

CAPInv. 809: *hoi syngeneis*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Hierokaisareia

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ συγγενεῖς (TAM V.2 1256)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi syngeneis</i>

III. DATE

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

ii. Name elements	Kinship-related:	<i>syngeneia</i>
iii. Descriptive terms	<i>syngeneis</i>	
Note	For the meaning of this term as 'members of a syngeneia' cf. comment to TAM V.2 1256.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM V.2 1256 (ii AD)
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Cult dedication. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Altar with decoration of a garland and two ram heads; between line 7 and 8 of the inscription, representation of a crown

ii. **Source(s) provenance** Found near Akseleudi (Hierokaisareia)

VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

ii. **References to buildings/objects** Reference to the inscribed altar (TAM V.2 1256, l. 6)

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. **Officials** hierophantes, 'the one who shows the sacred objects' was the main priest and the one who accomplished the initiation rites in the mystery cults of Demeter and Dionysos.

Eponymous officials TAM V.2 1256, ll. 1-3: ἐπὶ ἱεροφάντου / Ἀρτεμιδώρου τοῦ Ἀπολλωνίου, *epi hierophántou Artemidorou tou Apolloniou*, 'being hierophantes Artemidoros son of Apollonios'.

viii. **Obligations** Two members of the association dedicated an altar with their own resources (TAM V.2 1256, ll. 7-8), but it is not stated if it is an obligation.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. **Number** Two members besides the hierophantes are attested (TAM V.2 1256 ll. 1-5)

ii. **Gender** Men

Note The attested members are men

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. **Worship** An altar is dedicated to the god of the *syngeneia*

Deities worshipped Dionysos *Erikepaios*

XI. INTERACTION

i. **Local interaction** If this association is related to the cult of Dionysos attested in TAM V.2 1247 (cf. XII.i.) it has interaction with the city cults.

XII. NOTES

i. **Comments** This association may be related to the cult of Dionysos otherwise attested in *Hierokaisareia* through a dedication of an altar to the city made by a priest of the god (TAM V.2 1247; de Hoz 1999: no. 15.4).

iii. Bibliography

de Hoz, M.-P. (1999), *Die Lydischen Kulte im Lichte der griechischen Inschriften*. Bonn: no. 15.5.
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Körte, A. (1902), *Inscriptiones Bureschianae*. Greifswald: 13, no. 14.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Dionysos associations are private though many of them have an important public sphere.