Late Babylonian Onomastics

# Basic structure

* Name[00]PN māru[son]N | mārtu[daughter]N Name[00]PN | Family Name[1]LN
* A-Z, a-z, ŠšṬṭṢṣ- ā ‘
* Abbreviations used:
  + PN: personal name
  + LN: lineage / family / clan name
  + /: son / descendant of

# Levels:

* Two tier (PN/PN):

Šapik[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Anu-ah-ušabši[00]PN

* Three tier (PN/PN/LN or PN/PN/PN):

Anu-ab-uṣur[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Ištar-šum-eriš[00]PN māru[son]N Ahʾutu[1]LN

* Four tier (PN/PN/PN/LN):

Anu-belšunu[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Nidintu-Anu[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Anu-belšunu[00]PN māru[son]N Ahʾutu[1]LN

Ereštu-Nanaya[00]PN mārtu[daughter]N ša[of]DET Sin-bel-ili[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET X[00]PN māru[son]N Kuri[1]LN

* Five tier (PN/PN/PN/PN/LN): very rare
* Six tier (PN daughter of PN, wife of PN/PN/PN/LN): extremely rare and can be avoided => extracting as PN daughter of PN can suffice and rest can be added later as relational data

# Problems:

## Often

* Repetition of single names (e.g., in seal impressions):

unqu[ring]N Anu-šum-lišir[00]PN

*Ideally these should be omitted. Correcting these names manually if they do not appear elsewhere should be less work than removing them if all are included, but names in heavily damaged witness lists are often not indicated in their lost sequence, only as single names.*

* Damaged name identifications

X[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET X-a[00]PN māru[son]N Ekur-zakir[1]LN

*Not really a problem for extraction, but a problem for formatting.*

* Scribes:

Anu-qišanni[00]PN ṭupšarru[scribe]N galamāhu[chief-lamentation-priest]N Anu[1]DN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Nidintu-Anu[00]PN māru[son]N Sin-leqi-unninni[1]LN

*Titles can appear between name elements, but only for scribes, and can be filtered out manually.*

## Occasional

* Sons of …

<māru[son]N> ša[of]DET Theomeles[00]

*Unknown number of sons (though likely only two or three), can be added manually later.*

* Complicated genealogies:

Anu-zer-iddin[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Nanaya-iddin[00]PN u[and]CNJ Nanaya-iddin[00]PN māru[son]N māru[son]N Ahʾutu[1]LN PN son of PN and PN his son, son of (member of) LN

Anu-belšunu[00]PN u[and]CNJ Nidintu-Anu[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Nikarchos[00]PN māru[son]N Ahʾutu[1]LN PN and PN sons of PN son (member) of LN

*This will probably, once again, require manual correction.*

## Rare

* Double names

Antu-banat[00]PN ša[that]REL šumu[name]N šanû[second]AJ Ereštu-Nanaya[00]PN mārtu[daughter]N ša[of]DET Anu-balassu-iqbi[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Šamaš-eṭir[00]PN māru[son]N Luštammar-Adad[1]LN PN, whose second name is PN

*Manual correction or no problem?*

* Wife of …

Dionysia[00]PN aššatu[wife]N Anu-belšunu[00]PN mārtu[daughter]N ša[of]DET Herakleides[00]PN PN wife of PN, daughter of PN

Antu-banat[00]PN ša[that]REL šumu[name]N šanû[second]AJ Ereštu-Nanaya[00]PN mārtu[daughter]N ša[of]DET Anu-balassu-iqbi[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Šamaš-eṭir[00]PN māru[son]N Luštammar-Adad[1]LN aššatu[wife]N Antiochus[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Ina-qibit-Anu[00]PN māru[son]N ša[of]DET Anu-balassu-iqbi[00]PN māru[son]N Ahʾutu[1]LN PN whose second name is PN daughter of PN son of PN son(member) of LN, wife of PN son of PN son of PN son(member) of LN

*Cf. supra; can be avoided*