

CAPInv. 1442: **demosioi georgoi hoi apo Oxyrhynchon tes Polemonos meridos**

## I. LOCATION

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| i. Geographical area | Egypt           |
| ii. Nome             | Arsinoites (00) |
| iii. Site            | Oxyrhyncha      |

## II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | δημόσιοι γεωργοί οἱ ἀπὸ Ὀξυρύνχων τῆς Πολέμωνος μερίδος (P.Fouad 18 ll. 10-11) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated)   | <i>demosioi georgoi hoi apo Oxyrhynchon tes Polemonos meridos</i>              |

## III. DATE

|            |       |
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| i. Date(s) | 53 AD |
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## IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|
| ii. Name elements | Geographical: | <i>apo Oxyrhynchon tes Polemonos meridos</i> |
|                   | Professional: | <i>demosioi georgoi</i>                      |

## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | P.Fouad 18 (11 Oct. AD 54)                                     |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">P.Fouad 18</a><br><a href="#">TM 11182</a>         |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Papyrological source(s)                                        |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Oath to prevent the inundation of the <i>drymoi</i> , in Greek |

i.c. Physical format(s)

papyrus

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| ii. Leadership | Herakleides, son of Harmiysis, ἡγούμενος <i>hegoumenos</i> (Il. 1, 6)                                                                                             |
| iv. Officials  | οἱ πρεσβύτεροι <i>hoi presbyteroi</i> (l. 9). Herakleides, son of Harmiysis, the <i>hegoumenos</i> , appears to have been a member of the <i>presbyteroi</i> too. |

## IX. MEMBERSHIP

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| i. Number                              | at least 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ii. Gender                             | Men                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Note                                   | The recorded officials are men.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| iii. Age                               | Adults<br>Elders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Note                                   | Herakleides, son of Harmiysis: 35 years old; Petosiris, son of Theonis: 45 years old; Diodoros, son of Simon: 55 years old; Nepheros, son of Patoes: 30 years old; Harmiysis, son of Senapos: 50 years old (all noted as <i>presbyteroi</i> 'Elders').                                 |
| vi. Proper names and physical features | Herakleides, son of Harmiysis (scar on left shin); Petosiris, son of Theonis (scarred on the little finger of his left hand); Diodoros, son of Simon (scar on his right eyebrow); Nepheros, son of Patoes (scar on his left arm); Harmiysis, son of Senapos (scar on his left forearm) |

## XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | The fact that the <i>georgoi</i> engage with the officials charged with supervision of sowing throughout the nome, and provide a sworn statement that they will neither permit anyone to divert water into the swamps nor themselves do so is certainly suggestive enough to posit a clear local relationships between this group (and the individuals within it) and the local administration. |
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## XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments       | Inclusion of this group depends mainly on use of association-like hierarchy with appointed officials. Cf. <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1819</a> and <a href="#">CAPIInv. 1443</a> .<br>Cf. Thompson 2007: 105, for the admittedly earlier <i>basilikoi georgoi</i> as a 'loosely defined body, closely connected with the village where the land was held'.                                                                                               |
| iii. Bibliography | Youtie, H.C. (1976) "P.Fuad 18." <i>ZPE</i> 21: 147-48<br>Bonneau, D. (1993) <i>Le régime administratif de l'eau du Nil dans l'Égypte grecque, romaine et byzantine</i> . Leiden: 169-70<br>Monson, A. (2012) <i>From the Ptolemies to the Romans: political and economic change in Egypt</i> . Cambridge: chapter 4 in passing, 108-55.<br>Thompson, D. (2007) <i>Kerkeosiris: An Egyptian Village in the Ptolemaic Period</i> . Cambridge: 105. |

### XIII. EVALUATION

#### i. Private association

Possible

##### Note

It remains unclear whether or not the *demosioi georgoi* were a private association; their similarities to certain private associations in Egypt, with respect to officials (in particular), suggest that it is possible that these groups of farmers were organised on a private basis. That these groups existed and operated collectively is confirmed by several other documents.