

From Augustus to Nero



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Julia

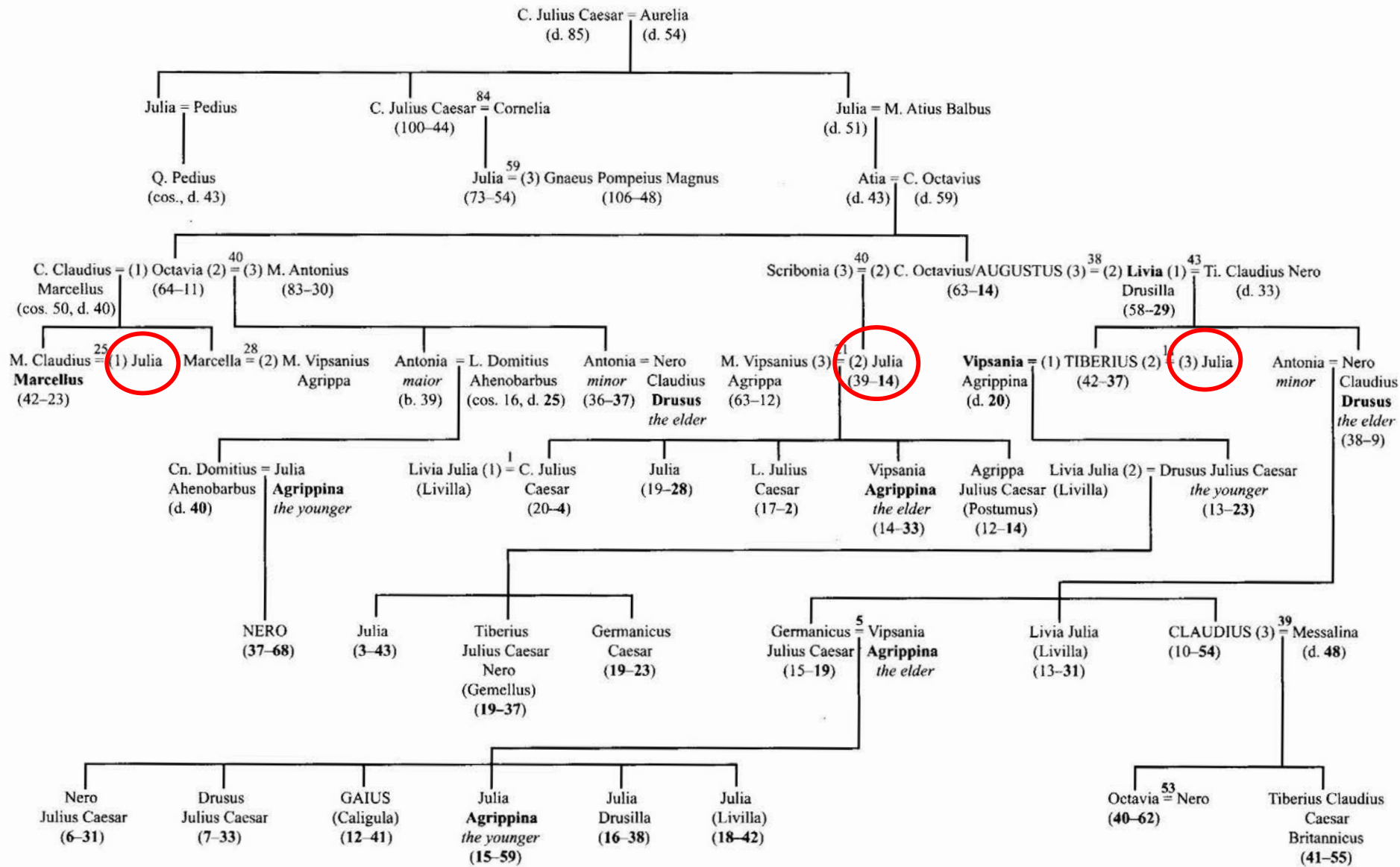
Daughter of Augustus
and Scribonia

Married to...

- Marcellus in 25 BC
- Agrippa in 21 BC
- Tiberius in 11 BC.

