

A GROUP OF FUNERARY STELES, WHICH DATE BACK TO THE HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN PERIODS, FROM MUĞLA MUSEUM

ABSTRACT

This thesis includes some funerary steles, exhibited at Muğla Museum, and consists of four main chapters.

The first chapter gives history of Stratonikeia, and history of research at the ancient city briefly. The Stratonicean history has revealed that the city, one of the most important metropoleis in the territory of Caria, was a religious, political, geographical, and strategic center throughout antique ages. Numerous research has been done, and is continued on Stratonikeia.

In the second chapter four types of funerary steles have been determined by means of forms of the steles. The each type has been analysed in detail.

Figures, pictured on the funerary steles, are divided into groups on the basis of their types, and by comparing with likeness each is examined progressively in the third chapter.

Catalogue of the thesis, to wit, the fourth chapter, is arranged not in chronological order, but is parallel to the types of the figures, examined in the previous chapter.

All the studies have showed that the funerary steles in Muğla Museum date back to the Hellenistic and Roman Periods.

KEYWORDS

Caria Region, Hellenistic Period, Roman Period, Pudicitia, Dioskurides, Soldier, Stratonicea, Funerary Steles.