

## Athens. Accounts of the Poletai: Selling of a Confiscated Property at Athens and Leasing of the Laurion Mines

**Description:** intact stele of Pentelic marble (dimensions: h:0.922 m w:0.36-0.404 m d:0.097-0.132 m ); it is crowned with a flat-topped moulding on the curved surface of which there is a painted band of egg and dart.

**Layout:** stoichedon (39 letters)

**Letters:** Attic-Ionic, retaining the old *o* for *ou* (four times he wrote *Νάπηι*, twice *Νάπει*); inconsistent use of interpuncts and abbreviations by curtailment

**Origin:** Athenian Agora

**Dating:** 367/6 BC (see l. 1 ἐπὶ Πολυζήλῳ ἄρχοντος)

**Findspot:** found in Athens, on May 25, 1938, beneath the floor of the Tholos in filling of the late 4th and early 3rd centuries BC

**Current location:** Museum of the Ancient Agora, Athens, inv. no. I 5509

**Reference Edition:** M.K. Langdon, *Agora XIX P5* with slight modifications

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**Photographs:** Crosby 1941, 15; *Agora XIX*, pl. 8

**Bibliography:** Thompson 1940, 59-60 (for the findspot); Young 1941, 28-30; Crosby 1950, 189-297; Fine 1951, 150-153; Finley 1952, 111-113 et alibi; Finley, 1953, 473-491; Hopper 1953, 200-254; Hopper 1961, 138-151; Eliot 1962, 92-99; M. Guarducci, , *EG* II, 206-211; Austin, Vidal-Naquet 1982, 301-306, no. 95 (Italian translation by M. Menghi, revised by B. Bravo); Osborne 1985, 5-6, 52, 112-115; Ito 1986, 453-461; Kalcyk 1986, 463-468; Hallof 1990, 406-426; Davies 1994, 201-212; Langdon 1994, 253-265; Ustinova 1996, 240; Aperghis 1997-1998, 1-20; Oliver 2000, 61-65; Migeotte 2003a, 100-101 (Italian translation by U. Fantasia); Kakavoyannis 2005; Harris 2006, 163-206 (or. published in Harris 1988, 351-381); Papazarkadas 2011, 165 n. 12, 201; Schneider 2012, 55-68

Ἐπὶ Πολυζήλῳ ἄρχοντος πωληταί  
Πολύευκτος Λαμπτρεύς, Δεινίας Ἐρχιεύς, Θεαῖος  
Παιανιεύς, Θεότιμος Φρεάρριος, Ἀριστογένης Ἰφ-  
ιστιάδης, Γλαύκων Λακιάδης, Κηφισοκλέης Πειρα-  
5 ιεύς, Νικοκλέης Άναφλύστιος, οῖς Ἐξήκεστος Κοθ-  
ωκίδης ἐγραμμάτευεν, τάδε ἀπέδοντο παραλαβόν-  
τες παρὰ τῶν ἔνδεκα Φαίακος Ἀφιδναίο καὶ συναρ-  
χόντων· Μονιχιῶνος δεκάτηι ἴσταμένο, Θεόμνηστ-  
ος Δεισιθέο Ἰωνίδης ἀπέγραψεν Θεοσέβος τοῦ Θε-  
10 οφίλο Συπεταιόνος οἰκίαν Ἄλωπεκῆσιν δημοσία-  
ν εἶναι, ἦι γείτων βορρᾶ(θεν).· ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδάλειον  
φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον νοτόθεν· Φίλιππος Ἅγ-  
ρυλῆ(θεν), ἀλόντος Θεοσέβος ἱεροσυλίας καὶ οὐχ ὑπομ-  
είναντος τὴν κρίσιν· ὅσωι πλείονος ἀξίᾳ ἥ ύπτοκε-

