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Introduction

Since the publication of *Athenian Propertied Families* in 1971 there have been many developments in the study of Athenian history and a major increase in prosopographic information. A project to produce a second edition of *APF*, to be published by Oxford University Press, has begun at the University of Liverpool, and in December 1994 a mini-conference was held to provide a forum for opinions and recommendations about the revision of the first edition.

Following extensive discussion at the mini-conference, and a number of written comments from other colleagues both in the UK and abroad, we are now in a position to present an outline of how the second edition will be organised.

Content

To the criteria for qualification as a member of the Athenian propertied class will be added service in the cavalry. The publication by Braun, in 1971, and Kroll, in 1977, of cavalry tokens discovered in the Kerameikos and Agora of Athens respectively has presented a large body of prosopographic evidence, much of which dates after 300 B.C.¹ It has been assumed that the level of wealth required to serve as a cavalryman remained in the third century at the same sort of levels as it had been in the fourth century.²

The chronological limits of the second edition will be adjusted from 600–300 to 600–200 B.C., justified not least by the addition of the new qualifying criterion.

The extension of the register to 200 B.C. will also demand that the *agonothetai*, who replaced the performers of festival liturgies of the Classical period, are included in the register.

The entries for major individuals will be expanded. The policy of the first edition was to limit the entries to genealogical details and information related to financial standing. The new edition will attempt to be exhaustive in referring to the ancient sources, and provide more information about the careers of major individuals, giving a concise summary of the individual in a similar way to Kirchner in the *Prosopographia Attica*.

¹ K. Braun, "Der Dipylon-Brunnen B₁: Die Funde", *Ath. Mitt.* 85, 1970, 126–269; J. H. Kroll, "An Archive of the Athenian Cavalry", *Hesperia* 46, 1977, 83–140.

² See e.g., G. Bugh, *The Horsemen of Athens*, New Jersey, 1988, 186: "It is probably true that many of the 200 *hippeis* . . . approximated those propertied families of Athens who had legitimate equestrian traditions."

Format

Whereas in the first edition the Greek alphabet was used for lemmata, in the second edition the Roman alphabet will be used: all names and Greek words will be transliterated to allow greater accessibility to the new edition.³ Entries will therefore be arranged A–Z.

All individuals will be included in the second edition with new primary reference identifiers which will be the number found in *Lexicon of Greek Personal Names II*. However, *P. A.* numbers, which were used for the compilation of the first edition, will continue to be given in recognition of the utility of Kirchner's *Prosopographia Attica* and of the fact that the *P. A.* identifiers have been so widely used.

All epigraphic references will be updated, so that for example inscriptions from *IG I³* will replace the *IG I²* numbers, and the most recent *SEG* references will be used.

Indices

The first edition contained 51 pages of indices, the bulk of which consisted of the 'Check List' of the 779 men directly attested as liturgy performers. The new edition will contain a far more detailed 'General Index'. Individuals will be traceable through the Index when they are mentioned outside of their own lemma. Numerous tables and lists will be provided: among the topics to be isolated are religion: priesthoods, cult membership; membership of groups: phratries and *gene*, for example; military officials and service; property: ownership, distribution. We would be pleased to consider any further suggestions or requests for similar topics and headings which could be included in the 'Indices'.

Size

The extensive expansion required by the adjustments outlined above demands that the second edition will be published as two volumes. The changes from the first edition will involve the re-writing of the Introduction. Attention will be paid to making the function and uses of *APF* more explicit and more background material will be provided to establish the context in which the Register has been compiled.

The second edition will be arranged so that Volume I will contain the Introduction and the Register (A–K) and Volume II, the Register (L–Z) and the Indices.

Long term plans

We hope to complete research and the revision over the next two years, with publication in 1998. Once the second edition has been completed, a computerised version of *Athenian*

³ Robert Develin in *Athenian Officials 684–321 B.C.*, Cambridge, 1989, was criticised for this practice, but the advantages of transliteration outweigh the disadvantages of retaining the Greek alphabet (which is becoming less widely taught).

Propertied Families will be developed, although format is not yet decided. The computer database will be updated on a regular basis every year, for which Professor J. K. Davies will be responsible.

Conclusion

Many thanks are to be extended to those who attended the mini-conference in Liverpool, in December 1994, and to all who have corresponded with us. We will be pleased to accept inquiries, requests and contributions of information – corrections and revisions – for the second edition in the hope that *APF*² will meet the variety of interests and concerns of the academic community.

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