



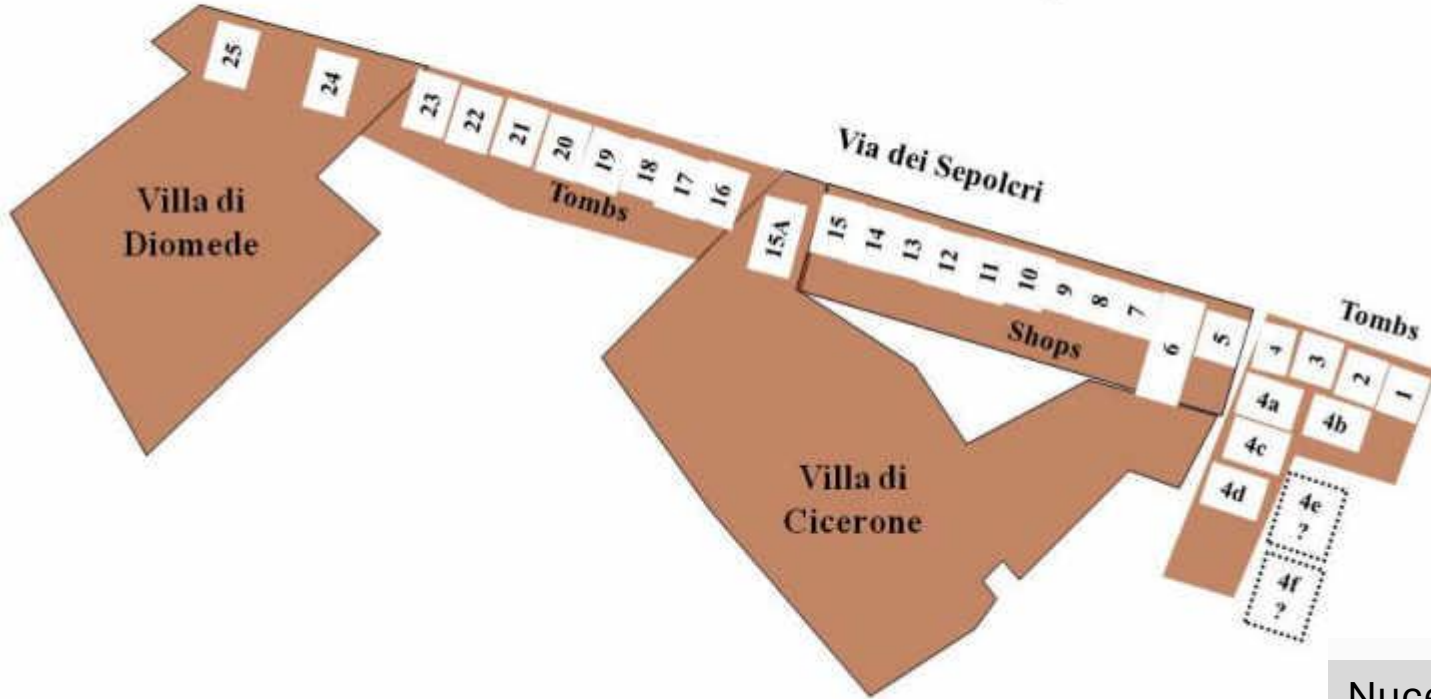
Burial practices at Pompeii

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Via dei Sepolcri

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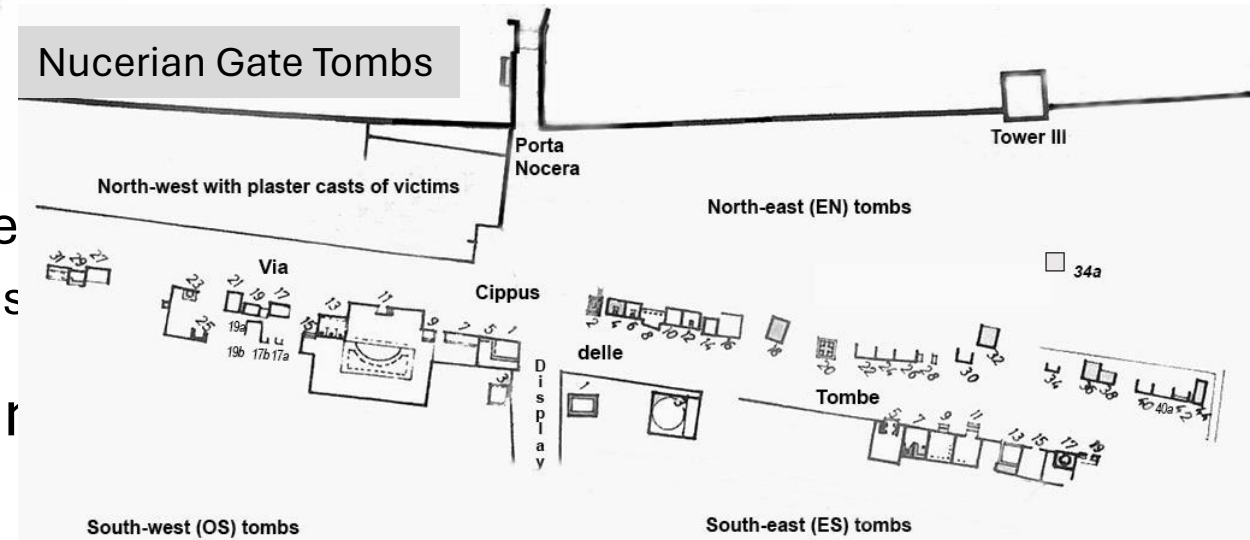


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t Pompeii date from mid-1st century BC.
nformation for slaves and children.

Herculaneum Gate tombs



- Limited e
- Large
- Emphasis isir
enough).



Burial practices and visiting the dead



West side, by the Herculaneum Gate. Schola Tomb of Mamia.

- Fondo Azzolini necropolis.
 - 500 m from the Stabian Gate.
 - Epidii family – some 44 inhumations (4th – 2nd century BC).
 - Cremation more common from Roman period (119 in total).
- Benches for family and passersby.
 - Festivals for the dead.
 - Parentalia (13-21 February).
- Some tombs with pipes leading to buried cinerary urns.
 - Feralia day (Parentalia), gifts at tombs.

Elite tombs

- Honorary tombs within 30 m of the gates.
- Exedra tombs
 - e.g., Aulus Veius (Herculaneum Gate) and Marcus Tullius (Vesuvian Gate).
- Tomb of Gaius Vestorius Priscus (Vesuvian Gate).
 - He held the office of aedile (died at 22).
 - Paid for by his mother Mulvia Prisca; 2000 sesterii contribution from the Ordo Decurionum.



Tomb of Gaius Vestorius Priscus

Tombs of freed-people

