

The area of the Cornus basilicas

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■ Anthropomorphic burials

There are several tomb types in the cemetery areas of Columbaris (figs. 1-2). Some going continuously from the IV to the VII century A.D., period during which the cemetery was used. Of the 157 tombs analysed there are 15 anthropomorphic burials.

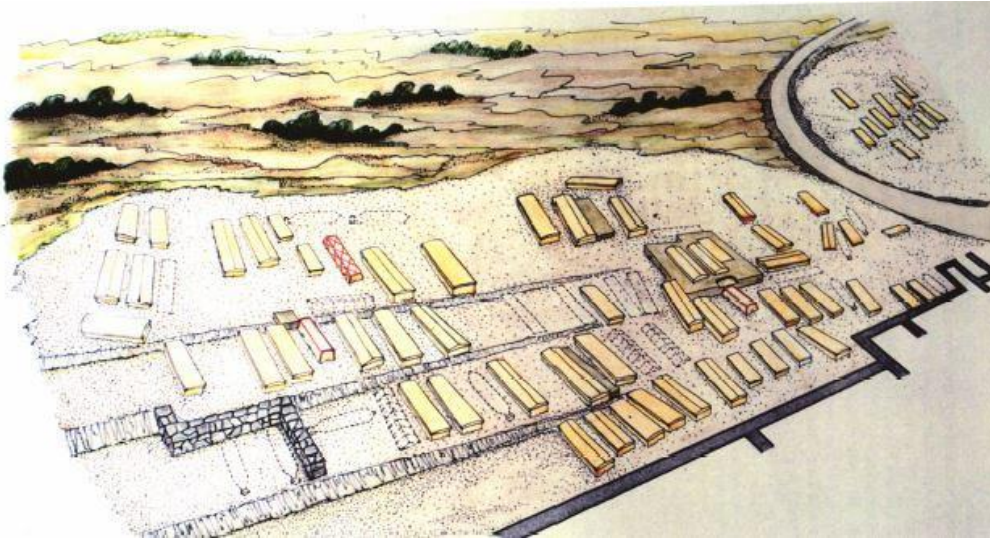


Fig. 1 - Reconstruction of the funeral area (from *Cornus* I.1, p. 203, Tab. IV).

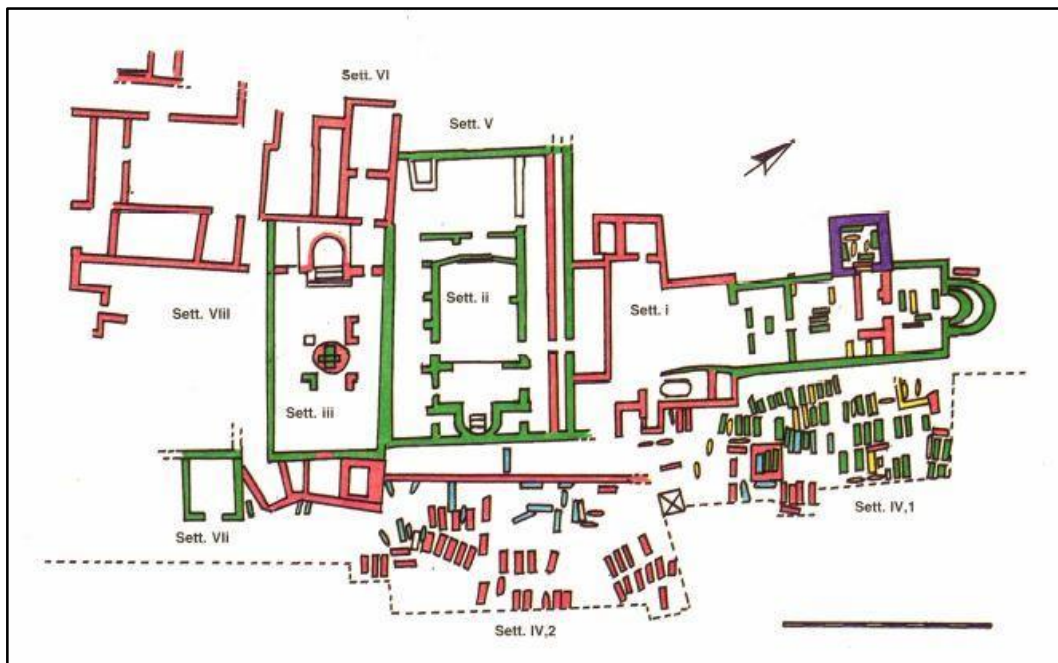


Fig. 2 - Map of the Columbaris-Cornus complex with indication of stages and sectors (drawing by L. SALADINO, M. C. SOMMA, from *Cornus* I.1, p. 200, tab. II).

The ***anthropomorph burials*** (fig. 3) are ditches delimited and covered by tiles (tabs. 73, 75) or by limestone and phonolite slabs (tabs. 78-79, 84-86); the cover is flat. The deceased is laid on the bare earth. They refer to the last phase of attendance for type and grave goods.

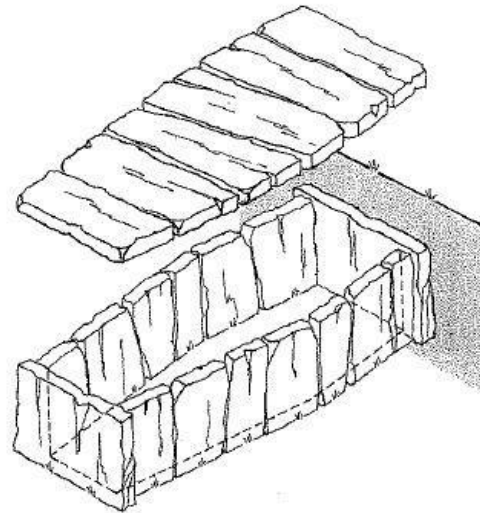


Fig. 3 - Anthropomorphic tomb (from *Cornus* I.1, p. 217, fig. 88).

In the Christian necropolis, along with capuchin tombs you also mainly have tombs dug into the rock directly, *enchytrismos*, at times surmounted by brick mounds flanked by small tables for the *refrigerium*. Sarcophagi also appeared during the area's maximum expansion period. Between the end of the VI and the VII century A.D., especially in sector IV,2, you have burials in clay caskets or using stone pieces; some anthropomorphic in shape.



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■ Bibliographic abbreviations

Cornus I.1

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