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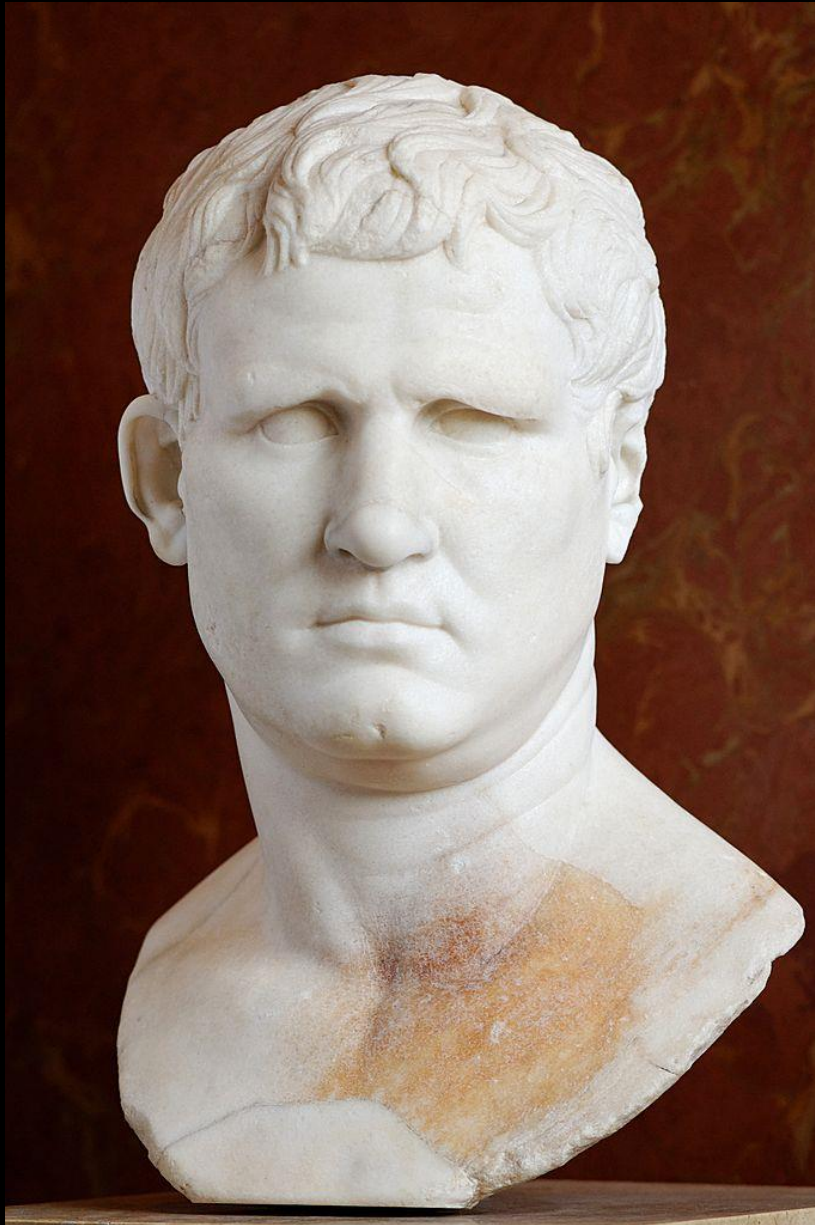
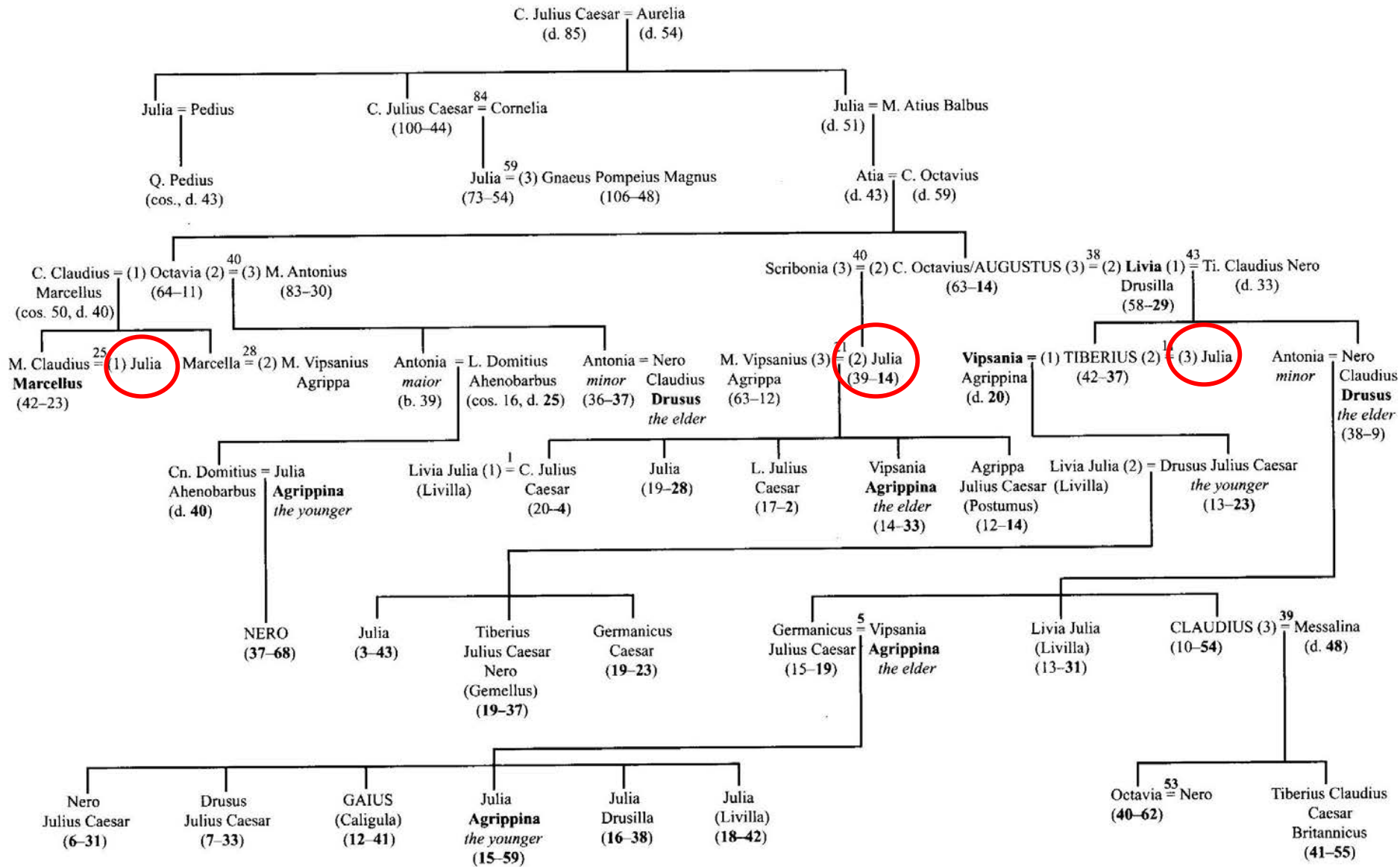


