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CAPInv. 370: hoi apo basileon Attalou kai Eumenous katoikountes Mernouphyta Herakleastai

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Lydia
iii. Site	Thyateira

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ ἀπὸ βασιλέων Ἀττάλου καὶ Εὐμένους κατοικοῦντες Μερνουφυτα Ἡρακληασταί (TAM V.2 959, ll. 2-7)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi apo basileon Attalou kai Eumenous katoikountes Mernouphyta Herakleastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC - ii AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	Heroic name based on Herakles
	Geographical:	the name gives also geographical indication
	Personal:	<i>basileon Attalou kai Eumenous</i>

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	TAM V.2 959 (ii AD) For alternative dating see Cohen 1995 p. 218.
Note	See also: Keil and Premerstein 1911: 27-8, no. 51
Online Resources	TAM V.2 959

i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Honorific inscription dedicated by the association to a man. Greek.
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble round base
ii. Source(s) provenance	Cemetery Kys-Dede-Mesarlyk at Ak Hissar in the territory of Thyateira.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds	The association must have funds to honour a man with an engraved basis and with a golden crown (l. 11).
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X. ACTIVITIES

Deities worshipped	Herakles
iv. Honours/Other activities	The association honours Glykon son of Nikandros with a golden crown for being a man φιλότιμος (l. 12) (<i>philotimos</i> , "eager of honour").

XI. INTERACTION

i. Local interaction	The association seems to represent the whole community of Mernouphyta, apparently a foundation of the Attalids, one of whose ancestors was Herakles. The name of the association (...ἀπὸ βασιλέων Ἀττάλου καὶ Εὐμένους..., ... <i>apo basileon Attalou kai Eumenous</i> ...) demonstrates that this relation between the association and the attalid community is still remembered in the second century AD.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	It is not sure if this association has any relation to the one attested in the same city in the third century AD (TAM V.2 1007 et al.)
iii. Bibliography	de Hoz, M.-P. (1999), <i>Die Lydischen Kulte im Lichte der griechischen Inschriften</i> . Bonn: no. 22.10. Keil, J., and von Premerstein, A. (1911), <i>Bericht über eine zweite Reise in Lydien ausgeführt 1908</i> , (Denkschriften Akad. Wien Band 54.2). Vienna: 27-8, no. 51.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The name of the association indicates a narrow contact with the local public sphere, even if it is private as most cult associations are.