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CAPInv. 600: U-NEA-001

## I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | The Near East and Beyond |
| ii. Region           | Arabia                   |
| iii. Site            | Gerasa                   |

## II. NAME

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| i. Association with unknown name | U-NEA-001 |
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## III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | 75 - iii AD |
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## V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s)                                | I.Gerasa 50 (AD 75/6)<br>SEG 32: 1538 (ii-iii AD)  |
| Online Resources                            | <a href="#">I.Gerasa 50</a><br><a href="#">SEG 32: 1538</a>  |
| i.a. Source type(s)                         | Epigraphic source(s)   |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek dedicatory inscriptions  |
| i.c. Physical format(s)                     | The first inscription (I.Gerasa 50) was built into the Northwest Gate. The second (SEG 32: 1538) was written on a small limestone altar. |
| ii. Source(s) provenance                    | Jerash   |

## VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iii. Members | Possibly referred to as οἱ τῆς Ἀρ[τέμιδος -----], <i>hoi t[he]s Ar[temidos ...]</i> in I.Gerasa 50, l. 2. Mention of one ἀρτεμισιαστ(ής) (l. ἀρτεμισιαστής) <i>artemisiastes</i> in SEG 32: 1538, ll. 8-9. |
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## XII. NOTES

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| <b>i. Comments</b>       | There is a strong possibility that there existed an association of Artemis in Gerasa. The first, fragmentary text (I.Gerasa 50), dated to AD 75/6, records the dedication of the <i>hiera pyle</i> by a group called οἱ τῆς Ἀρ[τέμιδος ----], <i>hoi t[he]s Ar[temidos]</i> . The second inscription (SEG 32: 1538), possibly from the 2nd/3rd century AD, records a dedication to Leukothea by an ἀρτεμεισιασ(τής), <i>artemeisias(tes)</i> . It is impossible to prove a relationship between the texts. |
| <b>iii. Bibliography</b> | Gatier, P.-L. (1982), 'Inscriptions religieuses de Gerasa', <i>ADAJ</i> 26: 269-75, esp. 274-5, no. 4 (SEG 32: 1538).<br>Welles, C.B. (1938), 'The Inscriptions', in C.H. Kraeling (ed.), <i>Gerasa. City of the Decapolis</i> , New Haven: 353-494.   |

## XIII. EVALUATION

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| <b>i. Private association</b> | Possible  |
| <b>Note</b>                   | See comments above; the existence of an association of Artemis seems assured, but its name and history are unclear. |