</i> , <i>heroisson</i> , <i>ktiston</i>). The number XII is also inscribed in latin (not mentioned in the IG).
i.c.	Physical format(s)	Funerary monument in the shape of a cylindrical urn (<i>kalpis</i>) of limestone, with cover. The body bears the inscription and is decorated with three figures of snakes and three horse heads (IG IX.2 1129).
ii.	Source(s) provenance	The <i>kalpis</i> was located by Reinach in Volos (region of Ancient Demetrias), in the private collection of M. Robert, Consul of France (Reinach 1889: 111). Now in the Museum of Volos, Inv. no. E 663.

i. Founder(s)	The inscription makes a general reference to heroes, heroines and founders (<i>ktistai</i>), perhaps the heroised founders.
Gender	Male Female

iii. Worship	Act of heroization of founders (?)

ii. Poland concordance	Poland B *50A	
iii. Bibliography	Kravaritou, S. (2013), 'Thessalian Perceptions of Ruler Cult: 'archegetai and ktistai' from Demetrias', in P. Martzavou and N. Papazarkadas (eds.), Epigraphical Approaches to the Post-Classical Polis. Fourth Century BC to Second Century AD, Oxford: 255-75. Leschorn, W. (1984), Gründer der Stadt, Paligenesia 20. Stuttgart. Marzolff, P. (1987), 'Die Bauten auf Höhe 84 ("Heroon-Höhe")', in S.C. Bakhuizen, F. Gschnitzer, C. Habicht, P. Marzolff et al. (eds.), Demetrias V. Die deutschen archäologischen Forschungen in Thessalien, Bonn: 1-47. Reinach, S. (1889), 'Chronique d'Orient', RA 14: 81-143.	

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The heroes, heroines and <i>ktistai</i> of the inscription may have been the heroised founders or descendants of a group of <i>heroistai</i> ; however, the context remains uncertain.

