

CAPInv. GR-71: *ethne tes Themistou meridos*

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Arsinoites (00)

II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a. Full reference (original language)	ἔθνη τῆς Θεμίστου μερίδος (Chrest.Wilck. 262, recto ll. 1-3)
i.b. Full reference (transliterated)	<i>ethne tes Themistou meridos</i>
ii. Reference context	A man, Apollonios, is defined as being responsible for the collection of the police-tax for <i>ethne</i> and <i>ergasteria</i> of the Themistou meris of the Arsinoite for the 25th regnal year (of Ptolemy III, i.e. 223/4 BC): παρ' Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ ἐξειληφότος τὸ φυ(λακτικὸν) ἔθινῶν (l. ἔθνῶν) καὶ ἐργαστηρίων τῆς Θεμίστου μερίδος εἰς τὸ κε (ἔτος), <i>par' Apolloniou tou exeilephotos to phylakitikon ethnon kai ergasterion tes Themistou meridos eis to 25 etos</i> (ll. 1-3). The man wrote a petition to the <i>oikonomos</i> against his colleague in the tax-farming who allegedly made agreements with those liable to the police-tax for a lower rate, thus damaging the contractors.

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	223 BC
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IV. TERMINOLOGY

i. Descriptive terms	ἔθνη, <i>ethne</i>
Note	<i>Ethne</i> : Chrest.Wilck. 262 recto l. 2, verso col. I l. 3, col. II l. 11.

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Chrest.Wilck. 262 (223/4BC)
Note	Other editions: P.Petr. III 32 f
Online Resources	Chrest.Wilck. 262 TM 7426
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Greek petition to the <i>oikonomos</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Papyrus.
ii. Source(s) provenance	The papyrus was found in Gurob (Arsinoites).

IX. EVALUATION

i. Private associations	Possible
Note	Given the fact that the <i>ethne</i> here are paired with <i>ergasteria</i> 'factories' for the exaction of the police-tax, it is possible that the term indicates private associations gathering together professional of specific crafts. However, it is also possible that it refers to generic professional groups as tax-categories.