

Marble slab with Greek epigraph



Subject

Three fragments of marble slab, with signs of fixing pins, showing a Greek text elegantly carved with the burial dedication put by Kouirinios' anonymous brother (Greek version of the Latin name Quirinius). The young boy died at 23 years, 6 months and 10 days. In the eulogy a very rare adjective was found: "ἀνέρις ἀπομνηστός", "that is inexperienced, green".

Found in the underground burial room of the Barberini tomb in the arcosolium infill n.6, during the excavation and cleaning conducted by Soprintendenza Archeologica of Rome in 1998-99.

Accession number –

Marble

Height 29cm; width 36 cm; depth 3 cm

Fragmentary

Late Imperial period (2nd-3rd cent. A.D.)

Provenance

Tombs of the Via Latina, so-called Barberini sepulchre

Placement

Tombs of the Via Latina

Credits

Archive of Appia Antica Archaeological Park (pictures by P. Pinci)

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