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CAPInv. 493: *he geitosyne ton protopyleiton*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Phrygia
iii. Site	Akmoneia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	ἡ γειτοσύνη τῶν πρωτοπυλειτῶν (Ramsay, CB: 562-4, nos. 455-457, ll. B1-3)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>he geitosyne ton protopyleiton</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	212 - iii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Topographical: <i>protopyleitai</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	γειτοσύνη, <i>geitosyne</i>
Note	<i>geitosyne</i> : Ramsay, CB: 562-4, nos. 455-457, ll. B1-2

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Ramsay, CB: 562-4, nos. 455-457 (212 - iii AD)
Note	See also: Ameling 2004: 357-62, no. 171 MAMA VI List: 151, no. 208
Online Resources	MAMA VI List: 151, no. 208
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Epitaph. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Small grave altar
ii. Source(s) provenance	Susuz Köy

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iv. Endowments	The <i>geitosyne</i> has received a number of tools from Aur. Aristeas, under the condition that they adorn his wife's grave with roses.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The association will celebrate the Rosalia at the grave of the donor's wife. The donor was Jewish (or possibly Christian), but this does not allow for conclusions regarding the association. Ramsay's conclusion that "we must understand that the Society to which he left his bequest was a Chr(istian) benefit and burial society" (Ramsay 1897: 563) is unwarranted.
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association is supposed to adorn the grave of the donor's wife with roses every year.

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The <i>geitosyne</i> is the recipient of an endowment tied to grave-care; cf. the many examples from Hierapolis. Nothing suggests that the "neighborhood" was a professional association (cf. in general Pont 2013). It is unclear if and how the <i>geitosyne</i> was formally organized (e.g., were there magistrates who received the tools as representatives of the <i>geitosyne</i> ?).
ii. Poland concordance	Poland B *426A
iii. Bibliography	Ameling, W. (2004), <i>Inscriptiones Judaicae Orientis. Band II: Kleinasien</i> . Tübingen. Pont, A.-V. (2013), 'Les groupes de voisinage dans les villes d'Asie Mineure occidentale à l'époque impériale', in P. Fröhlich and P. Hamon (eds.), <i>Groupes et associations dans les cités grecques (IIIe siècle av. J.-C. - IIe siècle apr. J.-C.)</i> , Genève: 129-56. Ramsay, W.M. (1897), <i>The Cities and Bishoprics of Phrygia</i> . Vol. I.2. Oxford.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	The status of neighbourhood-associations is debatable. That they were not official civic subdivisions is plausibly argued by Pont 2013.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain