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Felix Jacoby himself was unable to finish the collection, but work on *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker* resumed in the 19990s, resulting in *FGrHist Part IV*, edited by Stefan Schorn, and *FGrHist Part V*, edited by Hans-Joachim Gehrke and Felix Maier.

Together, these editions form a monumental scholarly accomplishment and an indispensable resource for anyone interested in ancient history and historiography.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Felix Jacoby divided those Greek historians whose works survived only in fragments into five sections or parts:

- Part I: Genealogy and Mythography
- Part II: Chronography (political-military history)
- Part III: Horography and Ethnography
- Part IV: Biography
- Part V: Geography
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Jacoby himself only completed Parts I, II, and III. Those sections are available as Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker (FGrHist) I-III.

Brill’s New Jacoby is a completely revised, new edition of these original Jacoby sections. Brill’s New Jacoby – Second Edition is the second revised edition of Parts I, II, and III. Both editions are edited by Ian Worthington.

Additionally, the Jacoby editors and Brill are working on creating Part IV and Part V – which Jacoby was never able to publish himself. FGrHist Part IV is edited by Stefan Schorn; FGrHist Part V by Hans-Joachim Gehrke and Felix K. Maier.

READING IN JACOBY ONLINE

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_Suda, s.v. Ἀκουσίλαος_

Ἀκουσίλαος· Κάιβα υἱός Ἀργείῳς ἀπὸ Κερκάδος πόλεως οὐσης Αὐλίδος πληγιόν. Ἰστορίας πρεσβύτατος ἄγγεις Ἔνωλος ἱκέτης ἐκ δελτιών χαλκών, ἰδίως λόγος εὐρέος τῶν πατέρων αὐτοῦ ἀρχαῖον τυχόν τῆς ὀικίας αὐτοῦ.

_Dionysios of Halikarnassos, On Thucydides 5_

ἀρχαίοι μὲν οὖν συγγραφῆς ... πρὸ τοῦ Πελοποννησιακοῦ πολέμου ... ὡς τὸ Ἀργείοις Ἀκουσίλαος

_Josephos, Against Apion 1.13_

οἱ μέντοι τάς ἱστορίας ἐπιγερήσαντες συγγράφειν παρ᾽ αὐτοῖς, λέγω δὲ τοὺς περὶ Κάδμου τοῦ Μελίσσαν καὶ τὸν Ἀργείον Ἀκουσίλαον καὶ μετὰ τούτον η τῶν άλλων λέγονται γενέσθαι, βραχύς τῆς Περσῶν ἐπὶ τὴν Ἐλλάδα στρατεύσας τῶν χρόνων προσάραξον.

_Menandros, Division of Epiđeicíčtih Stýles p. 358.4 (Spengel L. Rhetores Graeci 21)
The button ‘add parallel version’ on the top left, will add the translation, commentary or other relevant material in a parallel column:

**Jacoby Online, Akusilaos von Argos (2)**

*Edition (BNJ)*

_Suda, s.v. 'Akousilaos_

‘Ακουσίλαος Κάβα υἱός Αργείος ἀπὸ Κερκάδος πόλεως οὗτης Αὐλίδος πλησίον, ἱστορικός πρεσβύτατος. Ἐγράφε ἐπὶ Γενεαλογίας ἐκ βιβλίων χειλικών, ἣ λέγεται εἴρηθαν τῶν πατέρων αὐτοῦ ἐρύθεντα τινὰ τόπου τῆς σίκινας αὐτοῦ.

_Dionysios of Halikarnassos, On Thucydides 5_

άρχαιοι μὲν οὖν συγγραφεῖς ... πρὸ τοῦ Πελοποννησιακοῦ πολέμου ... ἐν τῷ Ἀργείῳ 'Ακουσίλαος‘

*Translation (BNJ)*

_Suda, s.v. 'Akousilaos_

Akousilaos was the son of Kabas. He was Argive from the city of Kerkes, which is near Aulis. He was the most ancient of historians. He wrote _Genealogies_ based on bronze writing-tablets which, according to one account, his father discovered after he had dug up some place in his house.

_Dionysios of Halikarnassos, On Thucydides 5_

The ancient historians . . . before the Peloponnesian War (430/B) . . . and also the Argive Akousilaos. [See _BNJ_ 1 T 17a]

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