- 15 ιται Σμικύθωι Τειθρασίωι: Η<sup>Ρ</sup> δραχμῶν, κλητῆρ(ες) Δι-  
ογείτων Ἀλωπεκῆθεν, Φιλοίτιος Ἰωνίδης· Κιχωνί-  
δης Διογείτονος Γαργήτ(τιος) καὶ κοινὸν φρατέρων Με-  
δοντιδῶν ἐνεπησκήψατο ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἔαυτῶι κ-  
αὶ τοῖς φράτεροι ἐν τῇ οἰκίαι τῇ Ἀλωπεκῆσι Η δ-  
20 ραχμάς, ἦν ἀπέγραψεν Θεόμνηστος Ἰωνί(δης) Θεοσέβος  
εἶναι Ζυπετα(ιόνος) ἦι γείτων βορρᾶ(θεν) ἡ ὄδος ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδά-  
λε<ι>ον φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον, νοτόθεν Φίλιππ-  
ος Ἀγρυλῆ(θεν), «ἀποδομένο ἐμο<ι> καὶ τοῖς φράτεροιν τὴ-  
ν οἰκίαν ταύτην Θεοφίλου Ζυπε(ταιόνος): τῷ πατρὸς τοῦ Θεο-  
25 σέβοις»· ἔδοξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. "Ισαρχος Φίλωνος Ζυπ-  
ε{;} ται(όνος): ἀμφισβητεῖ ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἔαυτῶι ἐν τῇ οἰ-  
κίαι τῇ Ἀλωπεκῆσι ἦν ἀπέγραψεν Θεόμνηστος Δε-  
ισιθέο Ἰωνίδης, «θάψαντος ἐμῷ Θεόφιλον ὃ ἦν ἡ οἰκ-  
ία καὶ τὴν γυναικα τὴν Θεοφίλο» ΔΔΔ: δραχμάς. ἔδοξ-  
30 εν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. Αἰσχίνης Μελιτε<ὺς> καὶ κοινὸν ὀ-  
ργεώνων ἐνεπεσκήψαντο ἐν τῇ οἰκίαι ἦν ἀπέγραψ-  
εν Θεόμνηστος Ἰωνίδης ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἔαυτοῖς:  
ΔΔΗΗΗ δραχμάς, «πριαμένων ἡμῶν τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτ-  
ην παρὰ Θεοφίλου τούτο τοῦ ἀργυρίο ἐπὶ λύσει». ἔδ-  
35 οξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. ὠνητής Λυσανίας Παλαθίωνο-  
ς Λακι(άδης) Η<sup>Ρ</sup>ΔΔΓ τούτο τὴν προκαταβολὴν τὸ πέμπτον  
μέρος ἔχει ἡ πόλις καὶ τὰ ἐπώνια καὶ τὰ κηρύκεια  
καὶ Σμίκυθος Τειθράσιος τὰς πεντήκοντα καὶ ἔκ  
ατόν· ἀθρόον κατὰ τὴν ἀπογραφήν. (vac. )  
(vac. )
- 40 μέταλλα ἐπράθη ἐπὶ τῆς Ἰπποθωντίδος πρώτης, Δε-  
ξιακὸν ἐν Νάπει ἐπὶ Σκοπιάι, ὡι γεί(των) πανταχόθεν Ν-  
ικίας Κυδαν(τίδης), ὠνη(τής) Καλλίας Σφήττι(ος) ΔΔ: Διακὸν ἐπὶ Λα-  
νυρείωι, ὡι γεί(των): πρὸς ἥλιο ἀνιόντος τὰ χωρία τὰ Ἐξω-  
πίου, δυομένο τὸ ὄρος, ὠνη(τής) Ἐπιτέλης ἐκ Κερα(μέων) ΔΔ· ἐπὶ  
45 Σουνίωι ἐν τοῖς Χαρμύλο παίδων, ὡι γεί(των): βορρᾶ(θεν) Κλε-  
όκριτος Αἰγι(λιεύς), νοτό(θεν): Λεύκιος Σουνι(εύς), ὠνη(τής): Φείδιππος  
Πιθεὺς ΔΔ: Ποσειδωνιακὸν ἐν Νάπηι τῶν ἐκ τῆς στή-  
λης ἐν τοῖς Ἀλυπήτου, ὡι γεί(των) Καλλίας Σφήττι(ος) καὶ Δ-  
ιοκλέης Πιθεύς, ὠνητής Θρασύλοχο<ι> Ἀναγυρά(σιος): ΧΗ<sup>Ρ</sup>  
50 Άγνοσιακὸν τῶν ἐκ τῆς <σ>τήλης, ὠνη(τής): Τελέσαρχος Αἰξ-  
ω(νεύς): ΧΗ<sup>Ρ</sup> Αρτεμισιακὸν τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης ὠνη(τής): Θρασύλ-  
οχος Άναγυρά(σιος): Η<sup>Ρ</sup> ἐπὶ τῆς Ἀντιοχίδος δευτέρας ἐπ-  
ὶ Λαυρείωι αὐτὸ καὶ τὰς κατατομάς, ὡι γεί(των): βορρᾶ(θεν) Δ-  
ιοπείθης Εύωνυ(μεύς): καὶ Δημοστράτο κάμινος Κυθηρ(ρίο), ν-  
55 οτό(θεν) τὸ Διοπείθος ἐργαστήριον καὶ ἡ ὄδος ἡ ἀμαξι-  
κὴ καὶ ἡ χαράδρα ἡ Θορικίων: ὠνη(τής): Κηφισόδοτος Αἰθ-  
α(λίδης) ΔΔ: Δημητριακὸν ἐν τοῖς Τιμησίου ἐν Νάπηι, ὡι γε-

