

CAPInv. 1235: anchistoi

I. LOCATION	
i. Geographical area	Central Greece
ii. Region	Thessaly. Perrhaibia (Northern Thessalian <i>Perioikoi</i>).
iii. Site	Ancient city of Phalanna.

II. NAME	
i. Full name (original language)	ἄγχιστοι (Tziafalias 2000: 100, Cf. CAPInv. 1236)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>anchistoi</i>

III. DATE	
i. Date(s)	iii BC

IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY	
i. Name in other forms	ἀνχιστῶν οἱ περὶ Παρμενίσκον, <i>Anchiston hou peri Parmeniskon</i> (CAPInv. 1234)

ii. Name elements

Kinship-related:

ἄγχιστοι. The term *anchistoi* (nominative plural) denotes a group of the familial type, a group connected with bonds of kinship (Chantraine 1968: 16). The term is used to define in Attica the rights of kinship groups up to first or second cousin to participate in mourning and inheritance (Parker 1983: 40; cf. Mili 2015: 90). Another Thessalian group of *anchistoi* was located in Ancient Pharsalos (see [CAPInv. 1234](#)).

Topographical:

The term *anchi* ('next to') was originally used in Homer to signify someone or somebody that is close (Chantraine 1968: 16). Following that perspective, Helly has argued that *anchistoi* were a group of people living close to each other and possessing land in the public cadastre, by their common name (Helly 1995: 316, n. 106; lately, idem, forthcoming).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)

Unpublished. Mentioned in Tziafalias 2000: 100 (iii BC)

i.a. Source type(s)

Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script

Votive inscription

ii. Source(s) provenance

Ancient Phalanna

X. ACTIVITIES

iii. Worship

The inscription is a dedication made by the *anchistoi*.

Deities worshipped

Patrooi Theoi

XII. NOTES

iii. Bibliography

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XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Possible

Note

Tziafalias (2000: 100) describes the *anchistoi* from Phalanna as a kinship group of relatives; however, the fact that the inscription remains unpublished leaves the possibility to have a private corporation open.