

CAPInv. 710: Sparganiotai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Propontic Thrace
iii. Site	Perinthos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σπαργανιώται (I.Perinthos 146, l. 5)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Sparganiotai</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Other:	<p>Σπαργανιώται, <i>Sparganiotai</i> (=children in swaddling-clothes, see LSJ, s.v. σπαργανάω).</p> <p>The word σπαργανιώτης, <i>sparganiotes</i>, occurs only once (<i>H.Herm.</i> 301), though it obviously derives from σπάργανα, <i>spargana</i> (swaddling-clothes) and the unattested verb σπάργω, <i>spargo</i>. According to <i>Dict.Étym.</i> s.v. σπάργω: 'un rapprochement avec la famille de σπείρα, σπάρτον etc. semble s'imposer'.</p>
iii. Descriptive terms	σπείρα, <i>speira</i>	
Note	<p><i>speira</i>: I.Perinthos 146, l. 4. The text goes: δώσει μου σπείρη, οἷς τοῦνομα Σπαργανιώταις, <i>dosei mou speirei, hois tounoma Sparganiotais</i> (ll. 4-5).</p>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Perinthos 146 (i - ii AD)
Note	See also: SEG 48: 934
Online Resources	I.Perinthos 146 and AGRW ID 14178
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek setting a fine in case of tomb violation.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele, upper part broken (0.79 x 0.36)
ii. Source(s) provenance	Perinthos, though exact date and place of finding unknown.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Referred to as Σπαργανιώται, <i>Sparganiotai</i> (l. 5).
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iii. Income	The association is named as the recipient of a fine in case of tomb violation.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The term σπαργανιώτης, <i>sparganiotes</i> , may be interpreted as pointing to the devotees' hope of rebirth. There are three additional inscriptions from Perinthos that contain a reference to a σπείρα, <i>speira</i> , or to a σπείραρχος, <i>speirarchos</i> : I.Perinthos 57, I.Perinthos 280 (see CAPIInv. 720 for both of them) and 313 (CAPIInv. 718); due to inadequate information regarding their finding place, only the first two can be tentatively associated.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The term σπείρα, <i>speira</i> , points to an association devoted to the cult of Dionysos.