

Ethnics, Ethnic Forms and Geographical Names Occurring as Personal Names in Ancient Macedonian Onomasticon

The category of names to be discussed represents an interesting part of any onomasticon as it reflects among others the settlement of persons from another city or from a different geographical area, or ties, as e.g. proxeny, of a certain family with some city abroad.

There is an abundance of them in volume IV of the *LGPN*, published in 2005, that includes the attestations for 13402 named Macedonians. A large part of them consists of categories we easily excluded from this examination as are forms of many theophoric names, as e.g. Ἀπολλωνία, Ποσειδωνία, Ἀφροδίσιος etc. and their derivatives, which are also very common names of cities as well as those connected with Athena (e.g. Ἀθήναιος). Also excluded are the dynastic names given by their founders during the Hellenistic period to many new cities (e.g. Ἀλεξάνδρεια, Ἀρσινόη, Βερενίκη, Φίλα etc.). It was more difficult to decide upon a third category excluded; it consists of ethnics that have a parallel meaning as words of the Greek language: Δάφνη, Εὐπορία, Καλύβη, Μεγίστη, Μέλισσα, Μόσχος, Σελήνη, Τύχη, are some of them, that have been tracked mainly through Stephanos Byzantios and Strabo.

The rest of them are about 150. It would have been impossible to present all of them; a way to eliminate the length of the list formed by them was to investigate their distribution and frequency in the other volumes six volumes of the *LGPN*. A significant number among them occur only once and only in Macedonia. Some of these unique names are Ἀδάνα, Ἀνακτόριος, Ἀργανθώνιος, Γαρρήσκιος, Ἰάμνεια, Πάκτωλος, Φαρνάκιος etc. Some are also very rare occurring in one more place as e.g. Βαβυλών, Δαμαῖος, Ἰλιάς, Ἰνάχειος, Μυγδονία, Μενδῖς, Πέρινθος, Ὀλκίας etc.

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