

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: *-aiθος*, *-aiθhōn*, *-aistos*, *-anthos*, *-anthōn*, *-antos*, *-artos*, *-astos*, *-athos*, *-athōn*, *-atos*, etc. From all these possibilities two are the most probable: *Ari(i)-ai-thos* and *Ari-anthos*, which are documented as historical names³ from the fifth cent., cf. Ἄρ-αιθος Ἐρεχθίδος (Ditt. Syll.³ 43 III), Ἄρι-αιθος, a historian from Tegea (Schol. ad Il. IV, 319), and Ἀριάνθιος Λυσιμαχίδας Βοιωτῶν ναύαρχος (Ditt. Syll.³, 115 III; Thuk. IV, 91), cf. also Ἀριάνθη, Ἀριάνθης, Ἀριανθίδης, Ἀριανθος, and with the intensive prefix ἐρι-: Ἐρι-άνθης, Ἐρι-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 ἐξ- (the only documented example in Mycenaean Greek), and ἄνθος. Cf. also *a-te-mo* (*Anthemus*, or *Anthemōn*, compared with Ἄνθεμίων Il. IV, 473). Thus, Ἄρι-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.