

The local elites of the *Municipium Florentinum Iliberritanum*.

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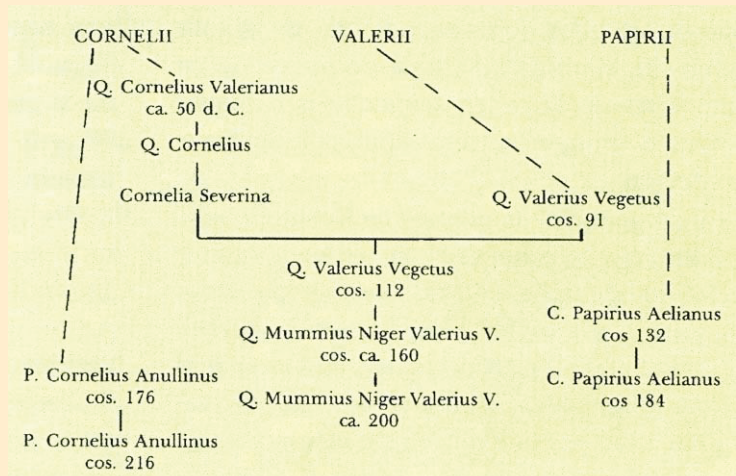


Fig. 1. *Iliberis's senatoria families.*



Fig. 2. *Cornelia Severina, mother of Valerius Vegetus.*



Fig. 3. *P. Cornelius Anullinus.*



Fig. 4. *Cn. Papirius Aelianus Tuscillus*

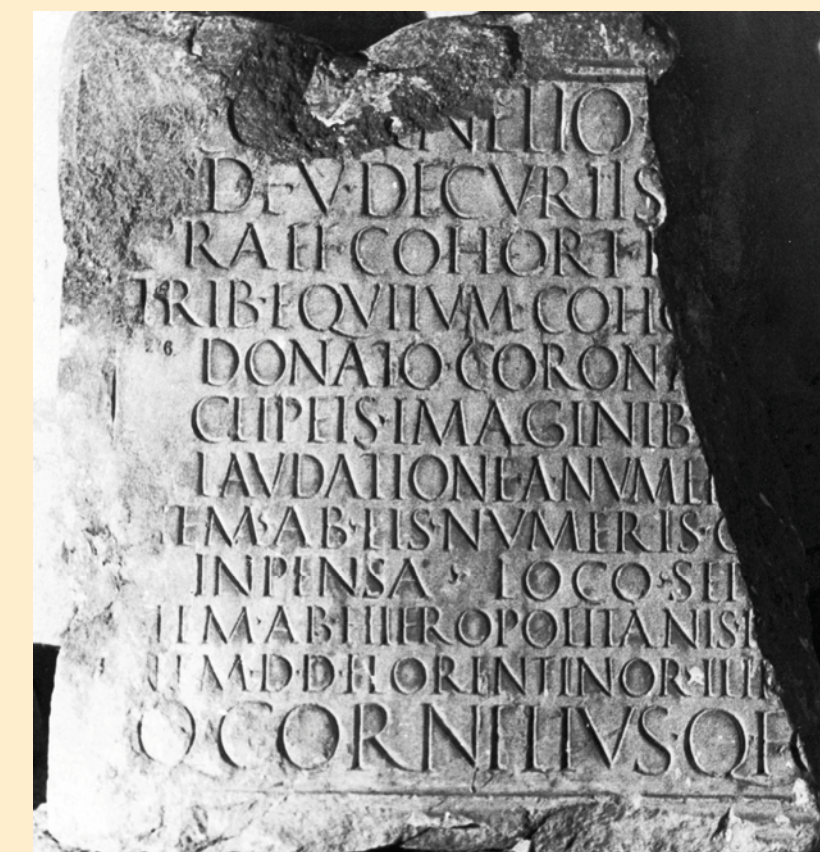


Fig. 5. *Q(uitus) Cornelius ...*



Fig. 6. *Q(uitus) Valerius ...*

The Latin epigraphy of *Iliberis* informs us about the most important *familiae* and their most prominent members (*Cornelia, Etrilia, Galeria, Manlia, Papiria, Valeria*, among others) (Fig. 1). The local elites of *Iliberis* had access, since early times, to the Senate. Of the *gens Valeria*, the most important member was *Q. Valerius Vegetus*, married to *Cornelia Severina*, to whom a pedestal found in the Alcazaba was consecrated (Fig. 2); his son and namesake was also a senator and consul in 112. An outstanding member of the *gens Cornelia* is *P. Cornelius Anullinus*, who held a consulship between 176 and 178. He developed an excellent *cursus honorum* in the times of *Marcus Aurelius, Commodus*, and *Septimius Severus*, as is confirmed by the finding of a pedestal on the floor of the *forum* of the city (Fig. 3); his son and namesake was also *senator, augur*, and *consul* in 216. *Cn. Papirius Aelianus Aemilius Tuscillus* was also a *senator*. He developed his entire *cursus honorum* during the reigns of *Hadrianus* and *Antoninus Pius*, according to an inscription found in the Albaicín (Fig. 4); his grandson, *Cn. Papirius Aelianus*, as also a *senator* and *consul* in 184. Of the more than 40 *equites* epigraphically attested in the *Baetica*, only two come from *Iliberis*: *Q. Cornelius...?* and his son and namesake, cited in a luxurious epigraph dated towards the end of the first century (Fig. 5). Both of them come from *Iliberis*, as the text of the inscription allows us to conclude. The father had a very successful military career, on account of which he obtained a significant

