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Σάων, "Αθαμβος and Other Names from LGPN III.B

The publication of volume III.B of the *Lexicon of Greek Personal Names* naturally will bring fresh attention to the rich variety of epichoric names preserved in the areas covered by it, namely central Greece from the Megarid to Thessaly. Attention on some characteristic local names has already being given in the past¹ as well as quite recently in the very interesting colloquium in honour of Peter Fraser, the publication of which coincided with that of the new volume of the *Lexicon*².

I. Boeotian names

Boeotian theophoric names have offered the ground for sound discussion in this colloquium and the conclusion that "Boeotia is the richest of all Greek regions in distinctive theophoric names, where the type of names based on cult titles or cult sites luxuriates"³ describes the situation acutely. I will mention only some of them: Γα-λαξίδωρος, from Apollo Galaxios, Όγχηστόδωρος, from the cult of Poseidon at Onchestos, Ώρωπόδορος, from the cult of Amphiaraos at Oropos, Εὐτρητίφαντος, from the oracle of Apollo at Eutresis⁴. Neighbouring areas have also provided similarly formed names attested in Boeotia as are the ᾿Αβαιόδωρος, ᾿Αβαιόκριτος, from Apollo of Abai in Phocis⁵.

To the names that are worth discussing there is something that we can add now; it is on the name of the Boeotian hero Saon from Akraiphnia, who was sent to Lebadeia to find the oracle of Trophonios and was taught by him (Paus. IX 40, 2). It is not surprising that the hero's name left its traces in the onomasticon of this area⁶. Another local hero homonymous to him is connected with a quite distant island, Samothrace, and the introduction of its inhabitants to a civilian life-style governed by laws; he was

¹ G. Neumann, De nominibus Boetorum propriis, 1908; E. Sittig, De Graecorum nominibus theophoris, Halle 1912; L. Robert, Etudes épigraphiques et philologiques, Paris 1938, 212.

² S. Hornblower and Elaine Matthews (eds.), *Greek Personal Names, their Value as Evidence*, Oxford 2000.

³ R. Parker, *Theophoric Names and the History of Greek Religion* in: Hornblower (supra n. 2), 55 and n. 11.

⁴ Ibid.; D. Knoepfler, Oropodoros: Anthroponymy, Geography, History in: Hornblower (supra n. 2), 81-98.

⁵ Ibid. 81. Another 'Aβαιόκρ[ιτος] is known from Rhamnous: B. Petrakos, Ο δήμος του Ραμνούντος, Athens 1999, II no 204. The ethnic of Abai 'Aβαι̂ος is attested as a personal name in Samothrace *IG* XII 8, 181 l. 16 and in a papyrus of the 2nd cent. B. C.: P.Tebt. III 856 line 46, PP IV 8833; it is also attested in Asia Minor in an inscription of the 3rd cent. A. D.: Studia Pontica III 212.

⁶ See below and also note Τροφωνιανός in Lebadeia LGPN III.B.

a son of either Zeus or Hermes (Diod. V 48, 1). Contrary to the Boeotian hero he has left no traces in the island, as far as anthroponyms are concerned, but certainly the naming of the high mountain of Samothrace, Saos, and of the island itself, known also as Saonnesos, was derived from his name⁷.

