

CAPInv. 841: to koinon ton syngonon

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Greece with the Ionian Islands
ii. Region	Epirus (Chaonia)
iii. Site	Salar i Sipërm near Tepelenë (modern toponym)

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	τὸ κοινὸν τῶν συγγόνων (SEG 24: 474, ll. 6-7)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>to koinon ton syngonon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	iii / ii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Kinship-related:	The association is self-identified as the 'group of relatives'.
iii. Descriptive terms	κοινόν, <i>koinon</i>	
Note	<i>koinon</i> : SEG 24: 473, l. 6	
	It is perhaps noteworthy that both associations securely attested in Epirus (cf. CAPInv. 842) use the very term, <i>koinon</i> , used by the Epirote state and its subdivisions.	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	SEG 24: 474 (l. iii - e. ii BC)
Online Resources	SEG 24: 474
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Dedication in Greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Crowned stele with relief of a taurus
ii. Source(s) provenance	Found reused on a Muslim monument at (mod.) Salar i Sipërm, to the north-west of Tepelenë (modern toponym) in ancient Chaonia, at the northwestern borders of Epirus.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	The members are called <i>σύγγονοι</i> , <i>syngonoi</i> , "relatives". The term is poetic and rarely used in epigraphic prose.
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

i. Number	Four persons are named besides the <i>koinon</i> as dedicants of the monument.
ii. Gender	Men
Note	All four persons identified by name are men.
v. Relations	Kleomachos son of Nikanos, Filisstos son of Lykotas and Nikanos son of Filisstos are obviously related, as expected in a kinship-based collectivity.

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	On the basis of the dedication to Poseidon, it is possible to suppose worship by the group. On the cult of Poseidon in Epirus, see Franke 1961: 290-4.
Deities worshipped	Poseidon

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Franke, P.R. (1961), <i>Die antiken Münzen von Epirus</i> . Wiesbaden: 291-2 and pl. 57.1. Poland, F. (1909), <i>Geschichte des griechischen Vereinswesens</i> . Leipzig.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	There is nothing to suggest that the <i>koinon ton syngonon</i> was in any way different from other private associations of extended families or of descendants of a particular person known from other parts of the Greek world (cf. Poland 1909: 87-8).