ί(των):Νικίας Κυδαν(τίδης):νοτό(θεν) Διοκλέης Πιθεύς, ώνη(τής) Δήμων Ἀ-  
γρυ(λῆθεν):ΔΔ:ἐν Μαρωνέαι Ἐρμαϊκόν, ω̄ γεί(των) Διοφάνης Σου-  
60 νι(εὺς):ώνη(τής):Φιλίνος Σουνι(εὺς):ΔΔ:ἐπὶ τῆς Οἰνείδος τρίτης,  
ἐπ[ι] Λαυρείωι Θεογνίδειον ἐκ τῆς στήλης, ω̄ γεί(των) τ-  
ὸ Ἐξωπίο χωρίον, ώνη(τής):Καλλίας Λαμπτρ(εὺς) Π̄ ἐπὶ τῆς Κεκ-  
ροπίδος τετάρτης, ἐπὶ Σουνί<ω>ι ἐν Νάπει Πυρρεί-  
ον, ω̄ γεί(των) πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος):Καλλίας Ἀλωπ(εκῆθεν), δυομέ(νο) Νικ-  
65 ίας Κυδαν(τίδης), ώνη(τής) Καλλίας Σφήτ(τιος) ΔΔ:Θορικοῦ Ἀρχηγέτε-  
ιον ἐν τοῖς Δημοφίλου, ω̄ γεί(των):Βορρᾶ(θεν):καὶ νοτό(θεν) Δημό-  
φιλος, ώνη(τής) Κηφισοφῶν Συβρί(δης) ΔΔ:ἐν Νάπηι ἐν τοῖς χω-  
ρίοις τῆς Χαρμύλο[.. ? ..]η γυναικός, ω̄ γεί(των):τὸ χωρίον τ-  
ῆς γυνα<ι>κὸς τῆς Ἀλυπήτο, βορρᾶ(θεν) Τελέσων Σο<υ>νι(εὺς):πρὸ-  
70 σ ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος):χωρίον Τελέσωνος Σουνι(εύς), δυομένο Ἐπ-  
ικράτης Παλλη(νεὺς):ώνη(τής):Ἐπικλέης Σφήτ(τιος):ΔΔ:ἐπὶ τῆς Αἰγη-  
ίδος πέμπτης, Ἀρχηγέτειον καὶ τὰς κατατομάς, στ-  
ήλην οὐκ ἔχον, Βήσησιν ἐν τοῖς Κηφισοδότο καὶ Κα-  
λλίο, ω̄ γεί(των) πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος):Καλλίο Λαμπ(τρέος):πύργος κ-  
75 αὶ οἰκία, βορρᾶ(θεν):τὸ{ι} Κηφισοδότου ἐργαστή(ριον):νοτό(θεν) τὸ Ἀ-  
ρχηγέτειον, ώνη(τής):Κηφισόδοτος Αἰθα(λίδης):ΔΔ:ἐπὶ τῆς Λεω-  
ντίδος ἐβδόμηρ, ἐπὶ Σουνίωι ἐπὶ Θρασύμωα Κεραμ-  
εικόν, ω̄ γεί(των):Διοπείθης Εύωνυ(μεὺς):ώνη(τής) Ἀλεξίμαχος Πή-  
ληξ:ΔΔ:ἐπὶ Σουνίωι ἐν Νάπηι ἐν τοῖς Χαρμύλο παίδ-  
80 ων, ω̄ γεί(των) βορρᾶ(θεν):Πύρρακος Αἰγι(λιεύς):νοτό(θεν):Λεύκιος Σουν(ιεύς),  
ώνη(τής):Φείδιππος Πιθεύς:ΔΔ:ἐπὶ τῆς Ἐρεχθείδος ἐνά  
της, ἐπὶ Σουνίωι τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης Λευκίππειον Β-  
ήσησι, ώνη(τής) Χαιρέδημος Ἀγνού(σιος):ΗΠ̄ (vac. )

