

LUCIUS CRASSIUS TERTIUS,  
The Businessman



If you were a businessman  
living and working at  
Oplontis, what would your  
life be like?

Turn over to learn and  
explore!

# Who Are You?

If you were a businessman . . .

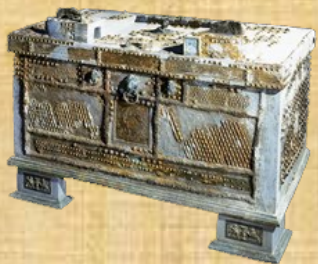
You may have been a freed slave or a free born Roman citizen.

- Archaeologists found a seal ring bearing the name “Lucius Crassius Tertius” in Oplontis B. Seal rings were used in place of written signatures. Was he the manager of Villa B? We may never know for sure.
- The owner of Oplontis B may have been involved in the wine trade. Over 1200 *amphorae* (some with wine residue) were found in this courtyard to the right. The strongbox probably held money and records from your business– signs of the owner’s wealth.

- One of the skeletons found here was carrying a great deal of money and jewelry. Some scholars have suggested that she was the owner of Oplontis B. Women could own their own villas and businesses.



**How would you use these objects?**



**Explore** the exhibition to find these objects and learn more about them.

## Things to See and Do

Find someone with the *Paterfamilias* scroll . . .

Compare and contrast your life as the Businessman with the life of the *Paterfamilias*. What is the same? What is different?

### Traveling Amphora

*Amphora*, the large ceramic jars used to transport wine, have been found all over the Mediterranean.



Head downstairs and check out our wall of *amphora*. Can you find the *amphora* that traveled to the bay of Naples?