

Head of Faustina the Younger

Cast based on the original in the British Museum. Anna Galeria Faustina the Younger (ca. 130-175 CE), daughter of Antoninus Pius, wife of Marcus Aurelius, and mother of Commodus. After her death, Marcus Aurelius had her deified and the city in which she died (Halala in Cappadocia) renamed Faustinopolis. This portrait (ca. 152-160 CE) perhaps celebrated the birth of her son Titus Aelius Antoninus in 152.