

The Ohio State University

Department of Classics

ROMAN COIN COLLECTION

at

The Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies

Introduction

The forty-four coins in this collection range in time from the last quarter of the 2nd century BCE to the first half of the third century CE. The collection was purchased by the Department of Classics in the spring and summer of 1938 from several coin dealers: Wayte Raymond, Inc., New Netherlands Coin, Co. and Art Trading Company of New York City and Henry Chapman of Philadelphia. The selection and acquisition of the coins was overseen by Professor J.B. Titchener, who compiled a good representation of Roman coins and types. Several denominations are represented, denarius, sestertius, antoninianus and tetra- and didrachm, as are a couple of metals, primarily silver and bronze/orichalchum. Most of the coins were minted in Rome, but there are several provincial mints represented as well. Twenty-five coins are from the Republican period and nineteen are from the Empire.

The collection has been cataloged following M.H. Crawford, *Roman Republican Coinage* (1974) and H. Mattingly and E. Sydenham. *The Roman Imperial Coinage* (1923-), with additional references and descriptions from H.A. Grueber, *Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum* (1910) and H. Mattingly, *Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum* (1923-). The coins are cataloged and displayed in chronological order. The coins are stored in individual flips and are numbered to correspond to the catalog.

The coins should be stored in their flips and remain in a cool, dry environment to protect them from damage. The coins may be removed for closer inspection, but they should be handled with care and carefully returned to their holders after examination.

The collection was appraised in December 1996 according to the most recent sources and representative prices available at that time. As far as is known, the collection has not been valued by an outside appraiser.

The collection was moved from the Classics department office to the Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies in August 2015. Digital images of the coins were also made in August 2015.

Wendy A. Watkins, Curator
August 25, 2015

CATALOG

- BMC, Emp. H. Mattingly. *Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum*. London 1923-
BMC, Rep. H.A. Grueber. *Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum*. London 1910.
BMC, Greek R.S. Poole. *A Catalogue of the Greek Coins in the British Museum: Alexandria and the Nomes*. Bologna 1964.
Cohen H. Cohen, *Description historique des monnaies frappées sous l'Empire romain communément appelées médailles imperiales I-IV*. Paris 1880-1884.
CR M.H. Crawford. *Roman Republican Coinage*. 2 vols. Cambridge 1974
RIC H. Mattingly and E. Sydenham. *The Roman Imperial Coinage*. London 1923-

* Possible counterfeit or forgery

1. Q. FABIVS LABEO, moneyer – CR 273/1

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams
Mint: Rome
124 BCE

OBV: Helmeted head of Roma, r.; ROMA downward behind, X LABEO upward before. Border of dots.

REV: Jupiter in quadriga, r., holding a scepter and reins in l. hand, hurling a thunderbolt with r. hand; rostrum below, Q FABIVS. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 264, no. 494.

2.* C. FONTEIVS, moneyer – CR 290/1

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams
Mint: Rome
114 or 113 BCE

OBV: Laureate Janiform head, l.; G control mark below, * on right. Border of dots.

REV: Oared ship and pilot, l.; C FONT above, ROMA below. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 292, no. 602.

3. C. FABIVS C. F., moneyer – CR 322/1a

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams

Mint: Rome

102 BCE

OBV: Bust of Cybele r. wearing mural crown and veil, earring and necklace; control mark, O with single dot above and below, on left. Border of dots.

REV: Victory in a biga r., reins in left hand and a goad in right; bird below; C FABIVS C F. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 223, no. 1587.

4. D. SILVANVS L. F., moneyer – CR 337/1b

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams

Mint: Rome

91 BCE

OBV: Mask of bearded Silenus with pine wreath r.; ROMA below; control mark B behind. Ornamented torque border

REV: Victory in a biga r., palm branch and reins in left hand and whip in right; carnyx below; SILVANVS L F. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 248, no 1840.

5.* L. TITVRIVS L. F. SABINVS, moneyer – CR 344/1b

Silver denarius, 2.7 grams

Mint: Rome

89 BCE

OBV: Bearded head of Sabine king, Tatius, r., palm branch before; SABINVS downward behind. Border of dots.

REV: Two soldiers each carrying off a Sabine woman; L TITVRI. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 297, no. 2325.

6. L. IULIUS BURSIUS, moneyer – CR 352/1c

Silver denarius. 3.7 grams

Mint: Rome

ca. 85 BCE

OBV: Laureate bust of Genius with wings at temples and long ringlets; control marks of trident and fish behind. Border of dots.