The popularity of the name $\Sigma \dot{\alpha} \omega v$, in Boeotia is manifested by its 49 entries in *LGPN* III.B; with the exception of only one entry from Thessaly they all come from Boeotia. The name is not unknown elsewhere; 11 entries come from the Peloponnese, one from Epirus, three from Euboia, one from Thera and also there is an uncertain attestation from Cyrenaica⁸. The name is also borne by a person originating from Akanthos (a colony of Andros) of the Hellenistic period⁹. Derived from it¹⁰ are the names $\Sigma \alpha \dot{\omega} v \delta \alpha \zeta$, six times in Boeotia and once in Athens and $\Sigma \alpha \omega v i \delta \alpha \zeta$ in the Peloponnese (3 times). The contracted form of the name, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} v$, is attested twice in Athens, where also names derived from it occur: $\Sigma \omega v \delta p i \delta_0 \zeta$ (3 times), $\Sigma \dot{\omega} v \delta p o \zeta$ (once), $\Sigma \dot{\omega} v \kappa o \zeta$ (10 times); $\Sigma \dot{\omega} v \delta p o \zeta$ is attested also in Amorgos and Crete (once in each), $\Sigma \dot{\omega} v \kappa o \zeta$ is relatively more frequent and more widely distributed (13 total, in Cyrenaica, Delos, Keos, Kos, Thasos, Aitolia, Elis and S. Italy)¹¹. A connection of the distribution of these names with the fame of the oracle of Lebadeia is likely enough; Pausanias' (IX 39, 2–14) detailed description of his visit to the site implies the importance of the oracle until at least the 2nd cent. A. D.

The first part of the same name, $\Sigma \alpha \omega$ -, found in some names in Boeotia is not connected with the name $\Sigma \dot{\alpha} \omega v$; it represents the uncontracted form (of the root $\Sigma \omega$), characteristic of the dialect of the area: $\Sigma \alpha \omega \sigma i \alpha \zeta$, $\Sigma \alpha \omega \sigma i \zeta$, $\Sigma \alpha \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma \zeta$ which coexist with $\Sigma \omega \sigma i \alpha \zeta$, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma$, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma$, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma \sigma i \chi \sigma$, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma \sigma i \chi \sigma$, $\Sigma \dot{\omega} \dot{\omega} \sigma i \chi \sigma i \chi \sigma i \chi \sigma i \chi \sigma \sigma i \chi \sigma i \chi$

The co-existence of names with or without dialectical characteristics in the same area is too broad a topic to be treated here and calls for a special examination in the future¹⁴.

II. Delphian names¹⁵

For someone studying names from the linguistic point of view the "discovery" and interpretation of rare or unique names is a great challenge and can lead to conclusions

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⁷ K. Fredrich, Samothrake, RE I A (1920) 2224-26.

⁸ LGPN III.A, LGPN I, SEG 9 (1938-44) 682.

⁹ A. S. Gow and D. L. Page, *The Greek Anthology. Hellenistic Epigrams*, Cambridge 1965, line 1231.

¹⁰ F. Bechtel, Die Historischen Personennamen, Halle 1917, 396.

¹¹ All referances are to *LGPN*; on the name $\Sigma \hat{\omega} v$ see S. N. Koumanoudes, Horos 4 (1986) 159 and A. P. Mathaiou, Horos 8/9 (1990/91) 181.

¹² LGPN III.B.

¹³ All references are to LGPN I, II, III.A.

¹⁴ Cf. the recent contribution on the subject by Anna Morpurgo Davies, *Personal Na*mes and Linguistic Continuity, in: Hornblower (supra n. 2), 25–39.

¹⁵ This is a part of a much broader study on the local names of Delphi that is still under preparation. For a recent contribution to this subject see P. M. Fraser, *Delphian Names*, in *Delphes, cent ans après la grande fouille*, BCH Suppl. 36 (2000) 141–147.

arising from the linguistic background of a region under examination as well as its history. The opposite phenomenon, the presence of very frequent names in one place, poses different problems which are very challenging for the historian. The study of LGPN III.B led me to notice two names in Delphi each one appearing 43 times in this volume of the Lexicon. The first name is "Αθαμβος, an epithet that means "imperturbable", "impassive", "fearless"; it is borne by 41 persons in Delphi, by one in Thespiai and another one in Lokris. It is not attested in any other place¹⁶. An inscription of Teos including this name is a decree of Delphi, confirming friendship with and asylia of Teos in 205/203 B. C.; a copy of it was also found in Delphi. where the same "A $\theta \alpha \mu \beta \alpha c$, also defined as a *bouleutes*, is known from two more inscriptions¹⁷. The attestations of the name range from the 4th to the late 1st cent. B. C. A name close to it, 'A $\theta \dot{\alpha} \mu \beta \eta \tau \sigma c$, is borne by a theoros in Thasos, of the 5th cent. B. C.; the name occurs also once in Eretria, once on Delos (3rd cent. B. C.) and once in Rome, borne by a slave $(1^{st}/2^{nd} \text{ cent. A. D.})^{18}$.

