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CAPInv. 1651: **Sebaste plateia**

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Western Asia Minor
ii.	**Region**	Lycia
iii.	**Site**	Soura (Sura)

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	Σεβαστὴ πλατεία (*Petersen-Luschan*, Reisen II no. 83, ll. 6-7; *Petersen-Luschan*, Reisen II no.84, l. 6; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 48 l. 10; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 49 ll. 9-10; Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 50 ll. 4-5)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*Sebaste plateia*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	200 - 300 AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i.	**Name in other forms**	The name is abbreviated: σ(εβαστῆς) π(λατείας) in Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht no. 49 l. 7	
ii.	**Name elements**	Cultic:	Σεβαστὴ, *Sebaste* This term indicates the august or "Augustal" character of the association, namely that it had some connection with the cult of the living Roman emperor (such as the celebration of rites in his honour).
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	πλατεία, *plateia* The term "neighbourhood" refers to a street association.	
	Note	For sources, see V.i.	

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V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	Text 1: Petersen-Luschan, *Reisen* II 45, no. 83 (237 AD) Text 2: Petersen-Luschan, *Reisen* II 46, no. 84 (3rd c. AD) Text 3: Heberdey-Kalinka, *Bericht*, 15, no. 48 (3rd c. AD) Text 4: Heberdey-Kalinka, *Bericht* 15, no. 49 (3rd c. AD) Text 5: Heberdey-Kalinka, *Bericht* 15, no. 50 (3rd c. AD)
	Online Resources	Text 1: PHI: Petersen-Luschan, Reisen II 45,83 Harland, AGRW no. 11637 2: PHI: Petersen-Luschan, Reisen II 46,84 Harland, AGRW no. 11677 3: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,48 Harland, AGRW no. 11685 4: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,49 Harland, AGRW no. 11694 5: PHI: Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15,50 Harland, AGRW no. 11703
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Dedications to Apollo Sourios. Greek.
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Large marble slabs.
ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	Kocademre (Soura/Sura near Myra).

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii.	**References to buildings/objects**	The objects or structures consecrated to Apollo Sourios remain unclear in all of the texts.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv.	**Officials**	γραμματεύς, *grammateus*. The secretary of the association was apparently appointed on an annual base (all attested names of the secretaries in the five inscriptions are different). This official appears on all five texts. προστάται, *prostatai*. These officials were also appointed on an annual basis. They appear on all five texts.

v. Other staff	ἱεροκηρυκεύω, *hierokerukeuo* All five texts mention a ἱεροκήρυξ, *hierokeryx*. Texts 1-2 and 5 mention the same man, Marcius Xanthos; the other two texts mention different individuals. It is unclear if this office is to be related to the association, or perhaps better, to a dating formula following a prominent office, such as that of the Lycian *ethnos*, cp. *TAM* II 366 (Xanthos).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Text 1: *grammateus*: the *grammateus* bears a Roman name 26 prostatai; three of the prostate bear Roman names while the name of one prostates is not followed by the father's name Text 2: *grammateus* 21 prostatai of which two were possibly freemen Text 3: *grammateus*: the *grammateus* bears a Roman name 23 prostatai: two of the *prostatai* bear Roman names, and one was probably a freedman Text 4: *grammateus*: 1 Roman name 20 prostatai Text 5: *grammateus*: 1 not Roman 20 prostatai
ii. Gender	Men Women
Note	All of the members mentioned in texts 1-5 are male, with one exception, a female *grammateus* in Heberdey-Kalinka, Bericht 15 no. 48 ll. 6-7
iv. Status	Freedmen probable Roman citizens.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	All of the five texts are consecrations made to Apollo Sourios (of Soura/Sura).
Deities worshipped	Apollo Sourios. Emperor/Sebastos (likely), see above IV.ii.

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	ἱερομένος διὰ βίου, *hieromenos dia biou* Along with the civic or provincial *archiereus*, this title is invoked in the dating formulae of all the text. It is clear that the priesthood was that of Apollo Sourios: the office-holder Ἀντίγονος δὶς (β') ὁ καὶ Λυσίμαχος Μυρεύς mentioned in Text 2 is the same man honoured by Soura in Petersen-Luschan, *Reisen* II 45, no. 82 (the priesthood was nominally "for life", but actually the office-holder is different in all 5 texts, thus the title was likely an honorific one).

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Heberdey, R. and E. Kalinka (1897), *Bericht über zwei Reisen im südwestlichen Kleinasien, ausgeführt im Auftrage der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, 'Kaiserliche [Österreichische] Akademie der Wissenschaften, Philosophisch-historische Klasse, Denkschriften' [*DAW*] vol. 45,1, Vienna. Petersen, E.A.H. and F. von Luschan (1889), *Reisen im südwestlichen Kleinasien. Vol. II, Reisen in Lykien, Milyas und Kibyratis*, Vienna.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Taken together, the material strongly suggests a well-organised street association with various annual officials.

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