

Epicurus' Birthday 2023 - (The Most Comprehensive Picture Yet!)

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Do we have access to Apollodorus of Athens' *Chronicles* (*Χρονικά*, *Chronika*) that identifies the date of Epicurus' birth?

I can only find the phrase from Diogenes Laërtius who employs the phrase **μηνὸς Γαμηλιῶνος ἑβδόμη**.

μηνὸς (mēnós) - genitive singular: “month of”

Γαμηλιῶνος (Gamēliōnos) - genitive singular: “Gamelion’s”

ἑβδόμη (hebdómēi) - nominative singular: “Seventh”

"μηδὲν ἄλλο ἢ σαφήνειαν ἀπαιτεῖν. καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἐπιστολαῖς ἀντὶ τοῦ Χαίρειν Εὐ πράττειν καὶ Σπουδαίως ζῆν.

Ἀρίστων δὲ φησὶν ἐν τῷ Ἐπικούρου βίῳ τὸν Κανόνα γράψαι αὐτὸν ἐκ τοῦ Ναυσιφάνους Τρίποδος, οὗ καὶ ἀκοῦσαί φησὶν αὐτόν, ἀλλὰ καὶ Παμφίλου τοῦ Πλατωνικοῦ ἐν Σάμῳ. ἄρξασθαί τε φιλοσοφεῖν ἐτῶν ὑπάρχοντα δυοκαίδεκα, ἀφηγήσασθαι δὲ τῆς σχολῆς ἐτῶν ὄντα δύο πρὸς τοῖς τριάκοντα. Ἐγεννήθη δὲ, φησὶν Ἀπολλόδωρος ἐν Χρονικοῖς, κατὰ τὸ τρίτον ἔτος τῆς ἐνάτης καὶ ἑκατοστῆς Ὀλυμπιάδος ἐπὶ Σωσιγένους ἄρχοντος μηνὸς Γαμηλιῶνος ἑβδόμη, ἔτεσιν ὕστερον τῆς Πλάτωνος τελευτῆς ἑπτὰ. ὑπάρχοντα δ' αὐτὸν ἐτῶν δύο καὶ τριάκοντα πρῶτον ἐν Μυτιλήνῃ καὶ Λαμψάκῳ συστήσασθαι σχολὴν ἐπὶ ἕτη πέντε· ἔπειθ' οὕτως εἰς Ἀθήνας μετελθεῖν καὶ τελευτῆσαι κατὰ τὸ δεύτερον ἔτος τῆς ἑβδόμης καὶ εἰκοστῆς καὶ ἑκατοστῆς Ὀλυμπιάδος ἐπὶ Πυθαράτου ἕτη βιώσαντα δύο πρὸς τοῖς ἑβδομήκοντα. τὴν τε σχολὴν διαδέξασθαι Ἑρμαρχὸν Ἀγεμόρτου Μυτιληναῖον. τελευτῆσαι δ' αὐτὸν λίθῳ τῶν οὖρων ἐπισχεθέντων, ὡς φησὶ καὶ Ἑρμαρχὸς ἐν ἐπιστολαῖς, ἡμέρας νοσήσαντα τετταρεσκαίδεκα. ὅτε καὶ φησὶν Ἑρμιππος ἐμβάντα αὐτὸν εἰς πύελον χαλκῆν " <
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I *would* like to see the original fragment from Apollodorus of Athens if it is available.