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Agrippa

- Married to Julia in 21 BC
- Sons:
 - Gaius
 - Lucius
 - Agrippa Postumus
- Died in 12 BC



Gaius and Lucius Caesar



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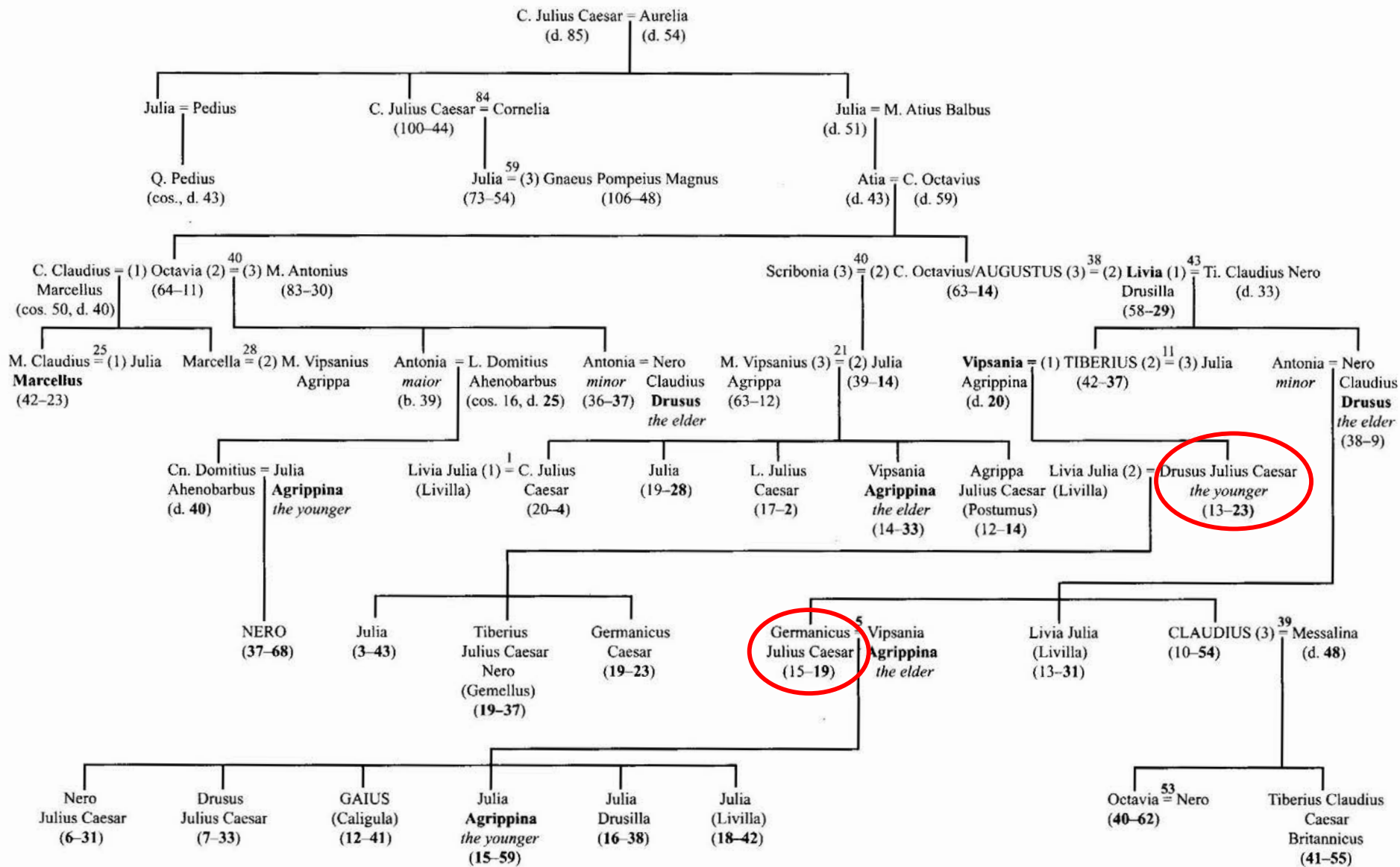
Sons of Augustus, Consuls designate, Leaders
of the Youth, Caius and Lucius Caesar