REV: Victory in a quadriga r., reins in left hand and wreath in right; L IVLI BURSIO, control mark QE below. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 330, no. 2566.

7. C. LICINIUS L. F. MACER, moneyer – CR 354/1

Silver denarius, 3.7 grams

Mint: Rome

ca. 84 BCE

OBV: Bust of Veiovis looking left and holding thunderbolt in right hand. Border of dots.

REV: Minerva in a quadriga r., shield and reins in left hand and spear in right. C LICINIUS MACER L F. Border of dots.

Bibl.; BMC, Rep. I, p. 320, no. 2467.

8. L. SULLA IMPE and L. MANLI PROQ – CR 367/3

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams

Mint: Eastern mint, moving with Sulla

82 BCE

OBV: Head of Roma in winged helmet r.; L MANLI before, PRO Q behind.

REV: Sulla in triumphal quadriga r., crowned by flying Victory, reins in left hand and laurel branch in right. L SVLLA IM

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 462, no. 8.

9. C. PISO L. F. FRUGI, moneyer – CR 408/1b

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams

Mint: Rome

67 BCE

OBV: Head of Apollo r., hair tied with a fillet; control mark behind. Border of dots.

REV: Horseman r. with palm, control mark – mace? strigil? – above. C PISO L F FRV.
Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 454, no. 3682 (?)

10. Q. POMPONIUS MUSA, moneyer – CR 410/7a

Silver denarius, 4.0 grams

Mint: Rome

66 BCE

OBV: Laureate head of Apollo r., tortoise behind. Border of dots.

REV: Terpsichore in flowing tunic and peplum, r., lyre in left hand and plectrum in right;
Q POMPONI downward on r., MVSA downward on l. Border of dots.
Struck well off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 444, no. 3619.

11. M. AEMILIUS SCAURUS; P. PLAUTIUS HYPSSAEUS – CR 422/1b

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams

Mint: Rome

58 BCE

OBV: King Aretas kneeling beside a camel r., reins in left hand and olive branch tied with
fillet in right; M SCAVR AED CVR above on either side, EX S C and REX
ARETAS below. Border of dots.

REV: Jupiter in quadriga l., reins in left hand and hurling thunderbolts with right, scorpion
below horses' raised hooves; [P] HVPSAE AED CVR above, C HVPSAE COS
PRIEVE below, CAPTV upward on right. Struck slightly off center cutting off
[P].

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 484, no. 3880.

12. PHILIPPUS, moneyer – CR 425/1

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams

Mint: Rome

56 BCE

OBV: Head of Ancus Marcius r. wearing a diadem, lituus behind, ANCVS below. Border of dots.

REV: Equestrian statue on arcade (aqueduct?), flower at horses' feet; PHILIPPVS downward at left, [A]QVA MAR (AR in ligature) within arches. Border of dots. Struck well off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 485, no. 3890.

13. M. IUNIUS BRUTUS, moneyer – CR 433/2

Silver denarius, 4.0 grams

Mint: Rome

54 BCE

OBV: Head of L. Junius Brutus, r., Cos. 509 BCE; BRVTVS downward behind. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

REV: Head of C. Servilius Ahala, r., Mag. Eq. 439 BCE; AHALA downward behind. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 480, no. 3684.

14. MAGN. PROCOS with VARRO PROQ – CR 447/1a

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams

Mint: Spain – moving with Pompey

49 BCE

OBV: Bust of Jupiter Terminalis, r. wearing diadem; VARRO PRO [Q] downward behind, control marks † ☉ before. Border of dots.

REV: Upright scepter with dolphin on left and eagle on right; MAGN PRO COS below. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 362, no. 64.

15. L. HOSTILIUS SASERNA – CR 448/3

Silver denarius, 4.2 grams

Mint: Rome

48 BCE

OBV: Head of Gallia r. with long hair, carnyx behind. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

REV: Artemis, crowned, standing forward, holding spear in left hand and grasping antlers of a stag in right; L HOSTILIVS downward on right, SASERNA upward on left.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 514, no. 3996.

16. C. VIBIUS C.F. C.N. PANSA, moneyer – CR 449/1b

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams

Mint: Rome

48 BCE

OBV: Mask of bearded Pan r. decorated with berries, pedum behind; C PANSA below. Border of dots.

REV: Seated Jupiter, laureate and bare chested, holding a pater in right hand and a scepter in left; IOVIS AXVR upward on left, C VIBIVS C F C N downward on right. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 511, no. 3982.

