

Was Sokrates' half-brother a 'filthy rich' tragic poet?

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Prosopographies

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Wealth 83-5

ΧΡ. πόθεν οὔν, φράσον,
αὐχμῶν βαδίσεις; ΠΛ. ἐκ Πατροκλέους ἔρχομαι
ὅς οὐκ ἐλούσατ' ἐξ ὄτουπερ ἐγένετο.

CHREMYLUS. So tell me, how come you're going
about in that filthy state?

WEALTH. I'm coming out of Patrokles' house, and he
never took a bath since the day he was born.

Σ^V Wealth 84a α

- (α) Ἀθηναῖος, πλούσιος μὲν σφόδρα, ἄλλως δὲ
κακόβιός τις καὶ φιλοχρήματος καὶ σκνιφὸς
κωμωδεῖται, RENpMatrBarb LutV⁵⁷Ald.
- "Athenian, made fun of as very wealthy but
otherwise an ill-living, avaricious, and mean
man..."

Σ^V *Wealth* 84a β

- τὸν Πατροκλέα κωμῶδεῖ ὡς Ἀθηναῖον μὲν καὶ πλούσιον, κνιπὸν δὲ καὶ φειδωλόν· ἦν δὲ τραγωδίας ποιητής, ἄλλως δὲ καὶ κακόβιός καὶ φιλοχρήματος.
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Σ *Wealth* 84a

- ὡς ἐν τοῖς Πελαργοῖς εἴρηται περὶ τούτου, ὅστις ἔνεκεν τῆς φειδωλίας οὐδένα εἶα προσίεσθαι, φυλακῆς ἔνεκα τῶν χρημάτων καὶ γλίσχρου βίου.
- “as has been stated about him in the *Storks* [i.e. in the commentary on that play], as someone who because of his miserliness wouldn't allow anyone to visit him, because of his hoarding of money and stingy way of life.”

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57 PATROCLES ATHENIENSIS

58 PATROCLES THURIUS

- T 1: Aristophanes *Wealth* 82-4 + Σ ad loc.
- T 2: possible Lenaea victor, ca. 380, *IG* ii² 2325G.20
- F 1: seven lines by a Patrokles, Stobaeus 4.47.3
- F 2: Clement of Alexandria *Protr.* 2.30.4: “Patrokles the Thurian and Sophokles the younger both write about the Dioscuri in certain of their plays”.

IG ii² 2325G.20

- List of victorious tragic poets at the Lenaea

ca. 380 BC [.] ης

Hoffmann: Patrokl]es, Snell: Polychar]es
 Millis & Olson 206: "Both names seem slightly too long for the space available, and any restoration amounts to little more than a guess".

Patrokles - prosopography

- Kirchner (1903): *PA* 11692 – identifies the rich miser as a tragic poet
- Osborne & Byrne, *LGPN*² (1994): (4)- appears to accept Kirchner's tragic poet as the rich miser
- Traill, *PAA* (2005): *PAA* 768605 – "poet tragic, man of wealth, komoidoumenos"

Clouds 833-7

εὐστόμει
 καὶ μηδὲν εἴπης φλαῦρον ἄνδρας δεξιούς
 καὶ νοῦν ἔχοντας, ὧν ὑπὸ τῆς φειδωλίας
 ἀπεκείρατ' οὐδεὶς πώποτ' οὐδ' ἠλείψατο
 οὐδ' εἰς βαλανεῖον ἦλθε λουσόμενος.

Hold your tongue and don't say anything silly against clever and intelligent men; because of their stinginess not one of them has ever had a hair-cut or anointed himself with oil or entered a bath-house to wash.

Lakonomania

- *Birds* 1281-3: "Everybody used to be Spartan-mad, they wore their hair long, they ate a meagre diet, they were filthy, they behaved like Sokrates, they carried staffs."
- *Lysistrata* 271-80: "Not even Kleomenes, who captured this place first, got away unscathed. Although he breathed a Spartan spirit, he still surrendered his weapons to me and departed, wearing a short coarse cloak, starving, filthy, unshaven, without a bath for six years."
- Platon *F* 132: "You quite enjoy, I suspect, putting him in check and knocking him down, that man with the lifelong beard, with hair like rope, filthy knuckles, and a tunic that drags in the dirt".
 [cited as an example of comic caricatures of the Spartans]

Σ *Wealth 84b*

- εἷς ἦν δὲ οὗτος τῶν τὸν Λακωνικὸν ζηλούντων βίον
- “He [Patrokles] was one of those who emulated the Spartan way of life”.

Patrokles

- (1) PAA 768600 – *archon basileus* in 403, involved in financial litigation following the fall of the Thirty (Isokrates 18.5-8);
- (2) PAA 768625 – son of Pasikles, *tamias* of Athena in 377/6 (IG ii² 1141);
- (3) PAA 768635 – of the tribe Aigeis, *epistatēs* in 421/0 (IG i² 79.4);
- (4) PAA 768645 – of the deme Alopeke, *athlothes* at the Panathenaia in 406/5 (IG i³ 378.10);
- (5) PAA 768650 – son of Chairedemos, maternal half-brother of Sokrates (Plat. *Euthyd.* 297e).

Nails’ Patrokles

- postulates a single prominent Patrokles in the early 4th century:
 - the *komoidoumenos*
 - (1) the ex-archon
 - (4) the *athlothes* from Alopeke
 - (5) Sokrates’ half-brother

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