

CAPInv. 718: **he speira**

## I. LOCATION

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

## II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ σπεῖρα (I.Perinthos 280, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he speira</i>

## III. DATE

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

iii. Descriptive terms	σπεῖρα, <i>speira</i>
Note	<i>speira</i> : I.Perinthos 280, l. 2

## V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Perinthos 280 (i - iii AD) I.Perinthos 313 (after 212 AD)
Note	I.Perinthos 313 = SEG 48: 923
Online Resources	<a href="#">I.Perinthos 280</a> <a href="#">I.Perinthos 313</a> and <a href="#">AGRW ID 14184</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	(Both texts are in Greek) I.Perinthos 280: Dedication I.Perinthos 313: Dedication?

i.c. Physical format(s)	<p>I.Perinthos 280: Two fragments from the rim of a large marble wine vessel. Relief decoration, depicting Pan and Dionysos.</p> <p>I.Perinthos 313: Marble base with cyma.</p>
ii. Source(s) provenance	<p>I.Perinthos 280: Found at a distance of appr. 2 km SE of the village of Yeniçiftlik, by the Kokonartepe tumulus.</p> <p>I.Perinthos 313: Found between Bağlar Deresi and Yeniçiftlik, at a distance of appr. 5 km NW of Perinthos, see I.Perinth, pl. V.</p>

## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	<p>I.Perinthos 280 has been found at a small distance from the Kokonartepe tumulus.</p> <p>The site, where I.Perinthos 313 has been found, could have been a vicus of Perinthos' territory as indicated by the presence of inscriptions (see I.Perinthos 278-285) and sarcophagi, see I.Perinthos, p. 67.</p>
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## VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	σπείραρχος, <i>speirarchos</i> (I.Perinthos 313, l. 7)
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender Note	<p>Men</p> <p>On the evidence of the two known cases.</p>
iv. Status	<p>The dedicant of I.Perinthos 280 bore a name (or a <i>cognomen</i>) of Greek origin.</p> <p>The deceased of I.Perinthos 313 was a Roman citizen, owing his citizenship to the <i>Constitutio Antoniniana</i>, as indicated by the <i>nomen</i> Aurelius.</p>

## X. ACTIVITIES

ii. Meetings and events	The wine vessel (I.Perinthos 280) points to symposia.
iii. Worship Deities worshipped	<p>The group likely worshiped Dionysos, on the evidence of the term σπείρα, <i>speira</i>, and of the relief decoration on I.Perinthos 280.</p> <p>Dionysus (?)</p>

## XII. NOTES

**i. Comments**

A date during the i-ii cent. AD is suggested for I.Perinthos 280 on the evidence of letter forms; but I.Perinthos 313 is securely dated after 212 AD, due to the presence of the *nomen* Aurelius. There are four inscriptions at Perinthos and its territory mentioning a σπεῖρα, *speira*, or a σπεῖραρχος, *speirarchos*: [CAPInv. 710](#) (for the σπεῖρα, *speira*, of σπαργανιώται, *sparganiotai*), [CAPInv. 720](#) (sibylline oracle with mention of a σπεῖραρχος, *speirarchos*) and the two presented here. Due to inadequate information regarding their finding place, only the last two can be tentatively associated.

### XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

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**Note**

The term σπεῖρα, *speira*, points to an association devoted to the cult of Dionysos.