- Desire to their freed status and various honours achieved.
 - e.g., Gaius Cuspius Cyrus and Salvus (Nucerian Gate) – *magister* of Pagus Augustus Felix.
 - Territory of today's Boscoreale and Boscotrecase.
- Gaius Calventius Quietus (Herculaneum Gate), honoured with a bisellium.
- “Publius Vesonius Phileros, freedman of a woman, **Augustalis**, built this monument for himself and his family while they were still alive, and for his patron Veonia, daughter of Publius, and for his friend, Marcus Orfellius Faustus” (AE, 1986, 166a).



Repudiation of Marcus Orfellius Faustus

“Stranger, if it’s not too much trouble, delay for a while and you’ll discover what you should avoid. This man whom I thought was my friend produced informers against me, and a lawsuit was begun. I thank the gods and my innocence that I am free from all the trouble. I hope that neither the household gods nor the gods of the underworld receive the man who lied about our dealings.” (AE, 1964, 160)

“Family” tombs

- Multi-use burial sites.
 - Common among non-elite.
 - Often a “main” occupant.
- Tomb of the Flavii (50-30 BC; Nucerian Gate area).
 - Publius Flavius.
 - Herms and epitaphs.
- House tombs (esp. Nucerian Gate area).
 - Roofs, doors, windows, sometimes even mosaics.



House tombs
(Nucerian
Gate area)



Tomb of the Flavii