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The founding of the Roman principate was a time of great turmoil. During the nascent stages of this change, there was an evolving sense of empire and inheritance. By bringing together a set of important Latin inscriptions, including the recently discovered documents concerning the death of Germanicus and trial of Calpurnius Piso, this book illustrates the developing sense of dynasty that underpinned the new monarchy of Augustus. Students can see the process by which the monarchy of the Roman Empire was established by examining contemporary official documents, and also understand why some inscriptions were established permanently. It provides a historical commentary on the inscriptions that will be useful to students and scholars alike, and supplies important technical help in understanding the production of documents and inscriptions. These technical explanations make it an excellent starting point for introducing students to Roman epigraphy.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviations of included documents

6.31199	CIL 6.31199
6.31200	CIL 6.31200
DPG	CIL 11.1421 (<i>Decretum Pisanum de augendis honoribus Gaii Caesaris</i>)
DPL	CIL 11.1420 (<i>Decretum Pisanum de augendis honoribus Lucii Caesaris</i>)
LVA	<i>Lex Valeria Aurelia</i> .
SCGC	<i>Senatus consultum de memoria honoranda Germanici Caesaris</i> .
SCPP	<i>Senatus consultum de Cn. Pisone Patre</i>
TH	<i>Tabula Hebana</i>
TI	<i>Tabula Ilicitana</i>
TS	<i>Tabula Siarenensis</i>

Readers should note that all the inscriptions treated here represent instantiations of public documents—in several cases multiple inscriptions contain the same public document (TS, TH, and 6.31199) and in one case a single inscription contains portions of two documents (TS)—and therefore the use of the same abbreviations to refer to document (which existed outside the inscription) and inscription (which had a particular, singular existence rooted in one place) can be confusing. In the case of the TS, which contains two public documents, I have adopted two further abbreviations to differentiate between them: SCGC is the decree of the Roman senate passed in late 19 CE establishing commemorative honors for Germanicus Caesar, which comes down to us on the TS and, much more imperfectly, on 6.31199. LVA is the law passed in early 20 CE affirming the commemorative honors for Germanicus Caesar, portions of which appear on the TS and the TH, and possibly on 6.31199.

General abbreviations

Abbreviations for periodicals follow those of the *American Journal of Archaeology* (1991: 95.4–16) and *L'Année Philologique*. Ancient works are abbreviated as in the *Oxford Classical Dictionary* (3rd edn, 1996). Citations to passages of Tacitus that are included in chapter 4 are preceded by an asterisk (*). In addition the following abbreviations are used throughout.

- AE *L'Année épigraphique*. 1888–.
- AG *Allen and Greenough's New Latin Grammar for Schools and Colleges*, ed. J. B. Greenough, J. H. Allen, G. L. Kittredge, A. A. Howard, and B. L. D'Ooge. New York: Cinn and Company, 1916.
- CIL *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*, ed. Th. Mommsen *et al.* Berlin: G. Reimerum, W. De Gruyter, 1863–.
- Diz. Ep. *Dizionario epigrafico di antichità romane di Ettore de Ruggiero*. Rome: L. Pasqualucci, 1895–. Reprinted Rome: "L'Erma," 1961–. 5 Vols.
- FUM Emilio Rodriquez-Almeida. *Forma urbis marmorea: Aggiornamento generale*. Rome: Edizione Quasar, 1981.
- FUR *La pianta marmorea di Roma antica (Forma Urbis Romae)*, ed. G. Carrettoni *et al.* Rome: Ripartizione X antichità e belle arti de Comune di Roma, 1960.
- ILS *Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae*, ed. Herman Dessau. Berlin: Weidemann, 1892–1916. Reprinted Chicago: Ares, 1979.
- Insc. Ital.* *Inscriptiones Italiae*, vol. XIII: *fasti et elogia*, ed. Attilio Degrassi. Rome: La Libreria del stato, 1963.
- LTUR *Lexicon topographicum urbis Romae*, vols. 1–5, ed. M. Steinby. Rome: Edizione Quasar, 1993–2000.
- NTDAR Lawrence Richardson. *New Topographical Dictionary of Ancient Rome*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992.
- OLD *Oxford Latin Dictionary*, ed. P. W. Glare. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1983.
- PIR *Prosopographia imperii romani*. 1st edition, 1897–1898, Berlin: Geogivm Reaimervm. 2nd edition, 1933–. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- RIC I² *Roman Imperial Coinage*, 2nd edition, 1984–.