17. C. VIBIUS C.F. C.N. PANSA, moneyer – CR 449/2

Silver denarius, 4.0 grams

Mint: Rome

48 BCE

OBV: Head of Liber/Bacchus r. wearing ivy wreath tied with a fillet; PANSA downward behind. Border of dots.

REV: Ceres in wreath of corn r. walking with torch in each hand, a plow before; C VIBIVS C F C N downward behind. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 510, no. 3976.

18. D. IUNIUS BRUTUS ALBINUS, moneyer – CR 450/1a

Silver denarius, 3.9 grams

Mint: Rome

48 BCE

OBV: Helmeted head of Mars r. Border of dots.

REV: Two crosses carynces with oval shield between and round shield below; ALBINVS downward on right, BRVTI F upward on left. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 507, no. 3962.

19. C. VIBIUS PANSA, ALBINUS BRUTI FILIUS, moneyers – CR 451/1

Silver denarius, 3.6 grams

Mint: Rome

48 BCE

OBV: Bearded mask of Pan r.; [C PAN]SA below. Struck off center. Border of dots.

REV: Two hands clasped around caduceus; ALBINVS B[RVTI] F below. Struck off center. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 512, no. 3987.

20. L. PLAUTIUS PLANCUS, moneyer – CR 453/1c

Silver denarius, 4.1 grams

Mint: Rome

47 BCE

OBV: Head of Medusa facing, [L PLAVTIVS] below (off coin face). Border of dots. Struck well off center.

REV: Winged Victory facing, holding palm branch in left hand and leading four horses; PLANCVS below. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 517, no. 4005.

21. C. VIBIUS VARUS, moneyer – CR 494/32

Silver denarius, 2.9 grams
Mint: Rome, struck for Mark Antony
42 BCE

OBV: Head of M. Antonius r. with slight beard. Border of dots.
REV: Fortuna standing l. holding Victory in right hand and cornucopia in left; C VIBIVS downward on right, VARVS upward on left. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. I, p. 588, no. 4293.

22. MAG. PIUS: POMPEY THE GREAT – CR 511/3a

Silver denarius, 3.7 grams
Mint: Sicily (struck by Sextus Pompey, Magnus Pius)
42-40 BCE

OBV: Head of Cn. Pompeius Magnus r., jug behind, lituus before; MAG PIVS IMP ITER around. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.
REV: Neptune standing l., naked and wearing diadem, holding a plume in right hand with cloak over left arm and right foot on prow, between the Catanaean brothers bearing their parents on their shoulders; PRAEF above (AE in ligature), [CLAS ET ORAE] (AE in ligature) [MAR IT EX S C – off coin] below. Coin struck well off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 560, no. 7; Cohen I, p. 5, no. 17.

23. MAG. PIUS: POMPEY THE GREAT – CR 511/3a

Silver denarius, 3.8 grams
Mint: Sicily (struck by Sextus Pompey, Magnus Pius)
42-40 BCE

OBV: Head of Cn. Pompeius Magnus r., jug behind, lituus before; MAG PIVS IMP ITER around. Border of dots. Struck well off center.
REV: Neptune standing l., naked and wearing diadem, holding a plume in right hand with cloak over left arm and right foot on prow, between the Catanaean brothers bearing their parents on their shoulders; [PRAEF] above (off coin), CLAS ET ORAE (AE in ligature) MAR IT EX S C below. Coin struck well off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 560, no. 7; Cohen I, p. 119, no. 405.

24. SEXTUS POMPEY MAG. PIUS IMP. ITER – CR 511/4 (subvariety uncertain, coin struck off center and poorly preserved)

Silver denarius, 3.4 grams

Mint: Sicily

42-40 BCE

OBV: Pharos of Messana, surmounted by statue of helmeted Neptune holding trident in right hand and rudder in left hand, left foot on prow, a galley in front with aquilia in prow and aplustre, trident, flag and grappling iron on stern; MAG PIVS IMP ITER around. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

REV: Scylla holding rudder with both hands, PRAEF (AE in ligature) CLAS ET ORAE (AE in ligature) MARIT (MA in ligature) EX S C around. Border of dots. Struck slightly off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 563, no. 18; Cohen I, p. 31, no. 3.

- 25.* MARCUS ANTONIUS, ANT. AUG. III VIR R.P.C. – CR 544/12

Silver denarius, 3.3 grams

Mint: Moving with M. Antonius

32-31 BCE

OBV: Ship r. with scepter tied with fillet on prow; ANT AVG above, III VIR R P C below. Border of dots.

