

CAPInv. 1012: to synergion ton en tei seitik[ei] omophoron

I. LOCATION	
i. Geographical area	Eastern Asia Minor
ii. Region	Cilicia
iii. Site	Tarsos

II. NAME	
i. Full name (original language)	τὸ συνέργιον τῶν ἐν τῇ σειτικῇ[ῆ] ὁμοφόρων (SEG 27: 947, ll. 13-15; Broughton 1938: 55-7, ll. 10-12)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to synergion ton en tei seitik[ei] omophoron</i>

III. DATE	
i. Date(s)	ii - iii AD

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY	
i. Name in other forms	τὸ συνέργιον τῶν ἐν τῇ σειτικῇ ὁμοφόρων Ἀδριανῆς [Σεο]σηριανῆς Τάρσου [τῆς] μητροπόλεως τῶν [τριῶν] ἐπαρχε[ί]ων [Κιλικίας Ἰσα]υρ[ί]ας Λυκαονίας προκαθεζομένης καὶ β' νεοκόρου κτλ., <i>to senergion ton en tei seitikei omophoron Andrianes [Seo]yerianes Tarsou [tes] metropoleos ton [trio]n eparche[i]on [Kilikias Isa]ur[ias Lykaonias prokathzomenes kai B' neokorou ktl]</i> (Broughton 1938: 55-7, ll. 10-18)
ii. Name elements	<p>Geographical: ... Ἀδριανῆς [Σεο]σηριανῆς Τάρσου, <i>Hadrianes Seouerianes Tarsou</i> (Broughton 1938: 55-7, ll. 12-13)</p> <p>Professional: <i>omophoroi</i></p> <p>Topographical: ἐν τῇ σειτικῇ (ἀγορᾶ or στοᾶ), <i>en te seitike (agora or stoa)</i></p>
iii. Descriptive terms	συνέργιον, <i>synergion</i>
Note	<i>synergion</i> : SEG 27: 947, ll. 13-14; Broughton 1938: 55-7, l. 10

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Broughton 1938: 55-7 SEG 27: 947 (ii - iii AD)
Note	Other editions/commentaries: AGRW Dittmann-Schöne VI.6.1-2 GRA II 437
Online Resources	AGRW ID# 13496 SEG 27: 947
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Both inscriptions are written in Greek. Honorific inscription dedicated by the association of porters in the grain market of Tarsos to the emperor Caracalla (Broughton 1938: 55-7). Honorific inscription for M. Aurelius Gaianus by the association of porters in the grain market (SEG 27: 947).
i.c. Physical format(s)	- marble slab, probably a revetment of some kind (H. 0.255 m, W. 0.298 m, Th. 0.017 m) (Broughton 1938: 55-7). - statue base (H. 1.50, W. 0.65 m, Th. 0.45 m) (SEG 27: 947).
ii. Source(s) provenance	- found in an Islamic cistern during the excavations in the spring of 1936 in Tarsos (Broughton 1938: 55-7). - Tarsos, the exact find-spot is unknown (SEG 27: 947).

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials	Two γραμματεῖς, <i>grammateis</i> , who are responsible for the erection of the monument (SEG 27: 947, ll. 16-17).
v. Other staff	The honorand, M. Aurelius Gaianus, is a σύνδικος, <i>syndikos</i> . Maybe he acted as a lawyer on behalf of the association of the porters (van Nijf 1997: 96; Dittmann-Schöne 2010: 55f.).

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities	<p>The association honours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the emperor Caracalla (Broughton 1938: 55-7). For honorific inscriptions dedicated by an association to an emperor cf. van Nijf 1997: 74-5, who interprets them as "demonstrations of the loyalty of his subjects, rather than the product of any special relationship". A little farfetched is the interpretation of Ziegler 1985: 146 (cf. Dittmann-Schöne 2010: 241). He suggested that the dedication to Caracalla may be an expression of the equation of the young emperor with the fertility god Dionysos, that is on record on Tarsian coins. Assuming that the <i>synergion</i> of the graincarriers is identical with the servants of Demeter, another fertility god (cf. below XII.i.Comments), Ziegler thought that the <i>synergion</i> had honoured Caracalla due to his equation as Dionysos.- with a statue M. Aurelius Gaianus, <i>kilikarches</i>, highpriest and <i>panegyriaches</i> of the festival for Apollo <i>Patroos</i> of Argos (SEG 27: 947). The honorand is <i>prostates</i> of the association. The term is interpreted as <i>patronus</i>, not as the leader of the group (Robert 1977: 90; Dittmann-Schöne 2010: 54; Zimmermann 2002: 50-1). For honorary inscriptions set up by associations for members of the elite and the role of the civic elites as patrons of professional associations cf. van Nijf 2003: 307-21, esp. 313.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments

In the inscription Broughton 1938: 55-7, ll. 10-18 a geographical specification is given: τὸ συνέργιον τῶν ἐν τῇ σειτικῇ ὠμοφόρων Ἀδριανῆς [Σεο]σηριανῆς Τάρσου [τῆς] μητροπόλεως τῶν [τριῶν] ἐπαρχε[ί]ων [Κιλικίας Ἰσα]υρ[ί]ας Λυκαονίας προκαθεζομένης καὶ β' νεοκόρου κτλ., *to synergion ton en tei seitikei omophoron Adrianes [Seo]uerianes Tarsou [tes] metropoleos ton [trio]n eparche[i]on [Kilikias Isajur]fias Lykaonias prokathozomenes kai b' neokorou ktl.*): the association of porters in the grain market of Hadrianic Severianic Tarsos, the presiding metropolis of the three *eparcheiai* [of Cilicia, Isauria, and Lycaonia, and warden of the two provincial temples of the imperial cult etc.]

The dedication to Caracalla is dated to the year 205 AD (the eighth year of his tribunician power). The honorand of the second inscription, M. Aurelius Gaianus, is dated to the end of the 2nd (Dragron and Feissel 1987: 90) or the 3rd century AD (Robert 1977: 88. GRA II no. 437).

Maybe the association of porters in the grain-market is identical with the *synergion* of the servants (*therapontes*) of Demeter, known from an honorary epigram for Himerios in Tarsos (see [CAPInv. 1013](#)), cf. Broughton 1938: 57, n. 3. Robert 1977: 93. Ziegler 1985: 146.

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

The name of the association, the presence of officials and the documented activity suggest a private association.

ii. Historical authenticity

Certain