

## The Past and Present of Naupactus in Ephorus' *Histories*

### I. Link to Abstract

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### II. Passages

Item 1: Ephorus (*FGrHist* 70) F 223 = Clement of Alexandria, *Stromata* 1.21.139.3-4 (tr. Parker)

ἀπὸ Τροίας ἀλώσεως ἐπὶ τὴν Ἡρακλειδῶν κάθοδον ἔτη ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι ἢ [ἑκατὸν] ὀγδοήκοντα. ἀπὸ τούτου ἐπὶ Εὐαίνετον ἄρχοντα, ἐφ' οὗ φασιν Ἀλέξανδρον εἰς τὴν Ἀσίαν διαβῆναι, ὡς μὲν Φανίας ἔτη ἑπτακόσια δεκαπέντε· ὡς δὲ Ἔφορος ἑπτακόσια τριάκοντα πέντε·

From the Sack of Troy to the Return of the Heraclids is 120 or 80 years. From the latter to the archonship of Euaenetus, when they say that Alexander crossed over to Asia, as Phantias states, it is 715 years, but as Ephorus states, it is 735.

Item 2: Ephorus (*FGrHist* 70) F 121 = Strabo 9.4.7 (tr. Parker modified)

πόλεις δ' ἔσχον Ἄμφισσάν τε καὶ Ναύπακτον, ὧν ἡ Ναύπακτος συμμένει τοῦ Ἀντιρρίου πλησίον, ὠνόμασται δ' ἀπὸ τῆς ναυπηγίας τῆς ἐκεῖ γενομένης, εἴτε τῶν Ἡρακλειδῶν ἐκεῖ ναυπηγησαμένων τὸν στόλον, εἴθ', ὡς φησιν Ἔφορος, Λοκρῶν ἔτι πρότερον παρασκευασάντων· ἔστι δὲ νῦν Αἰτωλῶν, Φιλίππου προσκρίναντος.

(The western Locrians) held the cities of Amphissa and Naupactus, of which Naupactus remains near Antirrhium. It was named for the shipbuilding which took place there, whether it was because the Heraclids constructed their fleet there, or, as Ephorus says, because the Locrians outfitted ships there even earlier. It is now Aetolian, since Philip adjudged it theirs.

Item 3: Diodorus Siculus 14.34.2 (tr. Oldfather)

Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ καταλελυκότες τοὺς πολέμους καὶ σχολὴν ἔχοντες ἐστράτευσαν ἐπὶ Μεσσηνίους, ὧν οἱ μὲν ἐν Κεφαλληνία φρούριόν τι κατόκουν, οἱ δὲ Ναύπακτον ἐν τοῖς προσεσπερίοις λεγομένοις Λοκροῖς, δόντων Ἀθηναίων. ἐκβαλόντες δ' αὐτοὺς ἐκ τῶν τόπων ἀπέδωκαν τὰ φρούρια, τὸ μὲν τοῖς τὴν Κεφαλληνίαν οἰκοῦσι, τὸ δὲ τοῖς Λοκροῖς.

And the Lacedaemonians, now that they had brought their wars to an end and were no longer concerned with them, advanced with their army against the Messenians, of whom some were settled in an outpost on Cephallenia and others in Naupactus, which the Athenians had given them, among the western Locrians. Driving the Messenians from these regions, they returned the one outpost to the inhabitants of Cephallenia and the other to the Locrians.

Item 4: Strabo 8.7.5 (tr. Jones modified)

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μετὰ δὲ τούτους Πάτραι, πόλις ἀξιόλογος· μεταξὺ δὲ τὸ Ῥίον ἀπέχον Πατρῶν στάδια τεσσαράκοντα. Ῥωμαῖοι δὲ νεωστὶ μετὰ τὴν Ἀκτιακὴν νίκην ἴδρυσαν αὐτόθι τῆς στρατιᾶς μέρος ἀξιόλογον.

After this (the town of Rhypes), comes Patrae, a noteworthy city; between the two, however, is Rhium, which is forty stades distant from Patrae. Recently, the Romans, after their victory at Actium, settled a considerable part of the army there.

Item 5: Strabo 10.2.21 (tr. Jones)

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ἔστι δὲ τις καὶ πρὸς τῇ Καλυδῶνι λίμνη μεγάλη καὶ εὖοπος, ἣν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἐν Πάτραις Ῥωμαῖοι.

Near Calydon, also, is a lake, which is large and well supplied with fish; it is held by the Romans who live in Patrae.

Item 6: Ephorus (FGrHist 70) F 31b = Strabo 9.3.11 (tr. Parker)

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Ἐφορος δ', ὃ τὸ πλεῖστον προσγράμεθα διὰ τὴν περὶ ταῦτα ἐπιμέλειαν, καθάπερ καὶ Πολύβιος μαρτυρῶν τυγχάνει, ἀνὴρ ἀξιόλογος, δοκεῖ μοι τάναντία ποιεῖν ἔσθ' ὅτε τῇ προαιρέσει καὶ ταῖς ἐξ ἀρχῆς ὑποσχέσεσιν.

Ephorus, on whom we are relying most of all, owing to his exactness in these matters (early Greek history) – an exactness for which Polybius, a respect authority, also vouches – seems to me on occasion to do the opposite of what he intended and initially promised.

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