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CAPInv. 675: **synetairoi**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Dura Europos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	συνέταιροι (YCIS 14 (1955): 129-31, no. 2, l. 4)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>synetairoi</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	37 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Other: <i>synetairoi</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	YCIS 14 (1955): 129-31, no. 2 (37 AD)
Online Resources	YCIS 14 (1955): 129-31, no. 2
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Building inscription in Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	A slab of gypsum
ii. Source(s) provenance	Temple of Atargatis

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. References to buildings/objects	τόπος, <i>topos</i> (ll. 5-6). The "undersigned <i>synetairoi</i> " build the <i>topos</i> "for the goddess" that had been "conceded" (συνχωρηθέν<ν>τα, <i>synchorethe<ν>ta</i> , l. 5) by two persons. According to Frye et al. 1955: 131, this must have been "a chapel in the early temple"; cf. Milik 1972: 136: "Ce <i>topos</i> devait être une propriété privée adjacente au temple d'Atargatis".
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	ἀρχεταῖρος, <i>archetairos</i> (l. 8)
iii. Members	συναχθέντες ... οἱ συνέταιροι, <i>synachthentes ... hoī synetairoi</i> (ll. 3-4)

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	15 (? , see comments)
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	On the basis of the dedication of the <i>topos</i> to the goddess, worship by the group can be supposed.
Deities worshipped	Atargatis

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	<p>The list of <i>synetairoi</i> seems to have contained 15 names; but cf. Milik 1972: 136, who argues that there were originally 12 names after the one of the <i>archetairos</i>, but a thirteenth, written in the right margin, was added later. This serves to bolster Milik's hypothesis that Semitic <i>thiasoi</i> consisted of either 10 or 12 members. However, even if the <i>archetairos</i> was not preceded by another name, I count 15 names (as did Frye et al.).</p> <p>The document is dated to the 20th of Gorpiaios. On the same day, but 17 years later, a very similar document was written at Dura; see CAPInv. 676.</p> <p>The two persons who apparently financed the construction are not mentioned in the list of the <i>hypogegrammenoi synetairoi</i>, who were responsible for the actual building.</p>
iii. Bibliography	<p>Frye, R.N., Gilliam, J.F., Ingholt, H., and Welles, C.B. (1955), 'Inscriptions from Dura-Europos', <i>YCIS</i> 14: 123-213, esp. 129-31, no. 2.</p> <p>Milik, J.T. (1972), <i>Dédicaces faites par des dieux (Palmyre, Hatra, Tyr) et des thiasés sémitiques à l'époque romaine</i>. Paris.</p>

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
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Note

The *synetairoi* were probably a private association, but its organizational structure is unknown.