number of awards. Once *Iliberis* acquired the category of *municipium*, the municipal oligarchy constituted the decurial *ordo*, integrated by old magistrates and members of the richest and most socially outstanding families. Some of its members have left epigraphic evidence in *Iliberis* (*L. Galerius Valerianus, duumvir* and *pontifex perpetuus, Q. Valerius...? aedil* and *duumvir* (Fig. 6) and *P. Cornelius Callicus*, who worshipped *Stata Mater* in *Ilurco* (Fig. 7); other characters honoured in the epigraphs also belonged to the local elite (*L. Cornelius Flaccus* (Fig. 8), *L. Atilius Hiberus* (Fig. 9), *P. Manilius Urbanus* (Fig. 10), *P. Valerius Lucanus* (Fig. 11), *P. Manlius Manlianus* (Fig. 12), *Valerius Lare(n)sis* (Fig. 13) and the *anonymous patronus*, to whom the *florentini iliberrit(ani)* consecrated a pedestal recently found in the Albaicín) and other more (Figs. 14-15). Freedmen are also prominent among the higher spheres of society. In *Iliberis*, we know of [...? *Perseus*, who, in honour of the sevirate, rebuilt the *forum* and the *basilica*, as is indicated by several epigraphs from the Albaicín (Figs. 16-17), and *M. Servilius Onesimus*, who consecrated an altar to the *genius* of the *municipium* of *Iliberis* (Fig. 18). At the bottom of the social ladder are the slaves, whose projection is linked to productive activities. In *Iliberis* they were devoted to the production of oil and pottery. The testimonies that inform us about them are just a few (*Grapte, Eyticia, Asanan, Verecunda*). In sum, all the social classes of Rome, from

senators through slaves, were present in the Roman *municipium* of *Iliberis*. It was a booming and economically strong society, whose elite erected statues and honorary tombstones, and celebrated banquet in honour of some of the distinguished citizens of the *municipium*. It also maintained political, social, and economic relations with the central administration on a regular basis.