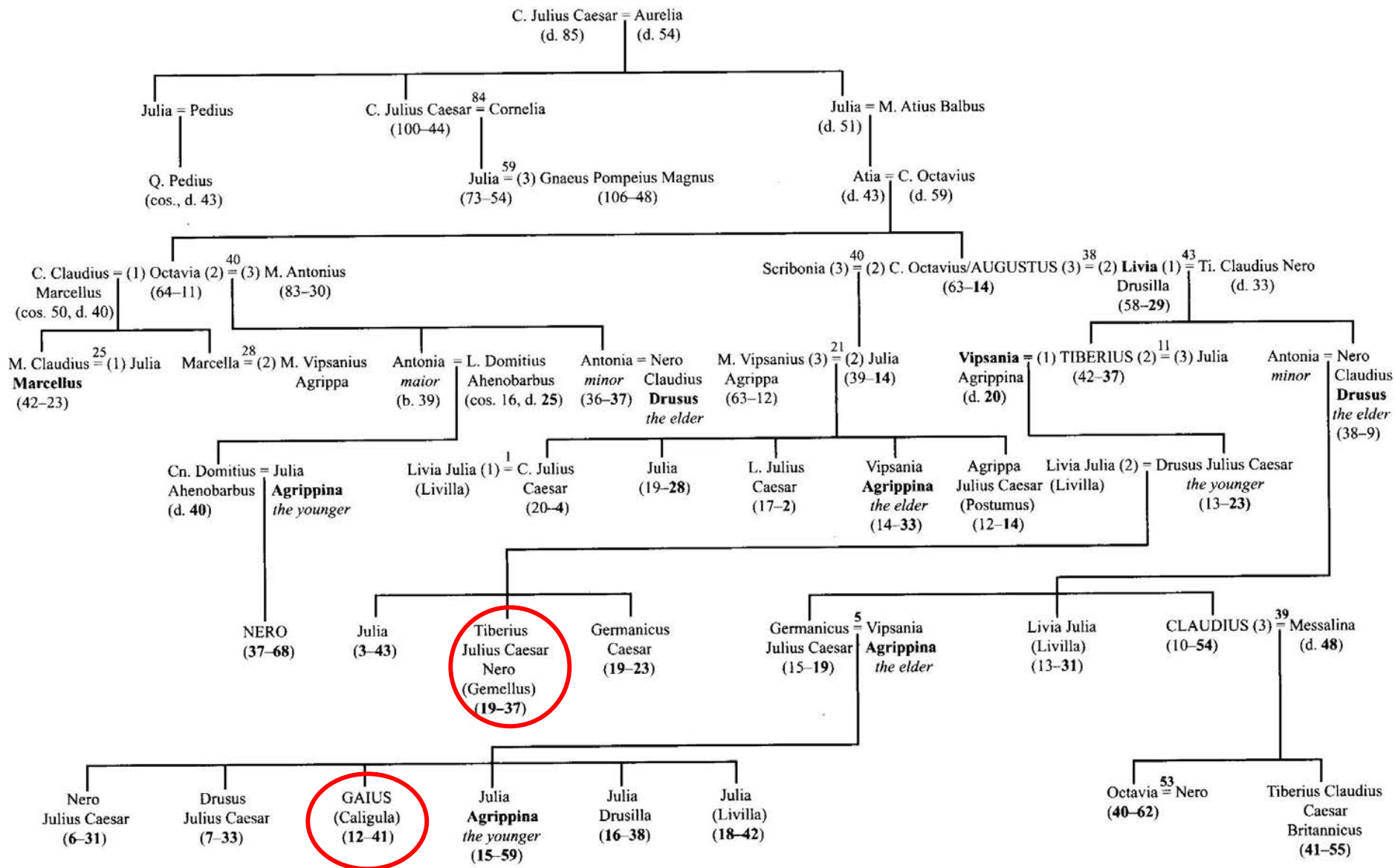
Tiberius



- Married to Julia in 11 BC
- Adopted by Augustus in AD 4
- Tribunician Power
- Proconsular imperium
- Princeps AD 14 - 37

