

Livia and Vesta: The Overemphasized Relationship between Empress and Goddess

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Primary sources mentioned (in order):

Suetonius, *Augustus* 44.3: *solis virginibus Vestalibus locum in theatro separatim et contra praetoris tribunal dedit.*

Cicero, *pro Murena*, 73: *si virgo Vestalis, huius propinqua et necessaria, locum suum gladiatorium concessit huic, not et illa pie fecit et hic a culpa est remotus.*

Suetonius, *Augustus*, 31.3: *sacerdotum et numerum et dignitatem sed et commoda auxit, praecipue Vestalium uirginum. cumque in demortuae locum aliam capi oporteret ambirentque multi ne filias in sortem darent, adiurauit, si cuiusquam neptium suarum competeret aetas, oblaturum se fuisse eam.*

Cassius Dio, 55.22.5: πλήθους εἶδον, ὃ καὶ νῦν γίγνεται. ἐπειδὴ τε οὐ ῥαδίως οἱ πάνυ εὐγενεῖς τὰς θυγατέρας ἐς τὴν τῆς Ἑστίας ἱερατεῖαν ἐπεδίδοσαν, ἐνομοθετήθη καὶ ἐξ ἀπελευθέρων γεγεννημένας ἱεραῖσθαι. καὶ ὁ μὲν κλῆρος αὐτῶν, ἐπεὶ πλείους ἡμφεσβήτησαν, ἐν τῷ συνεδρίῳ παρόντων τῶν πατέρων σφῶν, ὅσοι γε ἵππευον, ἐγένετο, οὐ μέντοι καὶ τοιαύτη τις ἀπεδείχθη.

Ovid, *Epistulae ex Ponto*, 4.13.29: *pudicarum Vesta matrum*

Ovid, *Tristia*, 4.2.11-14: *pro sospite Livia nato munera det meritis, saepe data, deis, et pariter matres et quae sine crimine castos perpetua servant virginitate focos.*

Cassius Dio, 49.38: καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα ἐκεῖ μὲν Φούφιον Γέμινον σὺν δυνάμει τινὶ κατέλιπεν, αὐτὸς δὲ ἐς τὴν Ῥώμην ἀνεκομίσθη, καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐπινίκια ψηφισθέντα οἱ ἀνεβάλετο, τῇ δ' Ὀκταουῖα τῇ τε Λιουῖα καὶ εἰκόνας καὶ τὸ τὰ σφέτερα ἄνευ κυρίου τινὸς διοικεῖν, τὸ τε ἀδεῆς καὶ τὸ ἀνύβριστον ἐκ τοῦ ὁμοίου τοῖς δημάρχους ἔχειν ἔδωκεν.

Cassius Dio, 55.2.4-5: κὰν τούτῳ καὶ ἡ Λιουῖα μετὰ τῆς Ἰουλίας τὰς γυναῖκας εἰστίασε. τὰ δ' αὐτὰ ταῦτα καὶ τῷ Δρούσῳ ἡτοιμάζετο.

IG III 316 (Athens)

IGR, 4.180 (Lampsacus)

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