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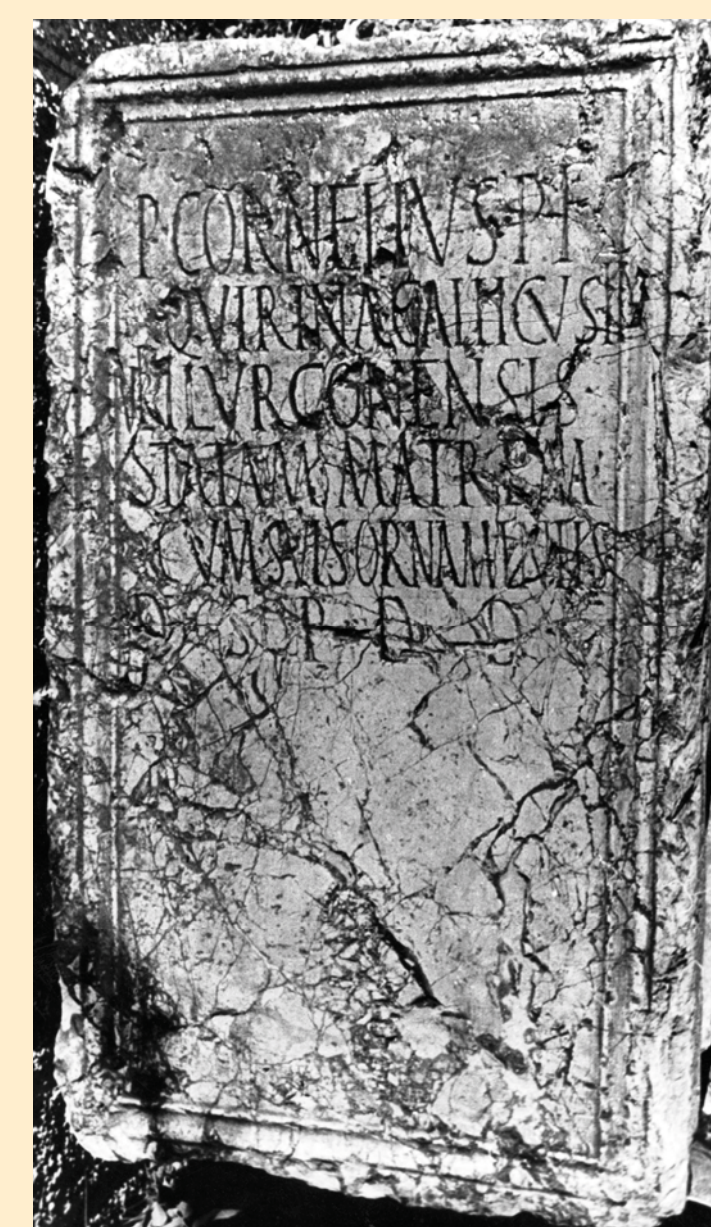


