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CAPInv. 647: Stephaneitai

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Στεφανειταί (SEG 35: 1483, l. A41)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Stephaneitai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	73 / 74 AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>Stephaneitai</i>
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 35: 1483 (AD 73/4)
Online Resources	SEG 35: 1483
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek building inscription
i.c. Physical format(s)	Limeston stele
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found at the west bank of the Orontes

XI. INTERACTION

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| i. Local interaction | On the building project of the fullers' canal, see CAPIInv. 646 . |
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XII. NOTES

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| i. Comments | The <i>stephaneitai</i> appear in one of the lists of <i>plintheia</i> (stele A) that have participated in the construction of the fullers' canal. According to Robert 1951: 255-6, the name of a <i>plintheion</i> in the genitive is "celui du propriétaire, dont la maison occupait tout le terrain"; in this case, the <i>plintheion</i> would have largely consisted of the club house of the <i>stephaneitai</i> . The same explanation is offered by Feissel 1985: 101-2. |
| iii. Bibliography | Feissel, D. (1985), 'Deux listes de quartiers d'Antioche astreints au creusement d'un canal (73-74 après J.-C.)', <i>Syria</i> 62: 77-103.
Robert, L. (1951), 'Contribution à la topographie de villes de l'Asie Mineure méridionale', <i>CRAI</i> 1951: 254-9. |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Probable |
| Note | <i>Stephaneitai</i> are of course known from other cities. In Antioch, a civic subdivision was named after them, which might cast doubt on their "private" nature. But this objection is not very strong. However, the inscription seems to show that the city of Antioch could oblige the association to participate in a civic project, because the association was registered and officially recognised as a corporate entity. |