SOME NOTES ON THE TRIBAL AFFILIATION OF MUNICIPAL SOCIETY IN RATIARIA

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The present study focuses on the use of the tribal affiliation in the nomenclature of the citizens of the Roman colony of Ratiaria in the province of Upper Moesia. Although its nature is tentative, some basic observations can still be made concerning the spread of the practice with the use of Roman tribes and the mechanism of the inclusion of the inhabitants in the tribe of the colony – *Papiria*, as well as the possibilities of preserving the original tribes among the representatives of the different strata in society.

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