

CAPInv. 194: **hoi parephedreuontes en Hermou polei xenoι Apolloniatai**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Hermopolites (U15)
iii. Site	Hermopolis Magna

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ παρεφεδρεῦοντες ἐν Ἑρμοῦ πόλει ξένοι Ἀπολλωνιάται (I.Hermoupolis 6, ll. 3, with P.Giss. 99, ll. 23-25)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi parephedreuontes en Hermou polei xenoι Apolloniatai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	79 BC - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Apolloniatai</i> , from Apollonia in Palestine (or theophoric of Apollo?)
	Geographical:	<i>en Hermou polei</i>
	Status-related:	<i>xenoι</i>
	Theophoric:	<i>Apolloniatai</i> , theophoric of Apollo (or ethnic from Apollonia in Palestine?)

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Hermoupolis 5 (79/8 BC) I.Hermoupolis 6 (16 Tybi = 25 January 78 BC) P.Giss. 99 (ii-iii AD)
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Note	Other editions of I.Hermoupolis 5: OGIS 182, I.Milne 9296, SB I 4206, JIGRE 155 (partially). Other editions of I.Hermoupolis 6: SB V 8066, JIGRE 156 (partially).
Online Resources	I.Hermoupolis 5; TM 7099 I.Hermoupolis 6; TM 6298 P.Giss. 99; TM 27877
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s) Papyrological source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	The two Greek inscriptions I.Hermoupolis 5-6 are the double-dedication of the sanctuary by the <i>Apolloniatai</i> and <i>synpoliteuomenoi ktistai</i> , followed by the list of members. P.Giss. 99 preserves a fragment of the proceedings in Greek of a trial against the association and records a fragmentary copy of the text of the inscriptions.
i.c. Physical format(s)	I.Hermoupolis 5-6 are pedimental limestone stelai with acroteria in the corners (only preserved in I.Hermoupolis 5). P.Giss. 99 is a papyrus.
ii. Source(s) provenance	I.Hermoupolis 5 was found in November 1895 at Hermopolis Magna, ca 350 m south-east of the temple of Seti II in the western part of the ancient city, with rests of a limestone base or altar. I.Hermoupolis 6 was found in 1932 in a place ca 1.1 km east-southeast from the finding spot of I.Hermoupolis 5, with limestone blocks which once formed a big wall: the blocks had been moved there from somewhere else (cf. Zucker 1938: 3). No exact provenance within Hermopolis Magna is given for P.Giss. 99.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	Dedication of τὸ ἱερόν καὶ τὸν περίβολον καὶ τὰ συνκύροντα πάντα, <i>to hieron kai ton peribolon kai ta synkyronta panta</i> (I.Hermoupolis 5, ll. 3-4; I.Hermoupolis 6, l. 5). Mention of ἐν στή[λαι]ν δυοῖν [ἐ]μπροσθεν ἰδρυμέ[ν]αين τοῦ [ν]εώ, ὃν ἡγεῖραν ἐκεῖ[ν]οι τῷ Ἀ[πό]λλωνι, <i>en stelain dyoin emprosthen hidrymenain tou neo hon egeiran ekeinoi toi Apolloni</i> , in P.Giss. 99, ll. 15-18.
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VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The association was originally made up of <i>hoi parephedreutes en Hermou polei xenoι Apolloniatai</i> (I.Hermoupolis 5, l. 2; I.Hermoupolis 6, ll. 2-3; P.Giss. 99, ll. 23-25), that is to say the military contingent stationed in the garrison at Hermopolis Magna. Besides the regular members, supporting members called οἱ συνπολιτευόμενοι κτίσται, <i>hoi synpoliteuomenoi ktistai</i> (I.Hermoupolis 5, ll. 2-3; I.Hermoupolis 6, l. 3) also took part in the activities and decisions of the association. On the term <i>synpoliteuomenoi</i> indicating non-military members (associated to a <i>politeuma</i> of some sort or military group), cf. Thompson Crawford 1984 and Thompson 2012: 94. In the lists of names there is no evident distinction between the <i>Apolloniatai</i> proper and the <i>synpoliteuomenoi</i> . How the membership changed over the centuries and what its make-up might have looked like in ii-iii AD, at the time of P.Giss. 99, is difficult to say: a military connection can no longer be supposed in Roman times.
iv. Officials	In 79/8 BC the group had an ἀρχιερεύς, <i>archiereus</i> , called Hermolaos, son of Apollonios (I.Hermoupolis 6, l. 76b'). Cf. PP II no. 3362 and PP III no. 5386. A ἱεραύλης, <i>hieraulēs</i> (I.Hermoupolis 5, l. 166) and a ἱεροψάλτης, <i>hieropsaltes</i> (I.Hermoupolis 6, l. 40), are also mentioned and were, no doubts, employed in the religious rites and ceremonies of the association, which are still attested centuries later in P.Giss. 99, ll. 8-13 (namely, hymns in foreign tongue and sacrifices).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The group probably possessed τὸ ἱερόν καὶ τὸν περίβολον καὶ τὰ συνκύροντα πάντα, <i>to hieron kai ton peribolon kai ta synkyronta panta</i> (I.Hermoupolis 5, ll. 3-4; I.Hermoupolis 6, l. 5) which they dedicated in 79/8 BC (cf. also P.Giss. 99, ll. 15-18). Given the presence of the two inscriptions, the expenses for the building (?) and dedication of the sanctuary were covered in two instalments, spread over the six units of soldiers stationed at Hermopolis Magna and their <i>synpoliteuomenoi</i> : cf. Launey 1949-50: II 976.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

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Note

The *Apolloniatai* had a communal proper name, a durable intent and life, and an original well-defined identity as sub-group within the local military community of the garrison at Hermopolis Magna; they had some form of internal organisation and possessed religious officials and ritual personnel (an *archiereus*, a *hierauls* and a *hieropsaltes*); they most probably owned property. All this proves with some degree of certainty that, despite the absence of a proper term for 'association', they were a private association, originally (by 79/8 BC) made up of Idumaeans soldiers and their families and fellow-expatriates.