

MYC. A-RI-JA-TO

The word *a-ri-ja-to* appears in a damaged text (PY An 724,9), and its identification is not easy¹. However, bearing in mind the fact that on this tablet *eretai* 'rowers' absent from *Ro-o-wa* are listed, it is not impossible that *a-ri-ja-to* is an *e-re-ta* too, as M. Lindgren² also suggested.

If it is a personal name, then *a-ri-ja-to* might be identified as *Arianthos*. — The first element *a-ri-* is quite clear. The second one *-(j)a-to* could be identified in several different ways: *-aithos*, *-aithōn*, *-aistos*, *-anthos*, *-anthōn*, *-antos*, *-artos*, *-astos*, *-athos*, *-athōn*, *-atos*, etc. From all these possibilities two are the most probable: *Ari(i)-aithos* and *Ari-anthos*, which are documented as historical names³ from the fifth cent., cf. 'Αρ-αιθος 'Ερεχθηίδος (Ditt. Syll.³ 43 III), 'Αρί-αιθος, a historian from Tegea (Schol. ad Il. IV, 319), and 'Αριάνθιος Λυσιμαχίδας Βοιωτῶν ναύαρχος (Ditt. Syll.³, 115 III; Thuk. IV, 91), cf. also 'Αριάνθη, 'Αριάνθης, 'Αριανθίδης, 'Αρίανθος, and with the intensive prefix ἐρι-: 'Ερι-άνθης, 'Ερι-ανθος (B.—P., *Wb. gr. EN.* s. v.).

Both αἰθός 'burnt' and ἄνθος 'blossom' appear in Homer and in Mycenaean texts. However, αἰθός is to be eliminated from this identification because of the orthographic point of view. According to the Mycenaean spelling rules the initial *ai-* of the second component is usually written with the syllabic signs *43, *53, cf. *de-we-ro-AI-ko-ra-i-ja*, *pe-rAI-ko-ra-i-ja*, etc. On the other hand ἄνθος is very often used in onomastics both in Homer and in classical Greek. It appears in the Mycenaean personal names too, cf. *e-ka-sa-te-u* (*Exantheus*), compound of ἔξ- (the only documented example in Mycenaean Greek), and ἄνθος. Cf. also *a-te-mo* (*Anthemos*, or *Anthemōn*, compared with 'Ανθεμίων II. IV, 473). Thus, 'Αρι-ανθος would correspond best to *a-ri-ja-to*.

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¹ In the first edition of *Documents* (p. 188) a verbal form in *-to* is suggested, and in Glossary it is identified with *Haliartos*, (a town in Boeotia, cf. Il. II, 503, etc., and its eponymous). In the second edition of *Documents* J. Chadwick abandoned this identification (because for the initial *Hal-* in Mycenaean spelling we should expect *a₂*), and the name is given with a question mark without any explanation.

² *The People of Pylos* I, 31.

³ Cf. Bechtel, *HPN*, pp. 24, 56, 65.