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Coin Type: ANCIENT GREEK
Denomination: TETROBOL
Ruler: GREEK - CITY STATES
Mint: HISTIAIA
Country: EUBOIA (On the Northwestern coast of Central Greece)

Date: 300 - 200 B. C.
Metal: SILVER
Framing: 18 KT
Certificate Number: 21293

GREEK NYMPH HISTIAIA

Obverse: Head of nymph Histiaia right, hair in sphendone.

Reverse: Nymph Histiaia seated right on stern of galley, ornamented with wing, holding naval standard.

The reference used for this coin is The British Museum Catalogs on Greek Coins, Volume 8.

Situated in the far north of the island, Histiaia did not begin producing coinage until the mid-4th Century B. C. From its extensive silver issues in the Hellenistic age, Histiaia appears to have been a place of considerable importance. This particular coin, from which the Histiaian issues of the following century were copied, commemorated the expulsion, with Athenian help, of the pro-Macedonian tyrant *Philistides* in 340 B. C.

Hestia was the water nymph for the city which bears her name. While not considered as deities, nymphs held a position of admiration in Greek mythology. One popular belief is that they presided over springs, lakes, rivers or oceans. They enjoyed long lives and were generally regarded as symbols of good luck. They were also known to be sexually attracted to men.


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