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CAPInv. 708: thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum

I. LOCATION

i.	**Geographical area**	Macedonia
ii.	**Region**	Edonis
iii.	**Site**	Philippi

II. NAME

i.	**Full name (original language)**	thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum (*An.Ép.* 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3)
ii.	**Full name (transliterated)**	*thiasus Maenad(um) regianarum*

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	i - ii AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii.	**Name elements**	Cultic:	*Maenades*
		Other:	*regianae*: The meaning is not clear. Jaccottet II no. 25 translates as 'royal' and sees a reference to literary tradition (Greek tragedy) and the daughters of Cadmus; GRA I 71 tentatively suggests the translation 'distinguished'; Philhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 omits the term in his translation but wonders if it occurs here in order to differentiate from some other *thiasus* of Maenads.
iii.	**Descriptive terms**	thiasus, *thiasus*	
	Note	*thiasus*: *An.Ép.* 1939: no. 192, l. 2	

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V. SOURCES

i.	**Source(s)**	*An.Ép.* 1939: no. 192 (i - ii AD)
	Note	See also: Jaccottet II no. 25; GRA I 71
	Online Resources	*An.Ép.* 1939: no. 192 and AGRW ID 2251
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b.	**Document(s) typology & language/script**	Dedication to Liber, Libera and Hercules in Latin
i.c.	**Physical format(s)**	Stele
ii.	**Source(s) provenance**	Philippi, found in a small building unearthed below the NW corner of the Roman baths. In *BCH* 103 (1979): 624 reported as lost during World War II; present whereabouts unknown.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i.	**Archaeological remains**	Inscriptions referring to Liber, Libera and Hercules and found in this same area (for a list of which, see Pilhofer 2009: no. 338/L333) suggest that the structure below the Roman baths may have been a small sanctuary devoted to this cult. The baths were built in the middle of the 3rd cent. AD, thus offering a *terminus ante quem* for the construction and use of the building below.
ii.	**References to buildings/objects**	As indicated by the text, the *thiasus* provided for the supply of water (ll. 3-4: aq[ua]m induxit, *aq[ua]m induxit*) to the cult place where the inscription was found, see GRA I 71.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii.	**Members**	The members are referred to as *Maenades regianae* (*An.Ép.* 1939: no. 192, ll. 2-3).

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii.	**Gender**	Women
	Note	As indicated by the reference to Maenads, the members were women.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii.	**Worship**	The term *Maenades* indicate orgiastic rites and suggests worship of Dionysus by the group.
	Deities worshipped	Dionysos

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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	*Thiasus Maenad(arum) regianar(um)*, on the stone, according to Collart 1937: 368, no. 1, followed by Jaccottet II no. 25. *Thiasus Maenad(um) regianar(um)*, according to Nigdelis, followed by Philhofer 2000: 103, no. 340/L589 and GRA I 71. For Jaccottet II no. 25 the use of the term *Maenadarum* instead of *Baccharum* and the epithet *regianarum*, understood as a reference to the daughters of Cadmus, indicate 'a poetic rather than a ritual language'. The date is tentatively suggested by Jaccottet II no. 25.
iii. Bibliography	Collart, P. (1937), *Philippes, ville de Macédoine depuis ses origines jusqu'à la fin de l'époque romaine*. Paris. Jaccottet, A.-Fr. (2003), *Choisir Dionysos: Les associations dionysiaques ou la face cachée du dionysisme*. 2 vols. Zürich. Pilhofer, P. (2000), *Philippi, Band II: Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi*. Tübingen: 103, no. 340/L589. Pilhofer, P. (2009), *Philippi, Band II. Katalog der Inschriften von Philippi. 2., überarbeitete und ergänzte Auflage*. Tübingen: 404-5, no. 338/L333.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The terminology employed points to a private association.

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