Fig. 7. *P. Cornelius Callicus dedicates an altar to Stata Mater..*

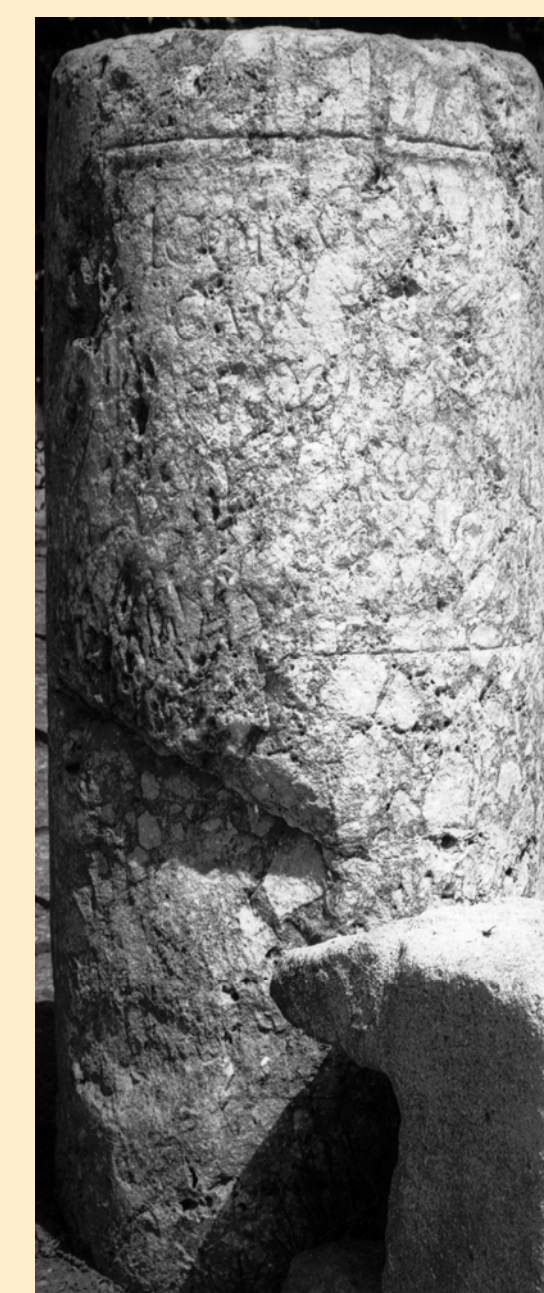


Fig. 8. *L(ucius) Cornelius Flacus*

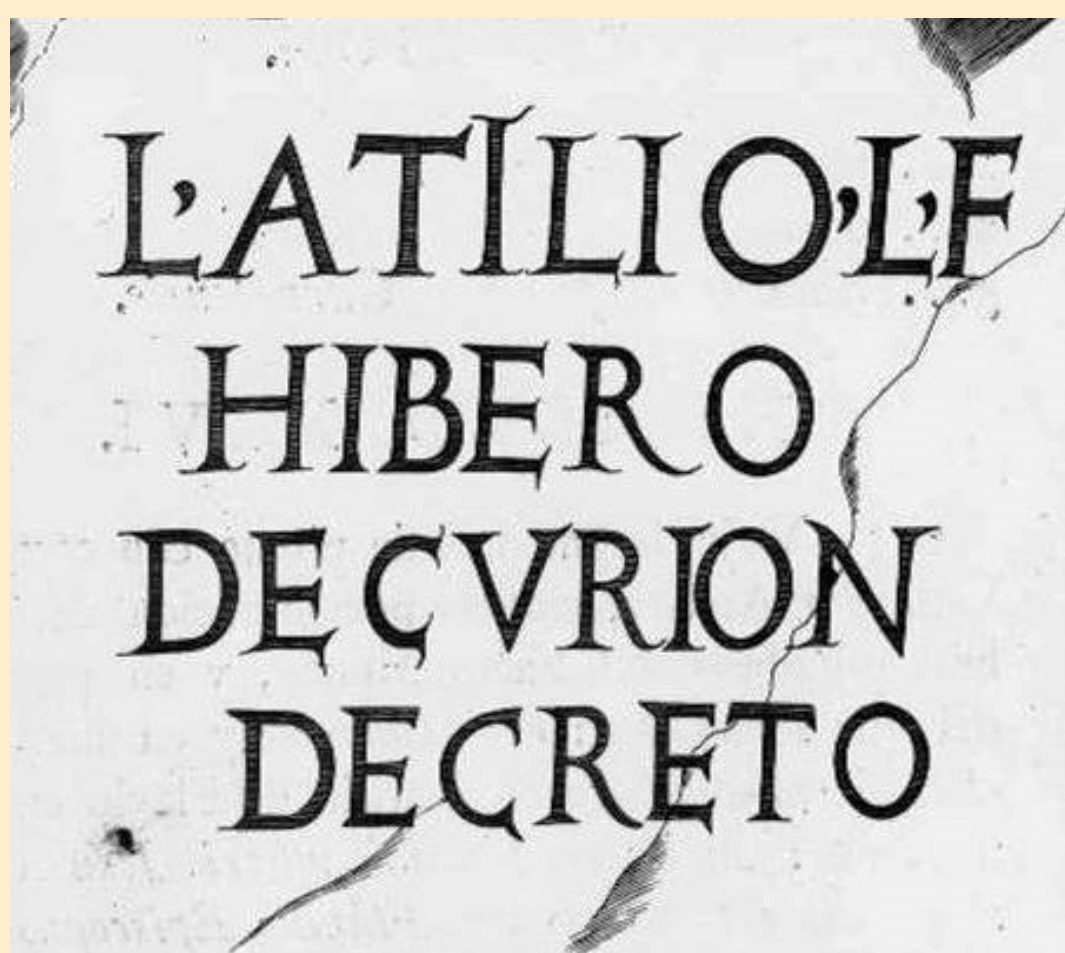


Fig. 9. Draw of *L(ucius) Atilius Hiberus*



