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Demetrios son of Artemon

Δημήτριος Ἀρτέμωνος

ID:	GED 05.01.887	Chronology:	About 200 BC 100 BC	Greek designation/s:	theoros
Name:	Demetrios	Place of Origin:	Eastern Mediterranean islands Aegean islands Samos	Role/s:	
Patronymic:	son of Artemon				
Ethnic/demotic:	Samian (Σάμιος)				
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General info

Inscriptions

I.Samothrace Theoroi 6

Honours

proxeny

Lexicon

paragignomai

Missions List

Samos to Samothrace, 2nd c. BC

Mission date

200 BC 100 BC

Greek Designation

theoros

Sender

Samos

Recipient

Samothrace

Envoy/Colleagues

GED 05.01.109 Aderitos, GED 05.01.887 Demetrios, GED 05.01.040 Thales



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Commentary

Demetrios son of Artemon, together with Aderitos son of Thersandros and Thales son of Herakleides, is a man mentioned in a list of *theoroi* (*I.Samothrace Theoroi* 6, 23) who paid an official visit to the shrine of the Great Gods in Samothrace, during the same unknown year. The eponymous *basileus* of this year in Samothrace is [—]x son of Athana[—], not attested elsewhere. The origin of this group of three *theoroi* was correctly restored as Samos by L. Robert (Robert 1935, pp. 487-488). The other delegations of *theoroi* came from Cos and Teos. All these men were rewarded with proxeny. To date *I.Samothrace Theoroi* 6 one has to rely mainly on palaeography: the shape especially of *deltas*, *ni*, *omicron*, and *pi* suggests that the text was inscribed in the mid-to-late Hellenistic period. For a man coming from a Ionian city, Demetrios son of Artemon is obviously a rather trivial combination of names. Nonetheless, Robert already wondered whether it could be the same Demetrios son of Artem[—] who took part in an *epidosis* in Samos (*IG XII 6*, 172 B l. 11). This can hardly be case, since the *epidosis* inscription is dated to the mid 3rd c. BC, a bit too early for the chronology of *I.Samothrace Theoroi* 6. On the other hand, a better candidate might be another Demetrios son of Artemon from Samos, who at the beginning of the 2nd c. won a javelin competition in the *neoi* age group (*IG XII 6*, 179 l. 6). Curiously enough, the gymnasiarch who supervised these competitions (l. 1) was named Thales son of Euclithon, natural son of Herak[leides]. It is therefore possible that the two, although of different ages, were part of the same embassy to Samothrace at a time after the competitions.

Bibliography

Robert, L. (1935), 'Inscriptions de Lesbos et Samos', *BCH* 59, 471-488 (= *OMS II*, 740-757).