**Translation:**

In the archonship of Polyzelos the poletai Polyeuctus of Lamptrae, Deinias of Erchia, Theaeus of Paeania, Theotimus of Phrarrhii, Aristogenes of Iphistiadae, Glaucon of Lakiadae, Kephisocles of Piraeus, and Nicocles of Anaphlystus, to whom Exekestos of Kothokidae was secretary (*οἵς Ἐξήκεστος Κοθωκίδης ἐγραμμάτευεν*), sold the following (τάδε ἀπέδοντο), having taken them over from the Eleven - Phaeax of Aphidna and his fellow magistrates (*παραλαβόντες παρὰ τῶν ἔνδεκα Φαίακος Ἀφιδναίος καὶ συναρχόντων*).

At the beginning of Mounichion, on the 10th (*Μονιχιῶνος δεκάτη ίσταμένο*), Theomnestus son of Deisitheos of Ionidae registered as public property (*ἀπέγραψεν ... δημοσίαν εἶναι*) the house of Theosebes son of Theophilus of Xypete at Alopeke, of which the neighbours (*οἰκίαν ... ἥ γείτων*) are, on the north (*βορρᾶ*), the road leading to the sanctuary of Daedalus and the sanctuary of Daedalus (*ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδάλειον φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον*), and, on the south (*νοτόθεν*), Philippus of Agryle, having Theosebes been convicted of theft of sacred property (*ἀλόντος Θεοσέβος ἱεροσύλιας*) and having not awaited judgement (*καὶ οὐχ ὑπομείναντος τὴν κρίσιν*). The amount (is) larger than the money pledged as security by Smikythus, that is 150 drachmas (*ὅσῳ πλέονος ἀξίᾳ ἡ ὑπόκειται Σμικύθωι Τειθρασίωι: ΗΠ̄ : δραχμῶν*). Witnesses to the registration (*κλητῆρ(ες)*): Diogeiton of Alopeke and Philoetius of Ionidae.

Kichonides son of Diogeiton of Gargettus and the group (*κοινόν*) of the phrateres of the Medontidae put in a prior claim (*ἐνεπησκήψατο*) that there was a debt of 100 drachmas to himself and the members of the phratry on the house at Alopeke (*ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἔαυτῷ καὶ τοῖς φράτεροι ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ τῇ Αλωπεκῆσι Η δραχμάς*) which Theomnestus of Ionidae registered as public property, on the grounds that it was the property of Theosebes of Xypete of which the neighbours were on the north, the road leading to the sanctuary of Daedalus and the sanctuary of Daedalus, and, on the south, Philippus of Agryle, «Theophilus of Xypete, the father of Theosebes, having sold on condition of release this house (*ἀποδομένο ... τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτην*) to me and to the members of

the phratry». It was decided that the debt was owed (*ξδοξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι*).

Isarchus son of Philo of Xypete claims a debt of 30 drachmas owing to him on the house at Alopeke (*ἀμφισβητεῖ ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἔαυτῶι ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ τῇ Ἀλωπεκῆσι*) that Theomnestus son of Deisitheus of Ionidae registered as public property, «since I buried (*θάψαντος ἐμός*) Theophilus, to whom the house belonged (*δὴν ἡ οἰκία*), and the wife of Theophilus». It was decided that the debt was owed.

Aeschines of Melite and the group (*κοινόν*) of orgeones put in a prior claim (*ἐνεπεσκήψαντο*) on the house that Theomnestus of Ionidae registered as public property that a debt was owing to them of 24 drachmas, «since we bought this house on condition of release from Theophilus for this money (*πριαμένων ήμῶν τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτην παρὰ Θεοφίλου τούτο τοῦ ἀργυρίο ἐπὶ λύσει*)». It was decided that the debt was owed.

Purchaser: Lysanias son of Palathion of Lakiadae for 575 drachmas. Of this the city has the fifth part (*τούτο ... τὸ πέμπτον μέρος ἔχει ἡ πόλις*) as deposit (*τὴν προκαταβολήν*) along with the sales tax and herald's fee (*καὶ τὰ ἐπώνια καὶ τὰ κηρύκεια*), and Smicythus of Teithras has the 150 drachmas. In one payment in accordance with the registration (*ἀθρόον κατὰ τὴν ἀπογραφήν*).