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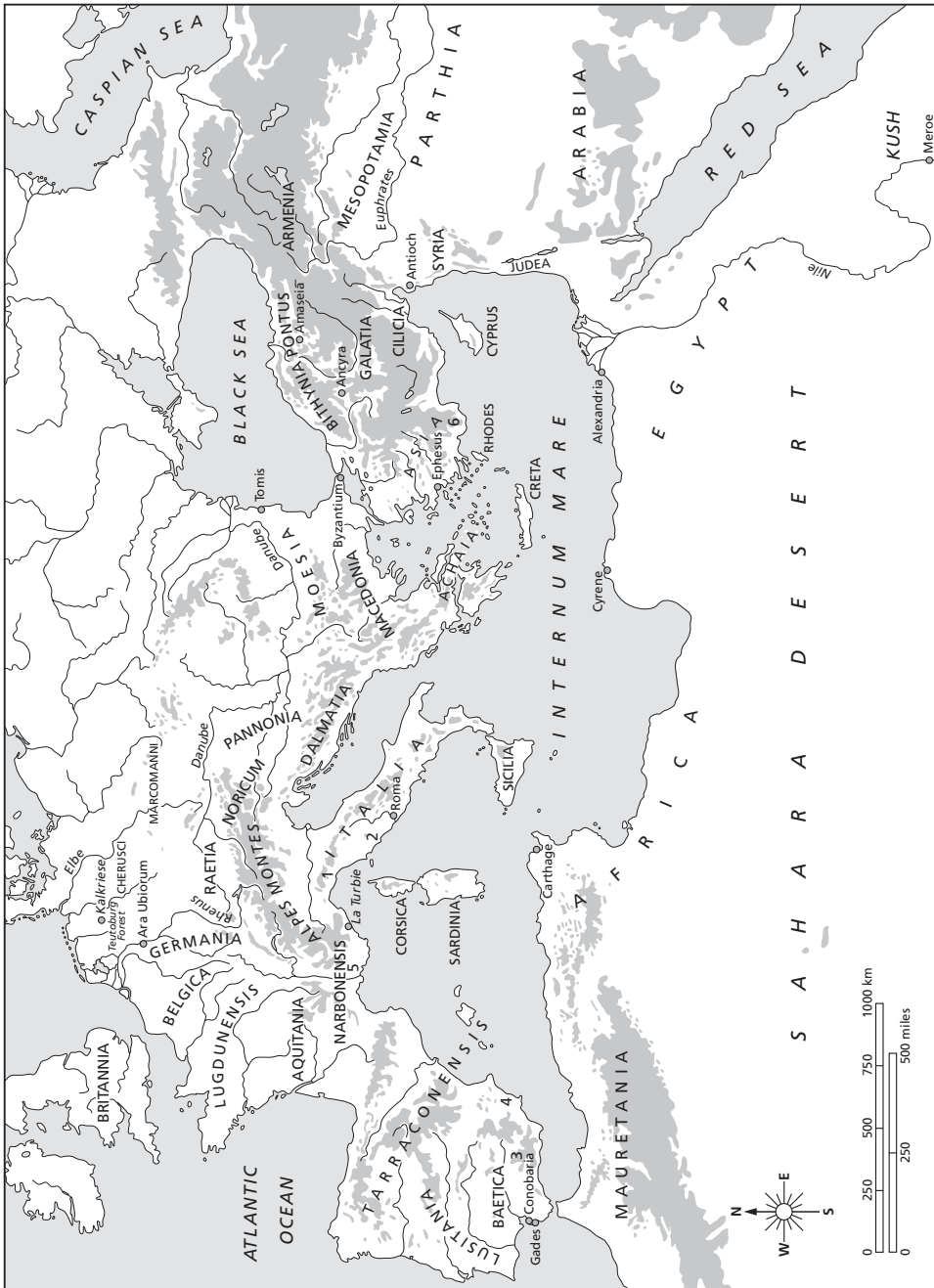


Figure 0.1 Map showing the extent of Roman Empire in the time of Augustus. Some places mentioned in the text: 1 Pisa, 2 Heba, 3 Starum, 4 Ilici, 5 Massilia, 6 Limyra.