What does this almost exclusive presence of the name in Delphi mean? My first reaction was to think that it was an epithet of a god used as a name, as so often happens. However research showed that it had never been used as such and also that it is a word of great rarity¹⁹. It is well known that theophoric names are extremely frequent in every area where Greek was written. One of the most common is 'Απολλώνιος. which according to Elaine Matthews' recent communication now stands at 1284 and is still rising²⁰. The Apollonioi in this volume of the Lexicon are 101, not many compared to 532 of vol. I, 574 of vol II and 168 of III.A; only 10 come from Delphi. 'Aπολλόδωρος in LGPN III.B totals 222 but only 9 are Delphians. 'Aπολλωνίδας in the same volume is borne by 32, 'Απολλωνίδης by 21; none is Delphian. Διόδωρος, with 139 examples in the same volume, 69 of which come from Delphi, is much commoner. Διονύσιος forms a total of 304, of which 45 are from Delphi. However, the view that "A $\theta \alpha \mu \beta \alpha c$ is an epithet of Apollo not preserved elsewhere would be very difficult to support, taking into consideration that references to this god are so abundant.

A more detailed investigation of the meaning of the word was the next step towards interpretation of its frequency. A semantic link with the *ataraxia* of the Epicureans²¹ is an interesting possibility but does not cover the date of the earliest attestations of the name. The name belongs to the category formed by epithets describing moral gualities, like Alypos, Eutychos etc., which begins to become more popular at the end of the Hellenistic period, although it existed before as e. g. in the popular Athenian names Thrason (51 times) and the many compounds of Thrasy-22.

¹⁶ The reading of the name in an Athenian inscription proposed in SEG 3 (1927) 49: ['Aθ]άμβο (J. J. E. Hondius, Novae Inscriptiones Atticae, 1925, 119: ['I]άμβο) is very dubious and is not included in LGPN II.

¹⁷ SIG³ 565, 566, FD III, 4 427 A: *LGPN* III.B s. v. no 12.

¹⁸ LGPN I; CIL VI 22938; H. Solin, Die griechischen Personennamen in Rom, Berlin 1982, II 757. ¹⁹ On the basis of TLG.

²⁰ Elaine Matthews, Introduction: The Lexicon in Hornblower (supra n. 2), 7.

²¹ This was a suggestion by G. Fowden and I thank him.

²² LGPN II s. v.

Names often appear first as nick-names; "Aθαμβος would have been a very appropriate name given to an adult who lived through the experience of the great earthquake of 373 B. C. "unperturbed", as if nothing was happening. We know that in that year the temple of Apollo collapsed in ruins, and one can imagine the sight and the sound of rocks rolling downhill and of the enormous buildings collapsing²³. An individual's proverbial attitude at a time like this could very well create a name and a fashion for it: someone with the power, political or other, to face or handle a critical situation. This is only a suggestion because the two earliest attestations of the name are in fact themselves to be dated in 331 and 315-280 B. C. It is instructive however to examine who the bearers of the name are. There are two hieromnemons of Delphi, at least 5 priests of Apollo, 4 archons, 9 bouleutai, one theoros sent to Antiochos IV in 168 B. C., and someone defined as prostates of the sanctuary 24 ; the name appears also as the patronymic of other archons and priests²⁵. This concentration might indicate the continuous tenure of important posts by members of the same family. Ten of the other Athamboi are witnesses in manumission records²⁶. We are certainly dealing with a very important Delphic family, members of which are active for a period of over 300 years. That the characteristic name of this family was first given to an individual as a second name, may, I hope, find acceptance; the circumstances that led to this creation will certainly remain hypothetical.

