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CALLIMACHUS (KALLIMACHOS; 310 BC/305 BC-240 BC)
 WAS A NATIVE OF THE GREEK COLONY OF CYRENE,
 LIBYA. HE WAS A NOTED POET, CRITIC AND SCHOLAR
 OF THE LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA AND ENJOYED THE
 PATRONAGE OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN GREEK PHARAOKHS
 PTOLEMY II PHILADELPHUS AND PTOLEMY III EUERGETES.
 ALTHOUGH HE WAS NEVER MADE CHIEF LIBRARIAN, HE
 WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING THE CATALOGUE OF ALL
 THE VOLUMES CONTAINED IN THE LIBRARY. HIS PINAKES
 (TABLES), 120 VOLUMES LONG, PROVIDED THE COMPLETE AND
 CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED CATALOGUE OF THE LIBRARY,
 LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR LATER WORK ON THE HISTORY
 OF GREEK LITERATURE. AS ONE OF THE EARLIEST CRITIC-
 POETS, HE TYPIFIES HELLENISTIC SCHOLARSHIP.
 CALLIMACHUS WAS A MAN OF LIBYAN GREEK ORIGIN.
 HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CYRENE, AS MEMBER OF A
 DISTINGUISHED FAMILY, HIS PARENTS BEING MESATME (OR
 MESATMA) AND BATTUS, SUPPOSED DESCENDANT OF THE
 FIRST GREEK KING OF CYRENE, BATTUS I, THROUGH WHOM

CALLIMACHUS CLAIMED TO BE A DESCENDANT OF THE
 BATTIAD DYNASTY, THE LIBYAN GREEK MONARCHS THAT
 RULED CYRENAICA FOR EIGHT GENERATIONS AND THE FIRST
 GREEK ROYAL FAMILY TO HAVE REIGNED IN AFRICA. HE WAS
 NAMED AFTER HIS GRANDFATHER, AN "ELDER" CALLIMACHUS,
 WHO WAS HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE CYRENAEAN CITIZENS
 AND HAD SERVED AS A GENERAL.
 CALLIMACHUS MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF A GREEK MAN
 CALLED EUPHRATES WHO CAME FROM SYRACUSE. HOWEVER,
 IT IS UNKNOWN IF THEY HAD CHILDREN. HE ALSO HAD A
 SISTER CALLED MEGATIME BUT VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN
 ABOUT HER: SHE MARRIED A CYRENAEAN MAN CALLED
 STASENORUS OR STASENOR TO WHOM SHE BORE A SON,
 CALLIMACHUS (SO CALLED "THE YOUNGER" AS TO DISTINGUISH
 HIM FROM HIS MATERNAL UNCLE), WHO ALSO BECAME A
 POET, AUTHOR OF "THE ISLAND".
 IN LATER YEARS, HE WAS EDUCATED IN ATHENS. WHEN HE
 RETURNED TO NORTH AFRICA, HE MOVED TO ALEXANDRIA.