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Gaius Caligula to Claudius



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Caligula



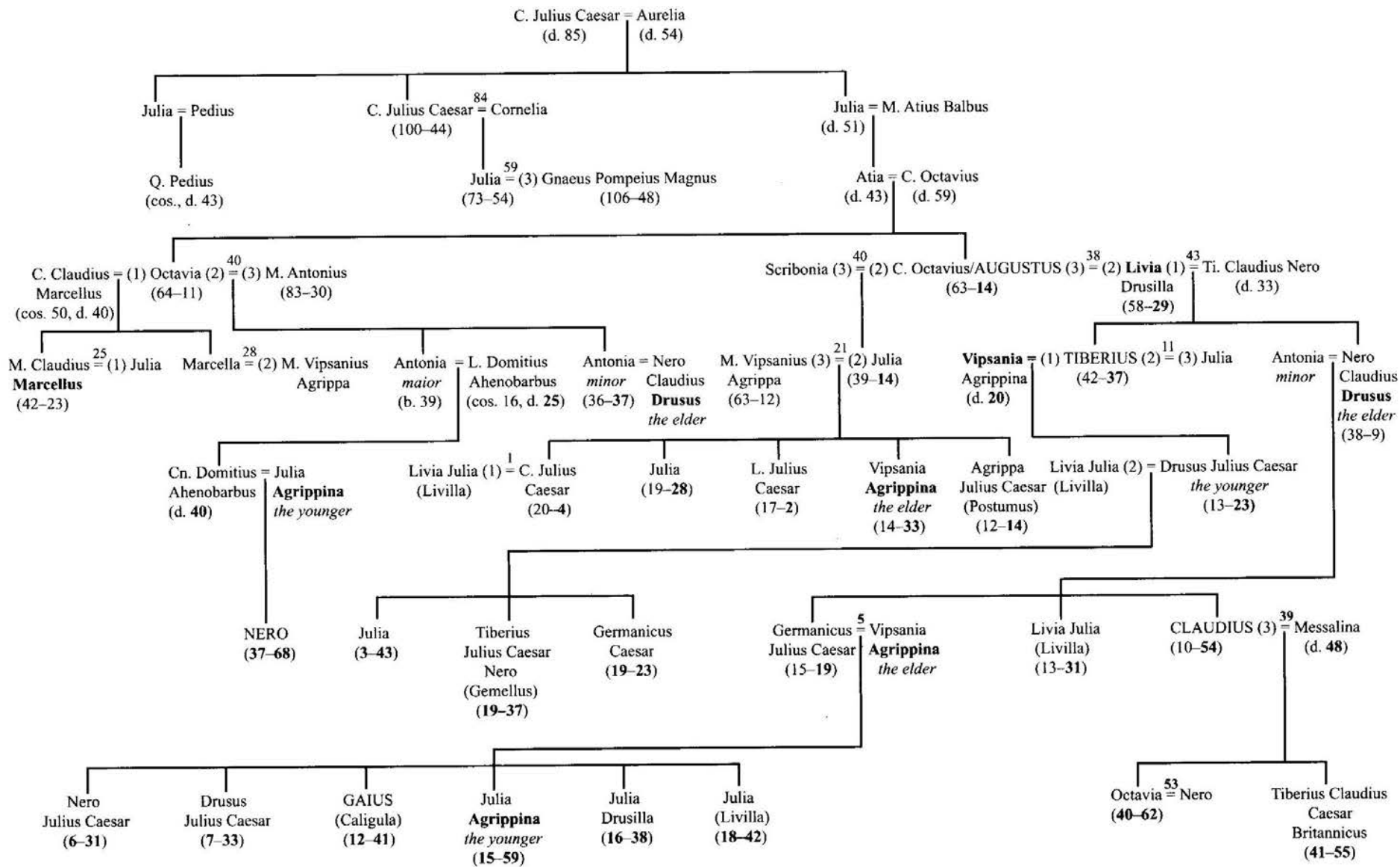
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Claudius as Jupiter

The Accession of Claudius

Claudius was disturbed by all this and alarmed for his own safety... There he stood in an alcove to which a few steps led, tucked away in the dark. Gratus, one of the Praetorian Guard, caught sight of him, but was unable to make out his features well enough to recognize him in the dim light... He approached nearer, and when Claudius asked him to withdraw, he pounced upon Claudius and caught him. On recognizing him, he cried to his followers, 'Here is a Germanicus: let us set him up as emperor and move fast.'

