

Cambridge University Press

0521211158 - Studies in Roman Property: By the Cambridge University Research Seminar
in Ancient History - Edited by M. I. Finley

Frontmatter/Prelims

[More information](#)

CAMBRIDGE CLASSICAL STUDIES

General editors: M.I.Finley, E.J.Kenney, G.E.L.Owen

STUDIES IN ROMAN PROPERTY

Cambridge University Press

0521211158 - Studies in Roman Property: By the Cambridge University Research Seminar
in Ancient History - Edited by M. I. Finley

Frontmatter/Prelims

[More information](#)

STUDIES IN ROMAN PROPERTY

BY THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH SEMINAR
IN ANCIENT HISTORY

Edited by

M. I. FINLEY

Professor of Ancient History in the
University of Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge

London : New York : Melbourne

Cambridge University Press

0521211158 - Studies in Roman Property: By the Cambridge University Research Seminar
in Ancient History - Edited by M. I. Finley

Frontmatter/Prelims

[More information](#)

Published by the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press
The Pitt Building, Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RP
Bentley House, 200 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB
32 East 57th Street, New York, NY 10022, USA
296 Beaconsfield Parade, Middle Park, Melbourne 3206, Australia

© Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge 1976

ISBN 0 521 21115 8 hard covers

First published 1976

Transferred to digital printing 2003

Cambridge University Press

0521211158 - Studies in Roman Property: By the Cambridge University Research Seminar
in Ancient History - Edited by M. I. Finley

Frontmatter/Prelims

[More information](#)

CONTENTS

Preface	page vii
1 INTRODUCTION	1
M.I.Finley	
2 SOME CONFIGURATIONS OF LANDHOLDING IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE	7
R.P.Duncan-Jones	
3 IMPERIAL ESTATES	35
Appendix: A working-list for the first three centuries A.D.	57
Dorothy J.Crawford	
4 CLASSICAL ROMAN LAW AND THE SALE OF LAND	71
John Crook	
5 THE CICERONIAN ARISTOCRACY AND ITS PROPERTIES	85
Elizabeth Rawson	
6 PRIVATE FARM TENANCY IN ITALY BEFORE DIOCLETIAN	103
Appendix: Columella (1.7.1-2) on <i>opus</i> and <i>accessiones</i>	119
M.I.Finley	
7 URBAN PROPERTY INVESTMENT	123
Appendix: Demolition of houses and the law	133
Peter Garnsey	
8 <i>AGRI DESERTI</i>	137
C.R.Whittaker	
Notes	167
Bibliography	201
Index	209

Cambridge University Press

0521211158 - Studies in Roman Property: By the Cambridge University Research Seminar
in Ancient History - Edited by M. I. Finley

Frontmatter/Prelims

[More information](#)

PREFACE

For two years our research seminar examined various aspects of Roman property. Some twenty people participated regularly and another ten or twelve attended when they could, not all from Cambridge. Several of the topics discussed are not properly, or not at all, represented in this volume: the more obvious absentees are land-values and methods of valuation (including sale by auction and the relationship between rents and prices) and the link between land and debt, generally as well as in the publicized crises of 49 B.C. and A.D. 33. The decision to publish or not was an individual one, depending solely on the author's personal judgement, whether because the investigation of a particular topic had been completed or because a survey of the current state of our information was a clear desideratum or because a neglected aspect of Roman property needed to be brought to the fore for further research.

Not only was every chapter discussed in the seminar but subsequent drafts were read and criticized by individual participants. This volume therefore represents common work (hence no thanks are expressed in the notes to members of the seminar) but not collective work. That is, no doctrines or agreed conclusions were imposed, or even sought, though there was fairly general agreement about the questions to be asked. As a result, though some disagreements were resolved, either in the seminar or in private discussion, others remain. Editorial intervention was restricted to the elimination of excessive duplication and overlapping. To that extent, the volume can be read as a coherent unit.

My colleagues will not, I think, consider it invidious if I take the opportunity to thank C.R.Whittaker, without whose help on the editorial side the volume would have been long delayed.

August 1975

M.I.F.