

CAPInv. 146: **thiasos ton Leukogeiton**

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Lesbos
iii. Site	Mytilene region: area of Plomari

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	θίασος τῶν Λευκογείτων (IG XII.2 481, l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>thiasos ton Leukogeiton</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>Leukogeitoi</i> -- Perhaps to be interpreted as whitewashers?
	Theophoric:	<i>Leukotheai</i> (Nereids) ? -- It has been suggested by Shields (1917: 43) that the term <i>Leukogeitoi</i> might relate to the Nereids, known on Lesbos as <i>Leukotheai</i> .
	Topographical:	<i>Leukogeitoi</i> -- Perhaps inhabitants of a neighbourhood, as suggested by Harland online (see AGRW ID# 12288).
iii. Descriptive terms	θίασος, <i>thiasos</i>	
Note	<i>thiasos</i> : IG XII.2 481, l. 2	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII.2 481 (Imp.: see below: 'Comments')
Note	See also: AGRW
Online Resources	IG XII.2 481 AGRW ID# 12288
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek dedication to a <i>thiasos</i> (thank-offering).
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found on the seashore near Plomari.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The dedicant, if himself a member of the <i>thiasos</i> , is male.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	Based on letter forms, IG XII.2 481 must date to the (later) Imperial period (cf. Ziebarth 1900: 509-10, no. 2), perhaps iii AD (Shields 1917: 43, n. 41). The case of <i>θύσσω</i> , <i>thiaso</i> , in IG XII.2 481, l. 2 is dative and not genitive: IG XII Suppl. p. 29.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B *155
iii. Bibliography	Shields, E.L. (1917), <i>The cults of Lesbos</i> (Dissertation. Johns Hopkins University). Ziebarth, E. (1900), 'Zu den griechischen Vereinsinschriften', <i>RhM</i> 55: 501-19.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The use of the term <i>thiasos</i> in combination with a name in the genitive plural makes it very likely that this is a private association.