

A NEW FRAGMENT OF IG II² 1750

The fragment published here, Agora I 3970, was uncovered sixty-five years ago in the American excavations in the Athenian Agora. Because it preserves so little informative text, it has lain unpublished up to this time in the storerooms of the Stoa of Attalos in Athens. The text and a photograph (Fig. 1) are presented here because it has proved possible to place this fragment with the inscription from which it originated (Fig. 2).

The writing on the piece is quite large and elegant; the cutter was unusual in that he incised the guidelines.¹ During work several years ago among the squeezes at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton,² I made a mental note of this writing as it appeared on IG II² 1750. A few days later I came across the squeeze of Agora I 3970 and realized that I had seen the writing before. Hence the join and this brief note came about.

Fragment of whitish blue marble with the inscribed face and top preserved; otherwise broken. Found on April 6, 1936, in a late context west of the Post-Herulian Wall, which runs along the east edge of the market square (R–S 17). Parts of three lines of text with lightly incised guidelines are preserved.

1. Although I know of no published statistics, incised guidelines are quite rare in Attic inscriptions.

2. I am most indebted to Christian Habicht, Glen Bowersock, and Heinrich von Staden for making my study at the Institute possible.

3. For a text of this whole prytany list, see inscription no. 44 in B. D. Meritt and J. S. Traill, *The Athenian Agora XV: Inscriptions: The Athenian Councillors*, Princeton 1974. See, in addition, *SEG XXXIV* 128 for recent discussions of the arrangement of the list of councillors on this text (lines 4–80) and for the report of another fragment (still unpublished) that preserves, it seems, the crown from the upper left part of this inscription.

Agora I 3970
H. 0.124, W. 0.218, Th. 0.183 m. L.H. 0.011 m.

Fig. 1

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This fragment joins at the top of IG II² 1750, the prytany list of Antiochis of the year 334/3 B.C.³ It gives part of the three lines of the heading on fragment *a*. Fragment *a* (Fig. 2) consists of three joined fragments (EM 8966, 8967, 8968) that were discovered in 1851 on the west side of the Agora. They are now stored in the Epigraphical Museum in Athens. The present fragment was found on the opposite side of the square, to the south. In addition to Ktesikles, the name of the archon of 334/3, who has



Figure 1. Agora I 3970. Courtesy
Agora Excavations, American School of
Classical Studies at Athens

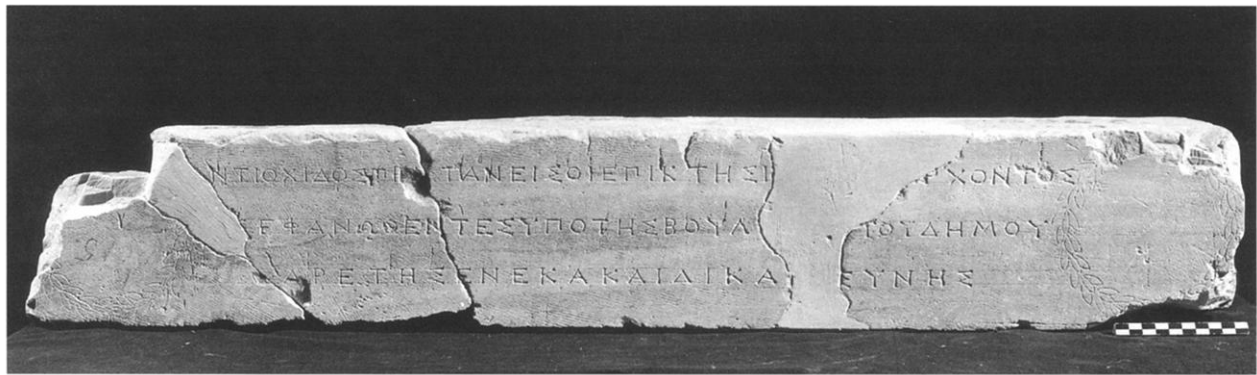


Figure 2. *IG II² 1750, fragment a.*
Courtesy Epigraphical Museum, Athens

been restored by all editors in line 1, other names were possible prior to the recovery of this fragment. Ktesiboulos, Ktesikrates, and Ktesiphon, for example, are all the correct length in the genitive case. The new fragment now completes the name and confirms the archon as Ktesikles. He is quite well attested (see, e.g., *IG II² 335, 1184, 1189, 1496, and 1524*).

[Α]ντιοχίδος πρυτάνεις οἱ ἐπὶ Κτησικλέους [ἄ]ρχοντος
[σ]τεφανωθέντες ὑπὸ τῆς βουλῆς **καὶ** τοῦ δήμου
ἀρετῆς ἔνεκα καὶ δικαιοσύνης

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