Fig. 10. *P(ublius) Manilius Urbanus*



Fig. 11. *Cornelia Cornelianas married P. Valerius Lucanus*

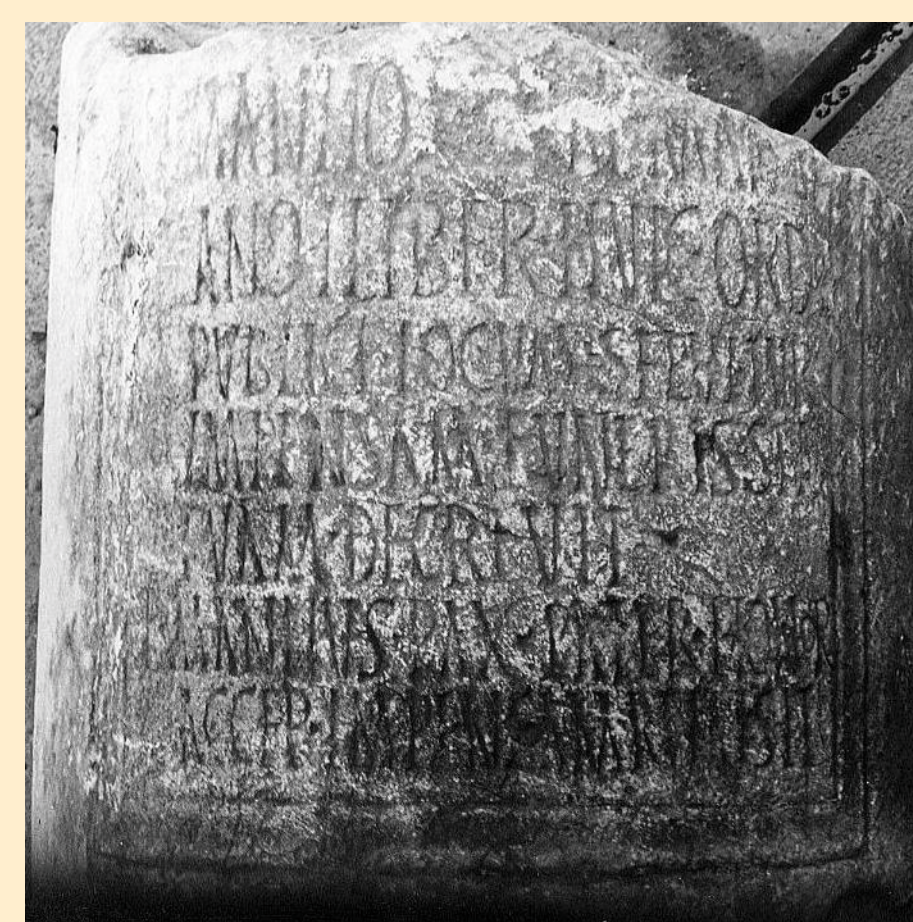


Fig. 12. *P(ublius) Manlius Manlianus*



Fig. 13. *Valerius Lare(n)sis*

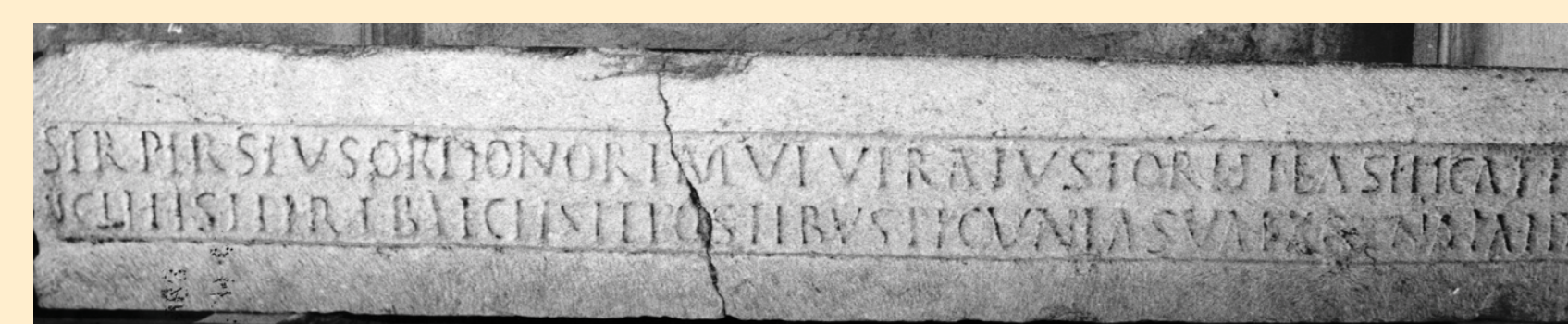


