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Quirinus. An early local deity of Rome, originating probably from the Sabines, and perhaps deriving his name from the Sabine village of Cures; this was located at the furthest north of the seven hills, called the Quirinal, and housed the temple of Quirinus and the ancient citadel of *Numa. Quirinus has no known mythology, but he had his own priest ('flamen') and a festival in February, the Quirinalia. He was associated with Jupiter and Mars in a triad, but also with Mars in his rural aspect; when Romulus was deified he in turn was identified with Quirinus. [Livy 1.20; Ovid *Fasti* 2.475-512; Vergil *Aen* 1.292]

Quirites. The name given to the Roman people as descendants of Romulus, identified with *Quirinus. It was applied Roman citizens of the city, and so excluded the army, which was not allowed within the city walls. Caesar on one famous occasion quelled a riot by simply addressing the soldiers as 'Quirites', which meant in effect that they had all been returned to civilian status. [Suetonius *Caes* 70; Tacitus *Ann* 1.42; Vergil *Aen* 7.710 with Servius]