

What Do We Know About Caecilius Staius?

Post by "Eikadistes" of November 3, 2023 at 11:01 PM

[Quote from Joshua](#)

I'm wondering whether anybody else has come across him. I know Hiram has delved deeply into Philodemus' scrolls. I'm just wondering if he should be on our radar?

Yes, and I am currently curious which Caecilius is Caecilius.

Right now, I am juggling with the possibility that he is just a character in "Octavius" by Minucius Felix".

I came across the possibility that he is Caecilius Staius. He (Caecilius "the Epicurean") could also be Titus Pomponius Atticus, whom was later called Quintus *Caecilius* Pomponianus Atticus.

Granted, the Romans, as I now realize, had a very, very limited number of first names, as an individual's identify was largely informed by their heritage, thus, driving modern historians to insanity ... so there were a ton of Quintus Caecilius' out there, and, regarding "Staius", we have, at least, Caecilius Staius the comic poet, whose works contrast with those of Horace such to give us reason to be suspicious of an Epicurean pedigree.

I have no answers to this.

Only one request:

Moving forward, let's all give our kids unique names. There are an innumerable amount of familiar names, and the Romans, who were *emaculate* with their historiography, only had about 6 names for boys.