

CAPInv. 682: U-WAM-031

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Bithynia
iii. Site	Nikaia

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name	U-WAM-031
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III. DATE

i. Date(s)	l. ii - iii AD
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V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Iznik 1210
Note	See also Mendel 1900: 401 nr. 75.
Online Resources	I.Iznik 1210
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Thanks-giving in Greek offered to Pauleine by Gennios from Dokimeion and the <i>koinonoi</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	The inscription was engraved on the right side of the entrance of a rock-cut grave.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The inscription was found at Kasimlar in the vicinity of Iznik.

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. Archaeological remains	Gennios and the <i>koinonoi</i> were allowed to be buried in Pauleine's rock-cut grave (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I. Iznik 1210).
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VII. ORGANIZATION

ii. Leadership	The formula Γέννιος Δοκίμευς μετὰ τῶν κοινωνῶν, <i>Gennios Dokimeus meta ton koinonon</i> (ll.1-3) indicates probable leadership of the group by Gennios.
iii. Members	The members are collectively called κοινωνοί, <i>koinonoi</i> (l. 3).

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

ii. Realty	The right given to Gennios and the <i>koinonoi</i> to be buried in Pauleine's grave (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I.Iznik 1210) suggests use but not ownership of the tomb.
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X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	Gennios and the <i>koinonoi</i> thanked Pauleine for allowing them to be buried in her tomb. The exact nature of the relation between the two parties remains unspecified (see Robert 1955: 60-61; Şahin in I.Iznik 1210).
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	A date after the age of the Antonines is suggested by Mendel (1900: 401) on the basis of the <i>gravure</i> and the form of the letters.
iii. Bibliography	Mendel, G. (1900), 'Inscriptions de Bithynie', <i>BCH</i> 24: 361-426. Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig. Robert, L. (1955), <i>Hellenica. Recueil d'épigraphie, de numismatique et d'antiquités grecques</i> . Vol. 10. Paris. Ziebarth, E. (1896), <i>Das griechische Vereinswesen</i> . Leipzig.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The vague term <i>koinonoi</i> , derived from <i>koinonia</i> , is commonly used for societies of business partners (Ziebarth 1896: 13-4, 19; Poland 1909: 164). However Aristotle in a well-known passage (<i>Eth. Nic.</i> 8.9 (1160a20) lists as examples of <i>koinonai</i> (communities formed on the basis of common interests shared by the members), religious associations such as <i>thiasotai</i> and <i>eranistai</i> . Gennios' <i>koinonoi</i> of our inscription may thus have been either business partners or members of an association (perhaps of persons originating from Dokimeion) to which Gennios himself also belonged.