The other name I want to discuss is the name Tapavtivoc, that in the volume under discussion appears exclusively at Delphi. Ethnics used as personal names are found everywhere and represent an interesting category, consisting of ethnics of cities, of regional names, of city-names and their derivatives; the most recent discussion of this category of personal names we owe to Peter Fraser²⁷. They can be interpreted in many different ways: as given to someone who moved to and settled in a place of which he was not a native, or as an indication of some kind of political or other connection with another city, or as the expression of admiration for a city etc. Tapavtivoc is found sporadically elsewhere; there are two in Athens, one in Keos, one in Illyria and we have a Kopynoikioc Tapavtivoc in an inscription of Cassandreia²⁸. Connected to them are a Tapavtivn on Delos and a Tapevtiva in Calabria, while the name Tάρας occurs three times in Sparta and once in Corinth²⁹. The Delphian occurrences range from the 4th to the 1st cent. B. C.; the other instances cited are from the 3rd cent. B. C. and later, only the Tápac from Corinth is of the 6th cent. B. C.

What does this frequency of the name in Delphi reflect? In my search for a solution I started with the monuments, the dedications of different cities at the famous sanctuary; there were two votive offerings of the Tarantinoi at Delphi, according to Pausanias

29 LGPN I, LGPN III.A.

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²³ On the lack of any literary evidence for this event see P. Aupert, Delphes et le séisme d'Helike, in: 1st International Scientific Meeting on Ancient Eliki, Athens 1981, 133-136.

²⁴ LGPN III.B s.v. nos: 8, 35 (hieromnemons); 16, 18, 19, 20, 36 (priests); 9, 14, 28, 31 (archons); 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 42, 43 (bouleutai); 27 (theoros); 13 (prostates). 25 Ibid. nos 37, 40, 41.

²⁶ Ibid. nos 15, 17, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 38.

²⁷ P. M. Fraser, Ethnics as Personal Names in: Hornblower (supra n. 2), 149-157.

²⁸ Ibid. 155, table I a; BCH 71/72 (1947/48) 438.

(X 10, 6; 13, 10). The oldest, dated around 485 B. C., was erected after their victory against the Messapians; it consisted of a group of bronze statues of horses and captured women, the work of Ageladas; it represented the tithe of the spoils taken from their enemy. A second tithe, that of the spoils taken from the Peucetii, consisted of statues of footmen and horsemen; among them stood the hero Taras and the Lacedaemonian Phalanthos, the founder of Taras, following an oracle from Delphi; it was the work of the Aeginetan Onatas and the Argive Ageladas and it is dated a little after 470 B. C.

No other record of relations between Taras and Delphi exists. Obviously the name Tapavtîvoç could not have become popular in Delphi because of the dedications, because in this case taking into consideration the large number of dedications from throughout the known world, Delphi's onomasticon would have been loaded with ethnic forms. But it is not; it is nevertheless worth pointing out the occurrence of the name Koptvθóttµoç, attested 4 times in Delphi (all in the 4th cent. B. C.) and 'Aκάνθιος once³⁰. The Treasury of Corinth was the oldest in Delphi and the Akanthians dedicated a Treasury with Brasidas after their victory against the Athenians³¹. Koptvθóttµoç is known exclusively from these attestations in Delphi, where it is borne by two archons and two bouleutai.

