



Type: Bronze pinakion
Findspot: Unknown
Chronology: 375-350 BC
Actual location: Great
North Museum, Newcastle upon
Tyne (Shefton Study Collection)

This is a bronze juror's or magistrate's ticket. The ticket is inscribed with the name of the person who owned it and the area of the city-state they came from (deme). The circular mark in the bottom left corner is supposed to be the head of a gorgon. On the top left one of the first 10 letters of the Greek alphabet is inscribed, here it is the letter beta. Each tribe was divided into ten sections. These tickets were used in allotment machines which randomly selected members of a jury or magistrates.

MY RESEARCH

How did the use of pinakia ensure members of the jury could not be bribed?
What does this object tell us about the functioning of Athenian democracy?