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CAPInv. 1932: The association of the priests of Soknebtynis

I. LOCATION	
i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)
iii. Site	Tebtynis

II. NAME	
i. Full name (original language)	<i>Tꜣ ꜥ ny.t (n) nꜥ wꜥ b.w Sbk-nꜥ Ty</i> (P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l.3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	The association of the priests of Soknebtynis

III. DATE	
i. Date(s)	178 - 145 BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY	
i. Name in other forms	<i>nꜥ yꜥw tꜣ ꜥ ny.t pꜣ mr šn pꜣ msꜣ nty ꜥ msꜣ</i> (P. Cairo dem. 50606, l. 4; P. Hamburg 1, l. 3; P. Cairo dem. 31179, l. 4) "Those from the association and the chief of (the company of) the crocodile who gather in front of Sobek".
ii. Name elements	Professional: <i>nꜥ wꜥ .ꜥpriests</i> Status-related: <i>nꜥ wꜥ .ꜥpriests</i> Theophoric: Soknebtynis, Sobek
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>ꜥ ny.t</i> Note <i>ꜥ ny.</i> P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l.3, P. Hamburg 1, l. 3, P. Cairo dem. 31179, l. 4. In the edition of all the texts, the word "association" is transliterated <i>swn.t</i> , but this reading was rejected by De Cenival 2006.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77 and 78 = Bresciani 1994 (178 BC) P.Cairo dem. 30606 = P.Assoc. pp. 45-58 (year 24 under king Ptolemy VI = 157 BC). P.Hamburg dem. 1 = P.Assoc. pp. 59-61 is published in (30 October 151 BC). P.Cairo dem. 31179 = P.Assoc. pp. 63-72 (7 Choiak of year 34 of Ptolemy VI = 3 January 147 BC) P.Cairo dem. 30605 = P.Assoc. pp. 73-81 (28 Mesore year 25 under Ptolemy VIII = 20 September 145 BC).
Note	Other publications: P.Cairo dem. 30606 = P.Assoc. pp. 45-58: AGRW 299. P.Hamburg dem. 1 = P.Assoc. pp. 59-61: Erichsen 1962. P.Cairo dem. 30605 = P.Assoc. pp. 73-81: SB I 4458.
Online Resources	P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77: TM 47204 P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 78: TM 47205 P.Cairo dem. 30606: TM 2775 and AGRW ID 2984 P.Hamburg 1: TM 3057 P.Cairo dem. 31179: TM 3056 P.Cairo dem. 30605: TM 2774
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	The five demotic papyri contain the rules of an association of priests of the god Soknebtynis.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus.
ii. Source(s) provenance	All the papyri were found in Tebtynis.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	The association will meet in the cemetery of Sobek, in the village of Tebtynis (P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 5; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 4; P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 5: <i>p□ □ .wy□ tp p□ ms□ dmy Sbk T□).-nb.t-□ -tn</i>
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	A "general" (<i>mr-ms□</i>, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 3; P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 4, P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 24; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 21) was at the head of the association.
iv. Officials	Severals members have titles: -□ <i>šy n Sbk-bn-Tp-□</i> (reciter of Sobknebtynis, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, text B, l. 5) -<i>m□</i> (second, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, text B, l. 3, P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 19; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 21) -□ <i>m-n□ r n□</i> (priest of the gods, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, text B, l. 4) -<i>r□</i> (representative, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77; P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 7, 8; P.Hamburg dem. 1, l. 7; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 8) -□ <i>šp</i> (priest reciter, P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 21)
vi. Laws and rules	<i>p□</i> (the law': P.Cairo dem. 30606 l. 4; P.Hamburg dem. 1 l. 3; P.Cairo dem. 31179 l. 4; P.Cairo dem. 30605 l. 3; P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77 Text A l. 3.
vii. Judicial system	The association has its own court of justice. The members have to appeal to it, before looking for judgment from official courts (P. Cairo dem. 30606, l. 18-19; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 20-21). Once the judgment in the association is given, the members can not contest it (P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 20).

viii. Obligations

The members will pay a monthly fee (P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 5; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 6-7; P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 6-7; P.Hamburg dem. 1, l. 6; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 6-7: *mtw-n dy.t p□ y-n □ □ □ l □ r □ bd n* "We will give our money every month") and a ration (of bread?, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 6; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 8; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 9 : *mtw-n □ r w □ □ □ n fy r w □ rm □* "We will create a ration to bring for each one of us"). They should bring some products for the activities of the association (ointment, salt, resin, P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 7-8; P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 9; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 9).

The members should participate to every funeral of a member (P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 14-15; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 12-13). If a member dies outside the village, the others have to bring him back and the one who refuses to do so will pay a fine (P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 13-15; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 16: *n p □ rm □ n- □ m-n nty □ . □ r n □ y=w p □ □ .wy mty r=f t šm m-s □ =f mtw=f tm šm p □ y=f □ ns □ □ rm □ n □ mdw.t nty □ ry □ pr n* "The one of us who has been chosen to search for him (the dead member) and who will not go, his fine fine be of 20 deben, except if he is in one the situations described above").

