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CAPInv. 1215: phratra Chaironis

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Western Asia Minor
ii. Region	Aiolis? or Ionia?
iii. Site	Kyme? or Phokaia?

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	φράτρα Χαιρωνίς (I.Kyme 55 l. 2)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>phratra Chaironis</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Hell. (?) - Imp. (?)
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Personal:	<i>Chaironis</i> : according to Stephanus Byzantius (678.12) <i>Chaironis</i> is the female name of <i>Chaironeus</i> , the founder of the city of Chaironeia in Boiotia.
iii. Descriptive terms	φράτρα, <i>phratra</i>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Kyme 55 (unknown date)
Note	Seyfarth 1955: 35 no. 6.
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek of Artemidoros son of Apollonios of the <i>phratra Chaironidos</i> .

i.c. Physical format(s)	Stele.
ii. Source(s) provenance	Nea Foca.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender	Men
Note	The deceased is designated as being member of the <i>phratra Chaironis</i> .

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography	Seyfarth, J. (1955), 'Φράτρα und φρατρία im nachklassischen Griechentum', <i>Aegyptus</i> 53: 3-38.
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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Possible
Note	The deceased was member of the <i>phratra Chaironis</i> . In creating this entry, I followed Seyfarth (1955) who considers the term <i>phratra</i> for Roman Asia Minor as standing for a private association and not for a civic subdivision. However, I have some reservations as to Seyfarth's suggestion with regard to this specific inscription. The date of the inscription is unknown. Unlike other funerary stelai where the <i>phratra</i> appears as the body setting up the gravestone, in this particular case the deceased is designated as belonging to the <i>phratra Chaironis</i> . In one of the decrees for Archippe, the great benefactress of late Hellenistic Kyme, two men who were appointed to administer Archippe's affairs after her death belonged to the <i>phratra Aristarchidos</i> (Kyme 13 VIII 1. 39). In the light of this, I would be inclined to consider <i>phratra Chaironis</i> as a civic subdivision of Kyme, though I cannot rule out the possibility that we may be dealing with a private association. The evidence at hand is inconclusive.