REV: Three standards, each decorated with two wreaths and a prow; CHORTIS SPECVLATORVM around. Border of dots. Struck off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Rep. II, p. 527, no. 184; Cohen I, p. 37, no. 6.

- 26.* AUGUSTUS – RIC I, p. 82, no. 227

Silver denarius, 3.5 grams

Mint: (Spain) – Emerita

25-22 BCE

OBV: Bare head of Augustus, r.; IMP CAESAR AVGVSTVS around

REV: Helmet with visor down and stag's antlers (?) between dagger, point down, on left and bipennis on right; P CARISIVS LEG PRO PR around on left. Struck slightly off center.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 395, no. 280*bis*, Cohen I, p. 119, no. 405.

27.* TIBERIUS – RIC I, p. 103, no. 3

Silver denarius, 3.6 grams
Mint: (France) – Lugdunum
14-37 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Tiberius r.; TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS around. Line border.

REV: Livia or Pax (?), seated on chair with ornamented legs, holding inverted spear in right hand, branch in left hand; PONTIF MAXIM around. Line border.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 125, no. 34; Cohen I, p. 191, no. 16.

28. CALIGULA (Gaius) – RIC I, p. 117, no. 27

Bronze sestertius, 25.8 grams
Mint: Rome
39-40 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Caligula, l.; C CAESAR DIVI AVG PRON AVG P M TR P III P P, around.

REV: S P Q R P P OB CIVES SERVATOS in four lines in an oak wreath.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 156, no. 58, Cohen I, p. 240, no. 4.

29. CLAUDIUS – RIC I, p. 132, no. 85

Bronze sestertius, 28.1 grams
Mint: Rome
41-52 CE

OBV: Draped bust of Agrippina the Elder r.; AGRIPPINA M F GERMANICI CAESARIS around. Border of dots.

REV: Around edge, TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG GERM P M TR P IMP P P, large SC in center with countermark NCAPR above in oblong incuse. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 194, no. 222.

30. CLAUDIUS – Unattributed

Bronze Didrachm
Mint: Caesarea in Cappadocia
54 CE (?)

OBV: Bust of Claudius, l.; CLAVDIVS.
REV: Bust of Messalina, r.; MESSALINA

Bibl.: None

31. GALBA – RIC I, p. 201, no. 20

Silver denarius, 3.2 grams
Mint: Rome
68-69 CE

OBV: Bare head of Galbe, r.; IMP SER GALBA AVG. Border of dots.
REV: SPQR OB C S in three lines within oak wreath. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 314, no. 34.

32.* OTHO – RIC I, p. 219, no. 12

Silver denarius, 2.8 grams
Mint: Rome
69 CE

OBV: Bare head of Otho, r.; IMP OTHO CAESAR AVG TR P
REV: Securitas standing, l., holding wreath in right hand and scepter in left;
SECVURI TAS PR.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. I, p. 366, no. 18; Cohen I, 353, no. 19.

33. VESPASIAN – RIC II, p. 27, no. 114

Silver denarius, 3.2 grams

Mint: Rome

79 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Vespasian, r.; IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG.

REV: Victory, draped, r., stepping bare leg left and placing shield on trophy of helmet, cuirass and greaves above sitting captive l., veiled and mourning;
TR POT X COS VIII.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. II, p. 44, no. 246; Cohen I, p. 411, no. 552.

34. DOMITIAN (struck under Titus) – RIC II, p. 122, no. 50

Silver denarius, 3.1 grams

Mint: Rome

80 CE

OBV: Laureate and bearded head of Domitian, r.; CAESAR DIVI F DOMITIANVS
COS VII.

REV: Altar, garlanded and lighted, with horns on left; PRINCEPS IVVENTVTIS on right.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. II, p. 239 no. 92.

35. DOMITIAN – RIC II, p. 174, no. 173

Silver denarius, 2.8 grams

Mint: Rome

92-32 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Domitian, r.; IMP CAES COMIT AVG GERM PM TR P XII.

REV: Minerva standing l. with thunderbolt in right hand, spear in left hand, shield at feet behind; IMP XXII COS XVI CENS P P P.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. II, p. 339, no. 205, Cohen I, p. 495, no. 279.

36. NERVA – RIC II, p. 224, no. 19

Silver denarius – 2.8 grams

Mint: Rome

97 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Nerva, r.; IMP NERVA CAES A[VG P]M TR P COS III P P.