Mines sold (*μέταλλα ἐπράθη*) during the first (prytany), of Hippothontis: 1) Dexiakon at Skopia in Nape, the neighbour of which on all sides (*πανταχόθεν*) is Nicias of Kydantidae, purchaser: Kallias of Sphettus, 20 drachmas; 2) Diakon at Laurion, the neighbour of which, to the east (*πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόντος*), is the land (*τὰ χωρία*) of Exopius, to the west (*δινομένο*), the mountain (*τὸ ὄρος*), purchaser: Epiteles from Kerameis, 20 drachmas; 3) at Sounion on the property of the sons of Charmylus, the neighbour of which, on the north, is Kleokritus of Aigilia, on the south, Leukios of Sounion, purchaser: Pheidippus of Pithos, 20 drachmas; 4) Poseidoniakon in Nape, (one) of those on the stele (*τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης*), on the property of Alypetus, the neighbours of which are Kallias of Sphettus and Diocles of Pithos, purchaser: Thrasylchos of Anagyrous, 1550 drachmas; 5) Hagnosiakon, (one) of those on the stele, purchaser: Telesarchus of Aixone, 1550 drachmas; 6) Artemisiakon, (one) of those on the stele, purchaser: Thrasylchos of Anagyrous, 150 drachmas.

During the second prytany, of Antiochis: 7) at Laurion (the mine) itself and the cuttings (*αὐτὸ καὶ τὰς κατατομάς*), the neighbour of which, on the north, Diopeithes of Euonymon and the furnace (*κάμινος*) of Demostratus of Kytherus, on the south, the workshop (*ἔργαστήριον*) of Diopeithes and the wagon road (*όδὸς ἡ ἀμαξική*) and the torrent (*χαράδρα*) of the Thorikians, purchaser: Kephisodotus of Aethalidae, 20 drachmas; 8) Demetriakon on the property of Timesius in Nape, the neighbour of which is Nicias of Kydantidae, on the south, Diocles of Pithos, purchaser: Demon of Agryle, 20 drachmas; 9) at Maroneia Hermaikon, the neighbour of which is Diophanes of Sounion, purchaser: Philinus of Sounion, 20 drachmas.

During the third prytany, of Oineis: 10) at Laurion the Theognideion, from the stele, the neighbour of which is the land of Exopius, purchaser: Kallias of Lamptrae, 50 drachmas.

During the fourth prytany, of Kecropis: 11) at Sounion in Nape Pyrrhieion, the neighbour of which, on the east, is Kallias of Alopeke, on the west, Nicias of Kydantidae, purchaser: Kallias of Sphettus, 20 drachmas; 12) at Thorikus the Archegeteion on the property of Demophilus, the neighbour of which, on the north and south, is Demophilus, purchaser: Kephisophon of Sybidae, 20 drachmas; 13) in Nape on the lands of the wife of Charmylus, the neighbour of which is the land of the wife of Alypetos, on the north, Teleson of Sounion, on the east, the land of Teleson of Sounion, on the west, Epikrates of Pallene, purchaser: Epikles of Sphettus, 20 drachmas.

During the fifth prytany, of Aigeis: 14) Archegeteion and the cuttings (*τὰς κατατομάς*), lacking a stele (*στήλην οὐκ ἔχον*), at Besa on the property of Kephisodotus and Kallias, the neighbour of which, on the east, is the tower and house (*πύργος καὶ οἰκία*) of Kallias of Lamptrae, on the north, the workshop of Kephisodotus, on the south, the shrine of the Archegetes (*τὸ Ἀρχηγέτειον*), purchaser: Kephisodotus of Aithaliadae, 20 drachmas.

During the seventh prytany, of Leontis: 15) at Sounion at Thrasymos Kerameikon, the neighbour of which is Diopeithes of Euonymon, purchaser: Aleximachos of Pelekes, 20 drachmas; 16) at Sounion in Nape on the property of the sons of Charmylus, the neighbour of which, on the north, is Pyrrhacus of Aegilia, on the south, Leukios of Sounion, purchaser: Pheidippus of Pithos, 20 drachmas.

During the ninth prytany, of Erechtheis: 17) at Sounion Leukippeion, (one) of those on the stele, at Besa, purchaser: Chaeredemus of Hagnous, 150 drachmas.

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