Fig. 16. ... *Perseus, sevir Iliberis*



Fig. 14. *Patronus ... anónimus*



Fig. 15. *Anónimus*



Fig. 17. The same one of before (16)

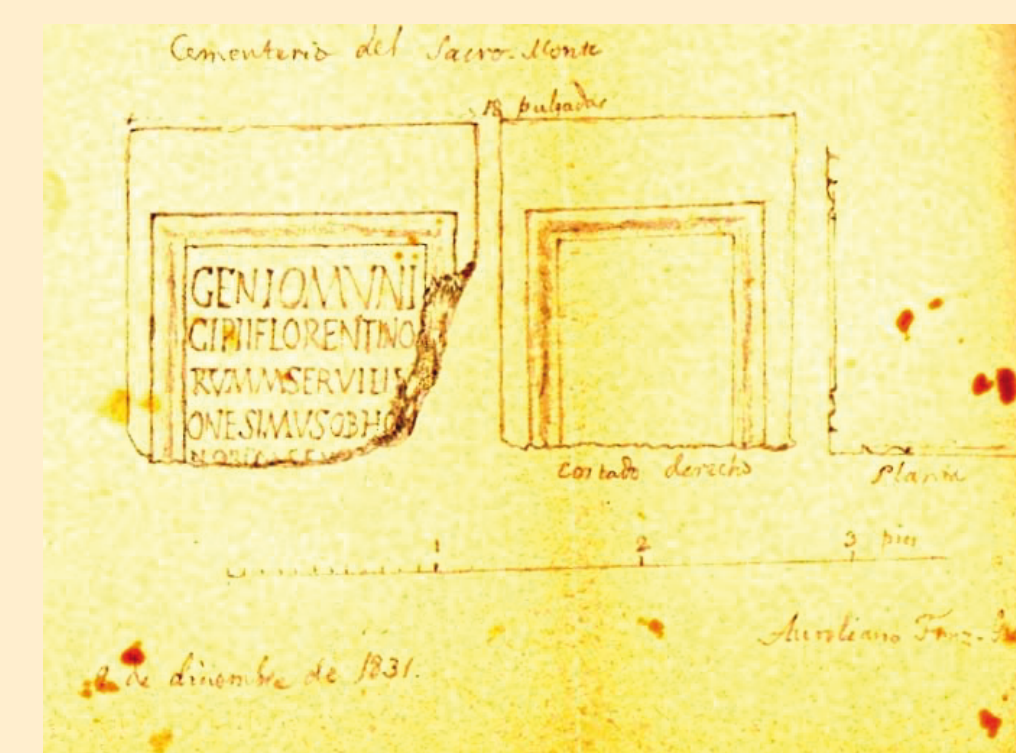


Fig. 18. *M(arcus) Servilius Onesimus*