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IG II² 2181 + 1028

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The fragmentary inscription illustrated on the left is IG II² 2181 (EM 4167); it was first published by J. Kirchner in the second edition of *Inscriptiones Graecae*. He dated it to the second century after Christ (“s. II p.”) and identified it correctly as part of a catalog of epebes. I recently came across a squeeze of this piece and at once recognized the writing as that of the Cutter of IG II² 1028.¹ Kirchner was a master at dating Athenian inscriptions by letter-style. Therefore, it came as something of a surprise to realize that his date was at least two centuries too late, for this cutter was active at the end of the second and the beginning of the first century B.C. I also immediately recognized that this fragment in fact was to be associated with the large epebic stele published as IG II² 1028.² This inscription praises the epebes of the year 101/100. Study of the published editions

soon revealed that IG II² 2181 joined IG II² 1028 in column II of the register of names at lines 180 (116) and following. I have now been able to confirm the join in Athens.³

Kirchner’s editio princeps of IG II² 2181 was accurate except that he failed to record the letters eta sigma that appear at the end of a column to the left of and opposite his line 5 (line 146 [120] of IG II² 1028). The text of the lines affected by the join follows [Letters in bold-face are preserved on IG II² 2181]:

142	[Ἡρ]όδικος Χαριδήμου Κ(η)φισιεύς Ἡρακλείδης Ἡρακλείδου ἐκ Κηδῶν Ἀσκληπιάδης Μνησίου [Κηφ]ισιεύς	180	Θ έρσων Θέρσωνος Κεφα[λ]ῆθεν Φ ιλόξενος Ἀριστόνου Σ[φ]ήττιος Θ εόδωρος Θεοδώρου Χ[ο]λαργεύς
145	Αἰγείδος Θεόδωρος Θεοδώρου [ἐκ] Μυρινούττης Ξένων Ἐρμαγόρου Ἴωνίδης	183	Δ ιονύσιος Ἐργοχάρου ἐκ Κεραμέων Ζ ώπ[υ]ρος Εὐθυμάχου ἐκ Κεραμέων Δ ίφιλ[ο]ς Ἀρ[α]τογένου Κικυννεύς
148	Θράσων Καλλιφάνου Ὀτρυνεύς Ἀλέξανδρος Ἀρχιδάμου Ἐρχιε[ύς]	186	Θ [[ερσ]]ί[α]ς Ἀριστοφάνου Χολαργεύς Ο [ί]ν[ε]ίδος

Concerning the newly-joined fragment – just the bottoms of the dotted letters in lines 181, 185, and 186 (II 117, 121, and 122) appear at the edge of the break. The epebes now known in lines 184 to 186 (II 120 to 122) are not, so far as I can ascertain, attested elsewhere. The *nomen* Zopyros is attested once in the deme Kerameis.⁴ The names Diphilos and Thersias are new to their demes. Indeed, the personal

¹ This was made possible through the kindness of Professors Paula Perlman and Lisa Kallet, colleagues at the University of Texas at Austin, who arranged for me to consult the squeezes of O. W. Reinmuth and B. D. Meritt housed there in the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. For a description of the hand of the cutter and a complete list of his inscriptions, see Tracy, *Attic Letter-Cutters of 229 to 86 B.C.*, Berkeley 1990, 181–186.

² For a recent edition with a number of new fragments, see Tracy, *The Lettering of an Athenian Mason*, *Hesperia* Suppl. 15, Princeton 1975, 32–48. I use the line numbers of this edition and add in parentheses the IG line numbers.

³ It is a pleasure to record here my thanks to Charalambos Kritzas and his staff at the Epigraphical Museum for enabling me to test the join.

⁴ S. Koumanoudes, *ΑΤΤΙΚΗΣ ΕΠΙΓΡΑΦΑΙ ΕΠΙΤΥΜΒΙΟΙ*, Athens 1871, no. 604. W. Peek, *MDAIA* 67, 1942, 185 n., affirms, correctly it seems, that this text is not identical with IG II² 11542.

name Thersias in line 186 is quite rare, being attested just twice in texts dated to the second half of the fourth century B.C. The individuals in question came respectively from the demes Pergase and Phrearrhioi.⁵

The Euthymachos, son of Ergochares, of Kerameis, who served as priest of Sarapis on Delos during the year 128/7,⁶ is probably a relative, perhaps the father or uncle, of Zopyros, son of Euthymachos, of Kerameis, the ephebe listed in line 184. More distantly related will be Euthymachos, son of Ergochares, of Kerameis, who is known to have been chairman of the *proedroi* during the year 189/8 B.C.⁷ and also to have served as undersecretary and then secretary of the *Boule* around the year 185 B.C.⁸

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⁵ *IG* II² 2401 line 12; *IG* XII.8 47 line 14.

⁶ *ID* 2044, 2143–2145, 2610 line 14.

⁷ *IG* II² 978 lines 7–8.

⁸ B. D. Meritt and J. S. Traill, *The Athenian Agora XV, Inscriptions, The Athenian Councillors*, Princeton 1974, nos. 168 lines 39–40, 170 line 11.