REV: Libertas, draped and standing l., holding pileus in right hand and short scepter, pointing up slightly to right, in left hand; LIBERTAS PVBLICA.

Bibl.: BMC Emp. III, p. 6, no. 46, Cohen II, p. 10, no. 113.

37. TRAJAN – RIC II, p. 245, no. 9

Silver denarius, 3.2 grams

Mint: Rome

98-99 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Trajan, r.; IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM.

REV: Vesta, draped and wearing diadem and veil, seated l., holding patera in right hand and torch, sloping up to right, in left hand; PONT MAX TR POT COS II.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. III, p. 31, no. 2; Cohen II, p. 40, no. 203.

38. HADRIAN – RIC II, p. 370, no. 257

Silver denarius, 3.3 grams

Mint: Rome

134-138 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Hadrian, r.; HADRIANVS AVG COS III P P .

REV: Pietas facing l., draped and standing front, holding up both hands in prayer toward altar; PIETAS AVG

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. III, p. 327, no. 689; Cohen II, p. 191, no. 1028.

39. ANTONINUS PIUS – BMC, Greek, p. 127, no. 1084

Bronze tetradrachm, 27.3 grams

Mint: Alexandria

144-145 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Antoninus Pius, r., AYTKTAIΛAΔP ANTWNINOCCEBEYC

REV: Bust of Helios with radiate crown, r., above lion rushing to right with a star above lion's head (the sun in Leo), LH below (Year 8 = 144/145 CE).

Bibl.: J.G. Milne. *Catalogue of Alexandrian Coins, University of Oxford Ashmolean Museum* (Oxford 1933) nos. 1813-1817 (legend F7).

40. ANTONINUS PIUS – BMC, Greek, pp. 132-133, no. 1120

Bronze tetradrachm, 22.5 grams

Mint: Alexandria

ca. 149 CE

OBV: Bust of Antoninus Pius, r., wearing pauludamentum; AYTKTAIΛAΔP ANTWNINOC CEBEV.

REV: Isis Pharia, r., wearing horns, disk and plumes, in chiton and peplos, holding an inflated sail with both hands and left foot and a sistrum in right hand; in front, Pharos represented as a square tower, seen at an angle, surmounted by an open-latticed lantern; on summit of lighthouse, statue of Isis Pharia holding situla and scepter; a triton blowing buccinum on either side of lantern; ΔW Δ EKA LVO (Year 12 = 148/149 CE)

Bibl.: J.G. Milne. *Catalogue of Alexandrian Coins, University of Oxford Ashmolean Museum* (Oxford 1933) nos. 2001-2010.

41. MARCUS AURELIUS – RIC III, p. 238, no. 322

Silver denarius, 3.4 grams

Mint: Rome

Autumn – Dec. 175 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Marcus Aurelius, r.; M ANTONINVS AVG GERM TR P

REV: Mars, nude, walking r., holding spear in right hand, trophy in left hand; IMP VII COS III

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. IV, p. 473, no. 612, Cohen III, p. 35, no. 353

42. CARACALLA – RIC IV, pt. 1, p. 239, no. 192

Silver denarius, 3.3 grams

Mint: Rome

212 CE

OBV: Laureate head of Caracalla, r.; ANTONINUS PIVS AVG BRIT.

REV: Hercules, nude, standing l., holding branch in right hand and club and lion skin in left hand; P M TR P XV COS III P P.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. V, p. 436, no. 36; Cohen IV, p. 165, no. 196.

43.* ELAGABALUS – RIC IV, pt. 2, p. 38, no. 152

Silver antoninianus, 4.4 grams

Mint: Rome

218-219 CE

OBV: Bust of Elagabalus, r., draped and wearing radiate crown; IMP CAES ANTONINVS AVG. Border of dots.

REV: Victory running r., holding wreath in right hand and palm in left; VICTOR ANTONINI AVG. Border of dots.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. V, p. 535, no. 33; Cohen IV, p. 351, no. 288.

44. MAXIMINUS I – RIC IV, pt. 2, p. 139, no. 3

Silver denarius, 3.2 grams

Mint: Rome

236 CE

OBV: Laureate bust of Maximinus, r.; IMP MAXIMINVS PIVS AVG.

REV: Maximinus in military dress, head l., standing front between two standards, raising right hand and holding vertical spear in left hand; P M TR P II COS P P.

Bibl.: BMC, Emp. VI, p. 229, no. 77; Cohen IV, p. 511, no. 55.