

Information regarding Paul Weaver's repertorium of imperial freedmen and slaves

Paul Weaver, who died on 2 January 2005, worked throughout his lifetime on the *familia Caesarum* (the imperial freedmen and slaves). He knew all the problems associated with this group of people, and he knew above all how important this group is for understanding the imperial period. For, without knowledge of it, the politics, administration and society of the Principate cannot be analyzed and understood. Above all, however, he saw that many general statements concerning this group often were not supported by the sources, at least if one takes all the sources into consideration comprehensively. Of course, he also knew that it was very laborious to obtain a complete overview of the relevant sources; for a comprehensive collection of the sources did not exist. From an early time, therefore, he turned himself to the task of constructing a repertorium which would render it unnecessary for others to make such a laborious collection. Already at the preliminary stage, he spoke with me about the possibilities for making this collection accessible. And already at this stage we had discussed the possibility of using the internet for this purpose.

Paul Weaver worked on this repertorium up until his death, but he did not manage to bring it to a full conclusion. A few parts remain unfinished or were just starting to be prepared. After Paul's death his widow, Alleeta French, consulted me about whether I could perhaps look after the "Publication", as arranged with Paul. I have carried out this wish with pleasure. After an examination of the files left behind it was clear that this comprehensive collection should be made accessible to the scholarly community, even though it was missing a small part. Thus one file, "servi 4", was apparently not yet begun; another, "Familiae Augustarum", had only one entry. The other 14 files, however, had been essentially completed, although this could not be checked in full detail after Paul's death. Obviously the sections that were written in Greek text had only been completed up to and including file 8. But, as the location of the relevant source is almost always mentioned at the appropriate place, we posthumously put in the names (not in Greek), but not the whole text of the inscription. If it is important for him or her, the user can easily check the text him- or herself.

In his introduction Paul Weaver gave the following advice:

Members of the *Familia Caesaris* are defined as:

- (a) freedmen and slaves of the emperor
- (b) freedmen and slaves of wives and other relatives of the emperor
- (c) freedmen and slaves of (a) and (b) above.

The names of those in Categories (a) and (b) are printed in **bold** at the heading of their respective entries, those in Category (c) in plain type. The term 'freedmen' is taken to include 'freedwomen'.

This principle was followed in the files up until file number VII, thereafter the marker **bold** is found only occasionally. This has not been changed. The user can pick out the relevant data for him- or herself.

By arrangement with Alleeta French this material is made accessible here on the internet essentially as Paul left it. The conversion of the files into PDF format was very kindly carried out by Marfa Heimbach; the missing names from Greek inscriptions from file VIII onwards were completed by Georg Schäfer.

We request everyone who uses these files to cite them in the form:

Paul Weaver, Repertorium Familiae Caesarum - <http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/ifa/altg/eck/weaver.htm>

Obvious and easily eliminated errors perhaps may exist in the files. These can be sent to the following address: Werner.Eck@uni-koeln.de. We will then endeavour to eliminate these errors.

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