We do not know of any settlement of Tarantinoi in Delphi or of any political relations between the two cities. Some important native of Taras must then have impressed the Delphians by his natural appearance or his achievement, intellectual or other. I regard the popularity of the name in Delphi as an expression of admiration. One such important figure from Taras was Archytas, the Pythagorean philosopher and mathematician who lived in the first half of the 4th cent. He was elected general seven times and in 361 B. C. sent a ship to rescue Plato from Dionysios II of Syracuse. He was the teacher of Plato and as taught by him Plato is considered the ἕνατος ἀπὸ Πυθαγόρου διάδοχος ... δέκατος δὲ 'Αριστοτέλης³². Archytas became known as a philosopher, mathematician, musician, inventor and author; his gifts as a military leader won him a position of power. He was never defeated in military action. Contrary to the earlier Pythagoreans his rule was of a democratic character that was appreciated by his fellow-citizens, who trusted him for a long period of time. Plato must have had him as one of his models in his *Politeia* when he said that the philosophers should become kings or rulers or that rulers should take up philosophy³³.

He was not the only Pythagorean known from Taras; the others listed by Iamblichos and known only from fragments are Kleinias, Lykon, Lysis, who spent some time in Thebes where he became the teacher of Epameinondas, Onatas, who was from Taras or Croton, Philolaos, who was born at Croton, fled to Thebes after the Cylonian revolution there and came later to live at Taras, Eurytus, Thymaridas and

³⁰ LGPN III.B s. v.

³¹ Hdt. I 14; Paus. X 13, 5; Plut, Lys. XVIII 1.

³² Anonym. Photii, Phot. cod. 249, 438b-441b.

³³ Pl., Resp. V. 18, D.

Aristoxenos³⁴. Among the works of Aristoxenos of Taras are included monographs on Pythagoras and Archytas. That in Thebes a considerable Pythagorean community was formed, is concluded by the statement of the orator Alcidamas that ... at Thebes the rulers became philosophers and that the city flourished; it seems that φιλόσοφος was for long almost a technical term meaning 'Pythagorean'"35.

Pythagoreanism had from the beginning close ties with Apollo and with Delphi. Porphyry in his Life of Pythagoras says that the philosopher arrived at Delphi and wrote the elegiac verses on Apollo's tomb³⁶. Pythagoras was born in Samos, but migrated to Croton in c. 530 B. C., where he flourished. He became a legendary figure already in his own lifetime and was identified by some with the Hyperborean Apollo, while the society that bore his name played an important role in the political life of Magna Graecia. When turbulent political conditions drove the Pythagoreans out from Italy Archytas alone remained.

Of extreme importance for Pythagorean thought is the discovery of musical consonances. Music played a very important role in Archytas's theories and in addition to his scientific works he wrote on Harmony. Delphi was a very important music center and the hymns to Apollo found there cover CID v. III^{37} .

I cannot claim that Archytas visited Delphi, although everybody was visiting Delphi at the time; certainly his fame had reached there. Equally important persons as those named Athambos are the bearers of the name Tarantinos; the occurrences of the name date from about the middle of the 4th cent. to the beginning of the 1st cent. B. C. At least 5 archons are listed among them. One of the priests, Tapavtivoc "Aρχωνος, is known from 113 inscriptions³⁸.

I would like to conclude with references to Peter Fraser's recent fascinating discussion on ethnics as personal names: "The internal face of Greek name-giving, why a parent gave a child this or that name, is most frequently, but by no means always, beyond our comprehension"; to conclude: we shall probably not be any nearer finding a key to such name-giving; indeed, a hundred keys would be needed. Solutions based on the use of one key only are not acceptable"39.

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³⁴ E. L. Minar, Early Pythagorean Politics, New York 1979, 86-94; H. Thesleff (ed.), The Pythagorean Texts of the Hellenistic Period, Acta Academiae Aboensis, ser. A, 30, 1, Abo 1965, passim.

³⁵ E. L. Minar (supra n. 34), 93.

³⁶ H. Thesleff (supra n. 34), 174 (= Porph., VP 16); cf. G. Pugliese Carratelli, I santuari panellenici e le apoikiai in occidente, PP 47 (1992) 401-410.

³⁷ M. L. West, Ancient Greek Music, Oxford 1992, 236-237; 238; 15, 17, 41, 192-199; 279–280; 288–301. ³⁸ LGPN III.B no 17.

³⁹ Ibid. supra n. 27, 150, 157.