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CAPInv. 827: **hoi egoranomekotes** (l. agoranomekotes)

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Macedonia
ii. Region	Odomantike
iii. Site	Serrhai

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ ἡγορανομηκότες (Samsaris 1989: 231-3 no 35, l. 3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi egoranomekotes</i> (l. <i>agoranomekotes</i>)

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	212 - m. iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Status-related:	<i>agoranomoi</i> . If an association is indeed attested here (see below, under XIII.i: Evaluation), its members are self-identified as former <i>agoranomoi</i> of the city.
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Samsaris 1989: 231-3 no 35 (iii AD)
Note	See also: SEG 30: 590. That the date postdates the <i>Constitutio Antoniniana</i> is assured by the fact that all persons bear the <i>nomen</i> Aurelius. Samsaris argues for a date ca. 215.
Online Resources	Samsaris 1989: 231-3 no 35
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication
i.c. Physical format(s)	Crowned stele

VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The former <i>agoranomoi</i> as a group were explicitly led by a <i>προστάτης</i> , <i>prostates</i> , who served for life (l. 3: <i>προστατεύοντος διὰ βίου</i> . <i>prostateuontos dia biou</i>).
iii. Members	The members self-identified as former <i>agoranomoi</i> , <i>agoranomekotes</i> (l. 3).
iv. Officials	A <i>γραμματεὺς</i> , <i>grammateus</i> is also attested (l. 4).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Mihailov 1980: 7-8 no. 11 supposed that the list of 32 persons in ll. 6-37 is a list of the former <i>agoranomoi</i> mentioned in l. 3. Papazoglou 1988: 380 n. 18 takes for granted that Mihailov was mistaken and that the club of former <i>agoranomoi</i> is only represented by its <i>prostates</i> and its <i>grammateus</i> (in which case the persons listed in ll. 6-37 would be other wealthy citizens). Indeed, the syntax (οἱ ἡγορανομηκότες ... καὶ οἱ ὑποταγμένοι, <i>hoi egoranomekotes ... ke hoi hypotetagmenoi</i> , "those having served as <i>agoranomoi</i> AND the undersigned") seems to favour Papazoglou's interpretation, in which case we would have no evidence on the number of the former <i>agoranomoi</i> . If, however, we suppose that the text is syntactically flawed and the list consists of former <i>agoranomoi</i> , their extraordinarily high number would only be explained if the <i>agoranomoi</i> of Serrhai served in a college and for a limited period of time (for <i>agoranomoi</i> serving briefly, e.g. for only three months, see Dmitriev 2005: 217-8).
ii. Gender	Men
Note	If the list represents former <i>agoranomoi</i> , all members appear to be men, as expected.
iv. Status	Whatever the exact nature of the college of former <i>agoranomoi</i> (see under XIII.i: Evaluation, below), it is clear that they belonged to the city's elite.

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	The former <i>agoranomoi</i> (alone or along with other citizens; see IX.i: Number, above) dedicated a monument in honour of the emperors.
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XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Mihailov, G. (1980), 'Inscriptions de la Thrace égéenne', <i>Philologia</i> 6: 3-19, esp. 7-8 no 11. Papazoglou, F. (1988), <i>Les villes de Macédoine à l'époque romaine</i> . Paris: 379-80 and n. 18. Samsaris, D. (1989), 'La vallée du Bas-Strymon à l'époque impériale. Contribution épigraphique à la topographie, l'onomastique, l'histoire et aux cultes de la province romaine de Macédoine', <i>Dodone</i> 18: 203-382, esp. 231-3 no. 35, with earlier literature. Dmitriev, S. (2005), <i>City Government in Hellenistic and Roman Asia Minor</i> . Oxford.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

The existence of an organized group of former *agoranomoi* at Serrhai is guaranteed by the presence of officials (*prostates* and secretary) and its stable structure by the fact that its leader served for life. Nevertheless, the exact nature of the group eludes us. It might be anything from an institutionalized group of ex-archons serving in some formal capacity to a private group of former *agoranomoi* formed for social purposes and / or as a pressure group for the interests of the local elite.