

CAPInv. 1858: U-EGY-068

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)
iii. Site	Philadelphia

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-EGY-068
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	39 / 40 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

iii. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος <i>synodos</i> (?)
Note	<i>synodos</i> : P.Mert. I 11 l.19. If the phrase ἐγώ[πιον(?)] συνόδου <i>enopion/ synodou</i> (l.18-19) refers to an association and not a crowd.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	P.Mert. I 11 (AD 39/40)
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Online Resources	P.Mert. I 11 TM 11902
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Petition to a <i>strategos</i> , filed by a man named Dikranes alleging wrong doing; Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus (25cm x 8cm); The editor of the text suggests that it was a draft copy of a petition.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Possibly upwards of 50 men if that the crowd of 50 referenced in the petition refers to members of a <i>synodos</i> and not a crowd
ii. Gender	Men
Note	l. 19: εἰς λόγον ἀνδ(ρῶν) ὡς <i>eis logon and(ron) 50</i> .
vi. Proper names and physical features	Sambas (potentially a member of the group) against whom the petition has been filed; Harpaesis the son of Dikranes who has filed the petition; Gaius Iulius Askas the exegetes and strategos to whom the petition is addressed

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The petition concerns a conflict between Sambas (and those with him who may have belonged to an association) and Harpaesis son of Dikranes the cultivator. Sambas may have damaged the irrigation machinery Harpaesis used and potentially diverted the water to land for which he was responsible, but it is not entirely clear. Harpaesis requests the <i>strategos</i> and <i>exegetes</i> Gaius Julius Askas to intervene to protect the dykes or irrigation works until he can water.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The editor does not take ἐγὼ[πιον(?)] συνόδου <i>eno[pion] synodou</i> (l.18-19) as a reference to an association, but to a crowd of individuals. It is of course possible that the term <i>synodos</i> is a reference to an unspecified association of which Sambas belonged or served as an officer.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The document is admittedly problematic, but it is entirely possible that this group is, in fact, a private association.