

Who was Sextus Julius Frontinus?

Sextus Julius Frontinus (born about 30 AD) served as governor in Britain, Lower Germany, and as proconsul for the province of Asia (Hierapolis and Smyrna). In 97 AD he was appointed Curator Aquarum of the city of Rome and was mainly responsible for the city's water supply. It is likely that he continued in this position until his death around 103 AD. Based on his first-hand knowledge, he wrote a detailed description of Rome's water systems, called the *De Aquaeductu* (On Aqueducts). This text has survived in full to the present, and describes the operation and maintenance of the city's water systems, as well as the responsibilities and requirements for maintaining this complex network. It shows how intricate the water supply in Rome was.

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