The members have to attend funerals of the family members of others members (P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 18-19; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 15-16: *p □ rmt n- □ m-n nty □ . □ r p □ y=f □ t t 3y=f mw.t p □ y=f sn t □ y= sn.t p □ y=f šry t □ y=f šr.t p □ y=f šm t □ y=f šm.t □ y=f □ m.t g □ r mw.t □ w* "The one of us whose father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law or wife will die, we will go into morning for him").

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iii. Income

All the members have to give a monthly contribution in money (see VII.viii Obligations) and a ration. They have to bring some products too: salt, resin, crowns, wood, ointment (P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 9-10).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	According to the lists of members at the end of each rule, the number of members varies between 10 and 15.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	All the members cited are male.

vi. Proper names and physical features

P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77:

-[...] s□ Sbk-□ (P...son of Sokonopis)
 -[...] Pa-n-Is.t (s□) (Panesis son of Horos)
 -P□ -tj-□ r (s□) P□ (Petechyris son of...)
 -P□ -m□ j s□ P□ (Pamais son of Pamais)
 -Sbk-□ □ py s□ P□ (Sokonopis son of Pa-hm)
 -P□ -tj-Wsir s□ Pa-...
 -Sbk-□ □ pj s□ ...
 -P□ -□ tr ?
 -P□ -□ □ pj
 -[...] Sbk-□ □ pj
 -[...] s□ Sbk-□ □ pj

P.Cairo dem. 30606:

-Pa-□ □ py s□ n (Pahopis son of Pachois)
 -Wn-nfr s□ Tš (Onnophris son of Tese)
 -M□ □ .t-R□ -p□ -syf s□ n S (Marreseph son of Sokonopis)
 -□ r s□ n P□ -d (Horew son of Petheus)
 -Pa-t□ (Patos)
 -Pa-n-Is.t s□ n P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ (Pasis son of Petearpsenesis)
 -... s□ n P□ -d□ -Ws□ r
 -P□ -d□ -Sbk s□ n Sbk-□ (Petesouchos son of Sokonopis)
 -... s□ n Pa-□ □ py
 -P□ -mn□ s□ n Sbk-□ (Pmenbhes son of Sokonopis)
 -□ r-w□ □ s□ n (Haryoths son of Pachois)
 -... s□ n pa-□ y
 -Pa-□ □ py s□ n ...

P. Hamburg dem. 1:

-M□ □ -R□ s□ n S (Marreseph son of Sisouchos)
 -Wn-nfr s□ n Pa-□ (Onnophris son of Paophis)
 -Sbk-□ □ py s□ n (Sokonopis son of Pachois)
 -□ r-...
 -P□ -di-... s□ n n□ (PetSbkson of Nechtsouchos)
 -Pa-□ □ py s□ n (Pahopis son of Pachois)
 -M□ □ -R□ s□ n (Marreseph son of Pachois)
 -P□ -d□ -Ws□ r s□ n (Patsuris son of Pasour)
 -P□ -d□ -Ws□ r s□ n Sbk-□ (Patsuris son of Sokonopis)

P.Cairo dem. 31179

-□ r-m□ -□ s (s□ n) Sbk-□ (Harmytis son of Sokonopis)
 -Wn-nfr (s□ n) Sbk-m-□ (Onnophris son of Sokonopis)
 -S□ -Sbk (s□ n) Tš (Sisoukos son of Tesenouphis)
 -Sbk-m-□ b (s□ n) P□ -d□ (Sokonopis son of Petosiris)
 -P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ -šr-n-□ s.(t) (s□) (Patapsenesis son of Tesenouphis)
 -P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ -šr-n-□ s.(t) (s□ n) (Patapsenesis son of Sokonopis)
 -P□ -d□ -Sbk (s□ n) Sbk-□ (Petesouchos son of Sokonopis)
 -Wn-nfr (s□ n) Sbk-m-□ b (s□ n) Pn-□ (Onnophris son of Sokonopis son of Pachois)
 -□ r-m□ -□ s... (?) (s□ n) Sbk-□ (Harmytis son of Sokonopis)
 -□ r-m□ s□ n Lwl□ s□ n Sbk-□ (Harmytis son of Lolous son of Sokonopis)
 -Hr-s□ -□ s.t (s□ n) Pn-□ (Harfōsis son of Patos)
 -Pn-p□ -nb-Tn (s□ n) Pa-□ (Pnebtynis son of Pasous)
 -Sbk-m-□ b (s□ n) Sbk-m-□ (Sokonopis son of Sokonopis)
 -P□ -d□ -Sbk (s□ n) P□ -d□ -Ws□ (Petesouchos son of Petosiris)

P.Cairo dem. 30605:

