



ABŪ NAŞR FĀMĪ

ABŪ NAŞR FĀMĪ, TEQAT-AL-DĪN ‘ABD-AL-RAḤMĀN B. ‘ABD-AL-JABBĀR B. ‘OṬMĀN, 472-546/1079-1151, local historian of Herat in the Saljuq period. The scanty biographical information we possess derives only from Sam‘ānī [Leiden], fol. 418b) and from Ebn al-‘Emād (*Šaḍarāt al-dahab*, Cairo, 1350-51/1931-33, IV, p. 140). These authors describe him as pious and modest, a *ḥāfez*, traditionist, and copyist of sacred texts, from whom many scholars in Herat and Pūšang subsequently related Traditions. It is curious that Sam‘ānī does not explain the *nesba* al-Fāmī, but this presumably related to a quarter in Herat or to one of the surrounding villages. Abū Naşr’s *Ta’rīk Harāt* (it is uncertain if it was composed in Arabic or Persian) is one of seven listed by Ḥājji Kālifa (*Kaşf al-zonūn* [Leipzig] II, pp. 157-58). It seems to have been especially detailed on the legendary origins and pre-Islamic history of the town and is quoted for these early times by the two surviving histories of Herat: Sayf b. Moḥammad Haravī’s *Tārīk-nāme-ye Harāt* (ed. M. L. al-Şeddīqī, Calcutta, 1955, pp. 25-26; cf. editor’s intro., pp. viii-ix); and Moḥammad Mo‘īn-al-dīn Zamčī Esfezārī’s *Rawżat al-ĵannāt fī awşāf madīn a Harāt* (ed. S. M. K. Emām, Tehran, 1338-39/1959-60, I, pp. 42, 55, 87 and passim)



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