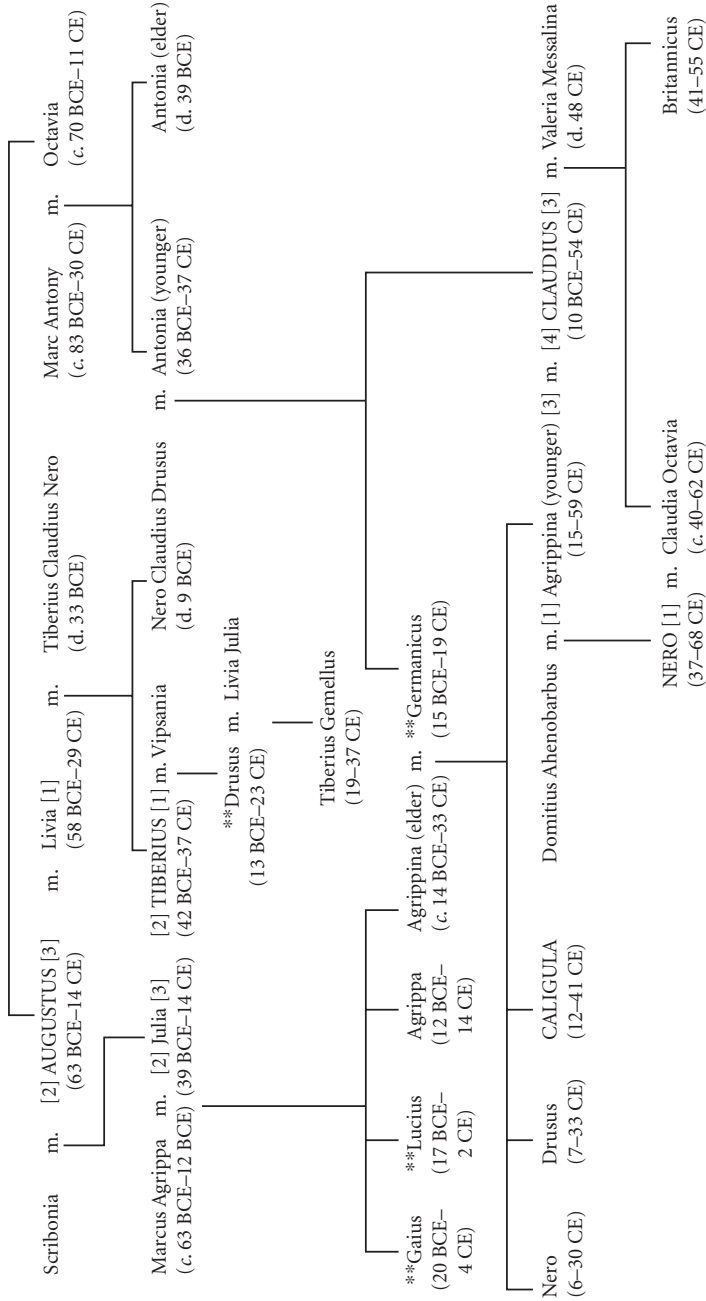
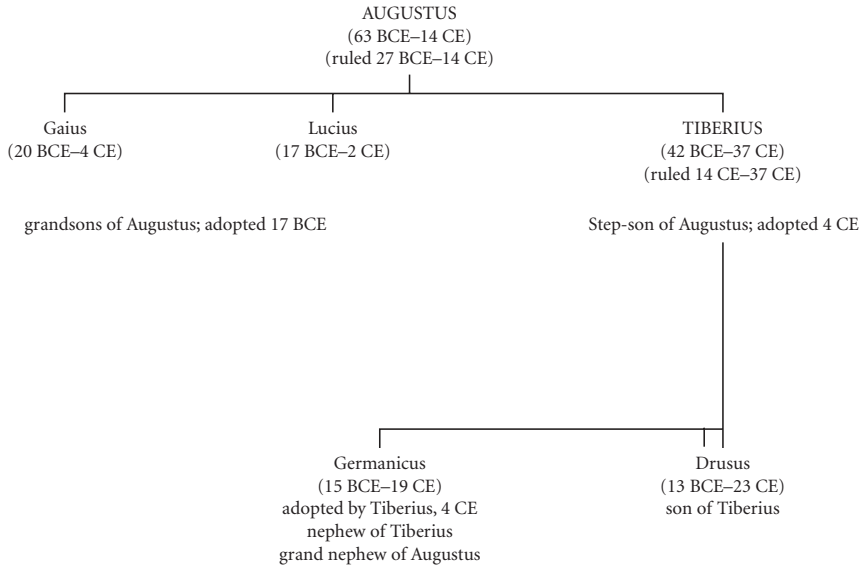


Figure 0.2 Stemma of the family of Augustus.

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ALL CAPS = Emperor

Figure 0.3 Simplified stemma showing Augustus’ heirs.