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CAPInv. 810: *speira*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Mountain region between Attaleia, Thyateira and Iulia Gordos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	σπεῖρα TAM V.1 806, l. 6, TAM V.1 817, l.7
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>speira</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	165 - ii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

i. Name in other forms	The mention of <i>syngeneis</i> in both inscriptions probably refers to relatives and not to members of the <i>speira</i> .	
ii. Name elements	Other:	The term <i>speira</i> means ‘religious college’, though it is mostly used for Dionysos associations.
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>speira</i>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM V.1 806 (ii AD) TAM V.1 817 (165/166 AD)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscriptions dedicated by the <i>speira</i> together with relatives of the deceased. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Both are marble stele; TAM V.1 817 with pediment and representation of a crown.
ii. Source(s) provenance	TAM V.1 817 built in the hall of a mosque in K��m��rc��. TAM V.1 806 inserted in a fountain in Yegenoba.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	ναρθηκ��φορος, <i>narthekophoros</i> , TAM V.1 817, ll. 7-8
viii. Obligations	The association probably has some sort of funerary obligation towards its members. It dedicates together with the family, and the <i>phratra</i> in one case (TAM V.1 806), the funerary stele to two of its members.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The attested members are men

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The terms <i>speira</i> and <i>narthekophoros</i> indicate that the association worships Dionysos
Deities worshipped	Dionysos
iv. Honours/Other activities	funerary activity

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	De Hoz, M.-P. (1999), <i>Die Lydischen Kulte im Lichte der griechischen Inschriften</i> . Bonn: no. 15.19-20. Keil, J., and von Premerstein, A. (1911), <i>Bericht ��ber eine zweite Reise in Lydien ausgef��hrt 1908</i> , (Denkschriften Akad. Wien Band 54.2). Vienna: 147, 158
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	Dionysos associations are private though many of them have an important public sphere.