

Prosecution

Here we have been given a case of a non-citizen Aulus Licinius Archias in order to determine his true citizenship we shall examine the evidence of his place of birth and whether or not he truly is a Roman citizen or just one more barbarian who is not a Roman citizen but instead a man of Greece. First, we examine the fact that Aulus Licinius Archias has not produced a record of his enrolment as a citizen of Heraclea. Therefore with no proof of his enrolment as a citizen of Heraclea he was there for ineligible for citizenship. This then would be the true reason his name does not appear on the records of Heraclea.

We can also see that Aulus Licinius Archias is not a member of the Roman citizens as he does not appear in the census taken within his supposed years in Rome. If his name does not appear on the census, then it is plain to see that he does not live in Rome as he would appear as a citizen on the census. As he does not appear on the census however we can then state the fact that he cannot be a Roman citizen as he has appeared on no documents that would validate his claim to be a Roman citizen. However, he does appear on the unreliable document the praetor's records of 89 BC. With the name of the defendant Aulus Licinius Archias appearing on this document you would believe that the case of the prosecution is in tatters. However, this document is wholly unreliable as a method of determining the legitimacy of the citizenship of the defendant Aulus Licinius Archias as the document in question has been found to be unreliable.

The defendant, however, claims that the reason for his lack of documented evidence of his citizenship is that during the time of two different census is that he was on campaign with Lucullus. This is either a falsehood or a true statement however it would seem that it is rather convenient that the defendant would be away with Lucullus on the two occasions that would have been able to prove his citizenship. However, as we have already witnessed the defendant has no proof of his citizenship nor has he either attempted to put himself in documentation as a citizen of Rome this would then be due to him not being eligible for Roman citizenship.

In conclusion then we can clearly see that the defendant Aulus Licinius Archias is able to produce no proof of his citizenship no proof of his life in Rome and no evidence of any of his claims and it is clear that Aulus Licinius Archias is not a true citizen of Rome.

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