

CAPInv. 1143: hoi phortegoi hoi peri ton beikon

I. LOCATION

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

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	οἱ φορτηγοὶ οἱ περὶ τὸν βείκων (I.Smyrna 204, ll. 10-11)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>hoi phortegoi hoi peri ton beikon</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	150 (?) - 200 (?) AD
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Professional:	<i>phortegoi</i>
	Topographical:	<i>peri ton beikon</i> . <i>Beikos</i> may refer to a market where the <i>phortegoi</i> had their seat (Dittmann-Schöne 2010: 167; Royer 2005: 84-5).

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	I.Smyrna 204 (150 (?) - 200 (?) AD)
Note	See also: Dittmann-Schöne II.2.5
Online Resources	I.Smyrna 204
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Grave inscription, greek
i.c. Physical format(s)	Marble plate
ii. Source(s) provenance	Smyrna, slope of Mt. Pagus

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

iii. Income	Publius Aelius Neikostratos has erected a grave monument for himself and his family; if someone sells it or uses it for other purposes, the “carriers at the jug” are to receive a fine of 250 Denarii.
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XII. NOTES

i. Comments	The <i>phortegoi</i> appear to be organized as a professional association; the involvement of such groups in the care and protection of graves is well attested. Publius Aelius Neikostratos may have been a member, but this is not certain.
ii. Poland concordance	Poland Z 35
iii. Bibliography	Dittmann-Schöne, I. (2010), <i>Die Berufsvereine in den Städten des kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasiens</i> . 2nd. ed. Regensburg: 167. Royer, A. (2005), <i>Associations professionnelles et groupes de gens de métier dans les cités grecques d'Asie Mineure à l'époque impériale (Ier - Ve siècles ap. J.-C.)</i> . Lyon.

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Probable
Note	Professional associations in the 2nd/3rd century were often very close to the official civic institutions, but they probably remained essentially private associations.
ii. Historical authenticity	Certain