

Author: ANDREAS VICTOR WALSER

CAPInv. 1045: Skiridai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Ionia
iii. Site	Miletus

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σκιρίδαι (Milet VI.3 1225)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Skiridai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	b. 233 (?) BC
------------	---------------

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Theophoric:	Artemis Bulephoros Skiris
-------------------	-------------	---------------------------

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	Milet VI.3 1225
Note	Sokolowski, LSAM 47. Other editions listed in Milet VI.3
Online Resources	Milet I 2, p. 117
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s) Literary source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Decree regulating the cult of Artemis Bulephoros Skiris
i.c. Physical format(s)	Square marble block

ii. Source(s) provenance	Found in the theater
--------------------------	----------------------

VII. ORGANIZATION

iii. Members	Σκιρίδαι, <i>Skiridai</i>
--------------	---------------------------

IX. MEMBERSHIP

v. Relations	It is possible that the <i>Skiridai</i> were a <i>genos</i> , a cult-association based on – fictive – common descent.
--------------	---

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship	The <i>Skiridai</i> seem to be in charge of the cult of Artemis Bulephoros Skiris in Miletus, though we do not know exactly, what their responsibilities actually were.
Deities worshipped	Artemis Bulephoros Skiris
iv. Honours/Other activities	The <i>Skiridai</i> propose in the popular assembly to change the modalities for collections for Artemis Bulephoros Skiris. We do not know what changes they actually proposed. The people decide to ask the oracle in Didyma whether the existing rules should be changed or left as they are. Since this decree was carved in stone, we can assume that the oracle was favorable to the <i>Skiridai</i> .

XII. NOTES

i. Comments	It is uncertain what kind of association the <i>Skiridai</i> actually were. It is possible that they (at least originally) formed a clan/ <i>genos</i> or a gentilicial group. Cf. the general remarks on CAPInv. 1046 in section XIII.i.
-------------	--

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	It is uncertain what kind of association the <i>Skiridai</i> actually were. It is possible that they (at least originally) formed a clan/ <i>genos</i> or a gentilicial group.