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## CAPInv. 806: Neikomedeis (1. Nikomedeis)

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Thrace
ii. Region	Inland Thrace
iii. Site	Philippopolis

### II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Νεικομηδεΐς, 1. Νικομηδεΐς (IGBulg V 5464)
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Neikomedeis</i> (1. <i>Nikomedeis</i> )

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	Imp.
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### IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Ethnic:	<i>Nikomedeis</i>
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### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IGBulg V 5464 (Imp.)
Online Resources	<a href="#">IGBulg V 5464</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)
i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script	Funerary inscription in Greek of Philippos son of Philippos with depiction of five wreaths, one of them offered by the <i>Nikomedeis</i> .
i.c. Physical format(s)	Rectangular mable stele (1.62 x 0.74 x 0.18) with an elaborate floral pattern at its upper part and a pedimental stele in relief depicted below; this stele bears five wreaths and the funerary inscription.

ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b>	Found at Ralitzia str. at the site of 'Vtora Kamenitza', where the necropolis of the 1st-3rd cent. AD is located, see <i>TIR K35/2: Philippopolis</i> , p. 298. !editor: couldn't find the reference!
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## VI. BUILT AND VISUAL SPACE

i. <b>Archaeological remains</b>	Necropolis
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## VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. <b>Treasury/Funds</b>	The wreath offered to the deceased indicate that these <i>Nikomedeis</i> , collected funds, even if on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis.
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## IX. MEMBERSHIP

iv. <b>Status</b>	The <i>Nikomedeis</i> , were residents of Philippopolis, likely originating from Bithynian Nicomedia.
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## X. ACTIVITIES

iv. <b>Honours/Other activities</b>	A wreath was offered to the deceased, who should have been an important citizen of Philippopolis (see below XI.i), though not necessarily a member of this group.
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## XI. INTERACTION

i. <b>Local interaction</b>	The deceased should have been an important citizen of Philippopolis, as indicated by the wreaths also offered to him by the βουλή, <i>boule</i> and the δῆμος, <i>demos</i> of the city, the Νικαεῖς ὀλυμπιασταί, <i>Nikaeis olympiastai</i> (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 688</a> ), the ῥωποπῶλαι, <i>rhopopolai</i> , (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 686</a> ) and the βυρσεῖς, <i>byrseis</i> (see <a href="#">CAPInv. 583</a> ). The presence of two professional associations, of two associations of foreign residents at Philippopolis and the eastern origin of the deceased's brother (as indicated by the personal name Παπίας, <i>Papias</i> ) are signs of his eastern origin and of his possible involvement with trade.
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## XII. NOTES

i. <b>Comments</b>	The term <i>Nikomedeis</i> in the group's name quite probably refers to Nicomedia of Bithynia, as indicated by the presence on the same stone of the Νικαεῖς <i>Nikaeis</i> and the general influx to Thrace of immigrants from this region (see also <a href="#">CAPInv. 697</a> ).
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iii. <b>Bibliography</b>	Kolev, K. (1966), 'Nadgrobna plotsa ot Filipopol', <i>Arheologija</i> 8/2: 57-9.
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### XIII. EVALUATION

**i. Private association**

Probable

**Note**

The *Nikomedeis*, just like the *Nikaeis olympiastai*, mentioned on the same stone, should have been residents of Philippopolis originating from Bithynian Nicomedia (see also *BE* 1967: 375). Their collective name and the group's action of honouring a deceased are signs of an associative organisation.