

CAPInv. 1253: **gerdioi apo Abydou**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Thinites (U08)
iii. Site	Abydos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	γέρδιοι ἀπὸ Ἀβύδου (I.Varsovie 66, ll. 1-2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>gerdioi apo Abydou</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	257 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Geographical:	<i>apo Abydou</i>
	Professional:	<i>gerdioi</i>

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Varsovie 66 (25 Jun. AD 257)
Note	Other editions: SB IV 7290
Online Resources	SB IV 7290 TM 99067 AGRW ID 15323
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication of a <i>topos</i> in Greek by the <i>gerdioi</i> .

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty

τόπος, *topos* l. 1

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction

The *topos* was built under the direction of Hierax, a πλεσώνης, *plesones* (l. 3-4), a term that typically identified the priest responsible for the administration of the temple.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments

The weavers of Abydos built this *topos* under the direction of Hierax: a voluntary benefaction? Cf. [CAPIInv. 1244](#).

iii. Bibliography

Bernand, E. (1993) 'Τόπος dans les inscriptions grecques d'Egypte', *ZPE* 98: 103-10.
Łajtar, A. and Twardecki, A. (2003), *Catalogue des inscriptions grecques du Musée National de Varsovie*, Warsaw: esp. 183).

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

The lack of a descriptive term may be problematic, but then again, the inscription was likely meant largely for the weavers who dedicated it and passing reference would perhaps have been enough for non-members. The connection to the administration of the temple, however, is a little problematic: was this possibly compulsory? Was the group of weavers here really a formal private association? The evidence remains unclear, and in that light it is perhaps best to note that it is entirely possible that this group was a private association.