-□ nm-□ wy p□ □ □ (s□) (Chenem-□ son of Marres)
 -□ nm-wr (s□ n) Pa-□ (Chenem-wr son of Patos)
 -Wn-nfr (s□ n) P□ -d□ -□ (Onnophris son of Petosiris)
 -Pa-n-□ s.(t) p□ □ □ (s□ n) P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ -šr-□ s.(t) (Phanesis the big son of Petearpsenesis)
 -M□ □ -R□ (s□ n) M□ (Marres son of Marres)
 -Sbk-m-□ b (?) (s□ n) Pa-□ (Sokonopis son of Pahopis)
 -Pa-n-□ s.(t) p□ □ m s□ n P□ -d□ -□ r (Phanesis son of Petearpsenesis)
 -Pa-□ □ py (s□ n) Pa-□ (Phaopyson of Pahopis)
 -Wn-nfr (s□ n) Pn-□ (Onnophris son of Pahopis)
 -Sbk-m-□ b (?) (s□ n) P□ -d□ (Sokonopis son of Petheus)
 -P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ -šr-n-□ s.t (s□ n) (Petearpsenesis son of Pahopis)
 -□ r (s□) P□ -d□ -□ r-p□ (Horew son of Petearpsenesis)
 -□ nm-wr (s□) □ n (Chenem-wr son of Chenem-wr)
 -□ r-p□ □ □ (s□) P (Har-□ son of Petheus)
 -Pa-n-□ s.t (s□) Wn-□ (Phanesis son of Onnophris)
 -P□ -d□ -Ws□ r (s□) P□ -d□ (Petesouchos son of Petosiris)
 -P□ -mn□ (s□) □ (Pamenches son of Chahyris)
 -P□ y-m□ y (?) (s□) P□ -d□ (Pahopis son of Petosiris)
 -Pa-p□ -nb-t□ -Tn (s□) Pa-□ (Pnebtynis son of Pa-sour)
 -P□ -d□ -Ws□ r (s□) Sbk-□ (Patosiris son of Sokonopis)
 -P□ -d□ -... (s□) Sbk-□ (Sorbof Sokonopis)
 -Pa-□ y (s□) □ r-s□ (Pachois son of Harsiesis)
 -Sbk-... (?) (s□) P□ -m□ (son of Pamenches)
 -Sbk-m-□ b (s□) Sbk-□ (Sokonopis son of...)
 -Wn-nfr (s□) Tš (Onnophris son of Teses)
 -Σοκονοπις Σοκ

X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events

The association will gather in the necropolis of the crocodile, during feasts, processions (P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l.1, P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 4-5, P.Hamburg dem. 1, l. 5; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 5-6; P.Cairo dem. 31179, l. 6: $\square$ w $\bar{=}$ n $\square$ ms m-b $\square$ $\square$ Sbk n $\square$ n $\square$ r.w Sbk n n $\square$ $\square$ b.w n $\square$ $\square$ $\square$.w n $\square$ n $\square$ r.w Sbk $\square$ n $\square$ n $\square$ hr.w n $\square$ y $\square$. $\square$ r n $\square$ y $\bar{=}$ w p $\square$ $\square$.wy r-r $\bar{=}$ w $\square$ ms.ty n- $\square$ m-n $\square$ "We will gather in the presence of Sobek and the gods of Sobek, during the feasts and the processions of Sobek and of the gods of Sobek, and the days those from the association will choose"). The members will perform libations and burnt offerings for the dynastic cult of the Ptolemies (P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 8-9, P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 10-11; P.Cairo 31179, l. 11-12; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 10-11: mtw=n $\square$ r n $\square$ kll.w n $\square$ wtn.w n $\square$ pr- $\square$ $\square$.w Ptlwmys $\square$ rm Klwptr $\square$ $\square$. $\square$ r Ptlwmys $\square$ rm Klwptr $\square$ n $\square$ n $\square$ "We will perform libations and offerings to the kings Ptolemy and Cleopatra the Epiphanes gods who will live for the eternity).

iii. Worship

The members will perform libations and burnt offerings for the dynastic cult of the Ptolemies and the other gods (P.Mil. Vogl. dem. inv. 77, l. 8-9, P.Cairo dem. 30606, l. 10-11; P.Cairo 31179, l. 11-12; P.Cairo dem. 30605, l. 10-11: mtw=n $\square$ r n $\square$ kll.w n $\square$ wtn.w n $\square$ pr- $\square$ $\square$.w Ptlwmys $\square$ rm Klwptr $\square$ $\square$. $\square$ r Ptlwmys $\square$ rm Klwptr $\square$ n $\square$ n $\square$ r.w nty p $\square$ "We will perform libations and offerings to the kings Ptolemy and Cleopatra the Epiphanes gods who will live for the eternity).

Deities worshipped

crocodile god Sobek and all the gods
King
Royal House
Ruler Cult
Ptolemies
The ptolemaic dynastic cult

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

As the members of the association are priests, they have certainly contacts with the temple of Soknebtynis.

XII. NOTES

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The terminology employed and the typology of text make it certain that this was a private association.