Josephus, *Jewish Antiquities* 19.216-7



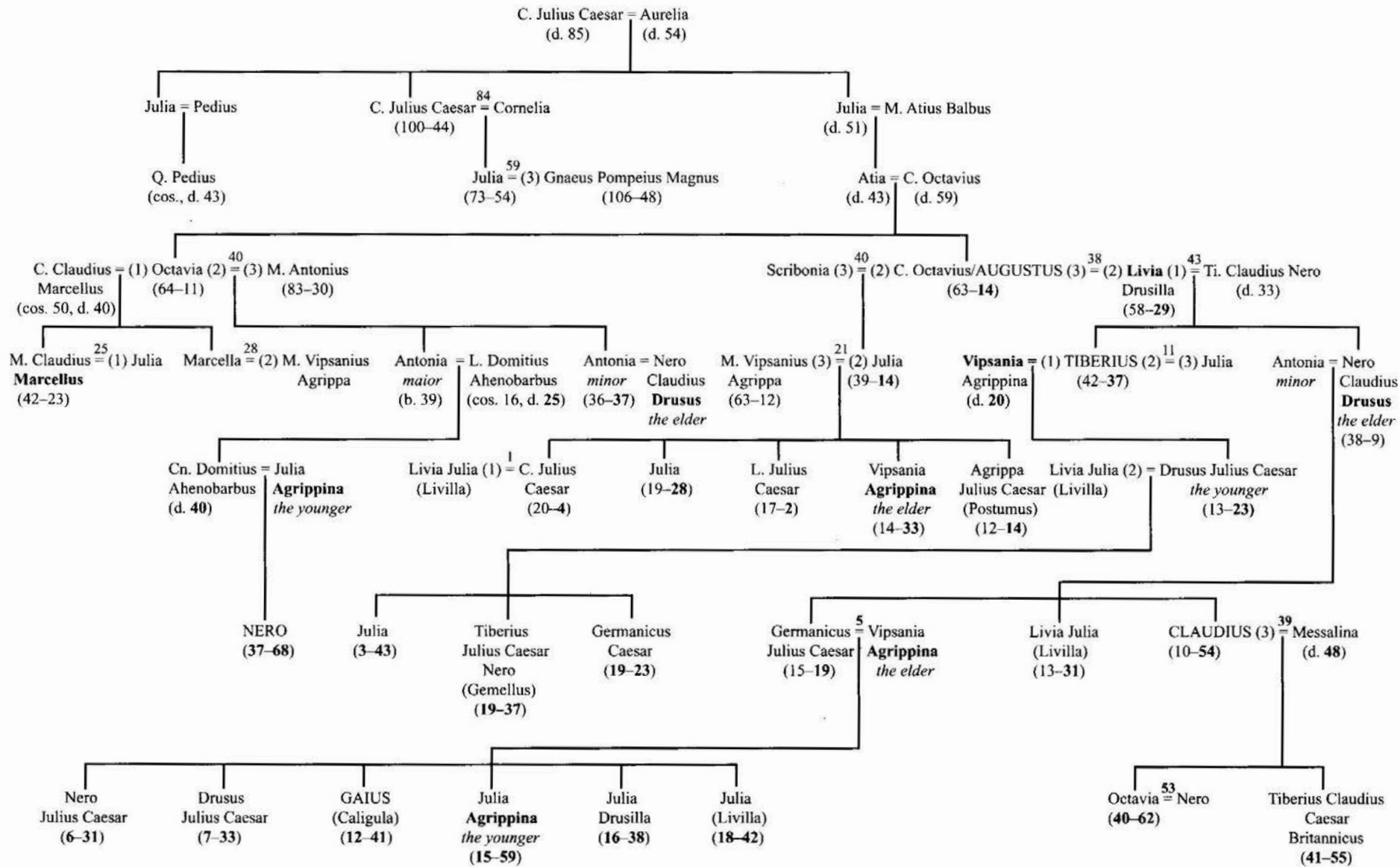
Aureus of Claudius, AD 41-42



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Nero 54-68



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Year of the Four Emperors, AD 69

- Galba Spanish Legions / Praetorians
- Otho Praetorians
- Vitellius German Legions
- Vespasian Eastern Legions

Plutarch on AD 69 (*Galba* 1.6)

‘The Roman Empire fell victim to disasters and upheavals like those of the “War of the Titans”. It tore itself to pieces which met again in a war fought from all quarters of the compass – not so much through a hunger for power in those proclaimed emperor as through indiscipline and hunger for money in the troops, who, as nail drives out nail, drove emperor out by emperor.’

Plutarch. *Lives of Galba and Otho*. Translation and commentary by Douglas Little and Charles Ehrhardt. Bristol Classical Press, 1994. © Bristol Classical Press. All rights reserved. This content is excluded from our Creative Commons license. For more information, see <https://ocw.mit.edu/help/faq-fair-use/>.

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The Flavians



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Vespasian 69-79

Titus 79-81

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