

COIN HOARD

Unique ID: NARC-156E74

Object type certainty: Certain

Workflow status: Published

16 silver denarii.

Report done by Richard Abdy, Curator for Roman Coins at the British Museum:

The coins are Roman silver coins of a denomination known as the denarius (plural denarii). The earliest was from the time of Vespasian (AD 69-79). The latest coin is of Diva Faustina I (deified after her death) which could have been produced up to the end of the reign of her husband Antoninus Pius in AD 161. The coins can be summarised as follows:

Vespasian (AD 69-79) 1

Titus Caesar 2

Domitian (AD 81-96) 2

Nerva (AD 96-98) 2

Trajan (AD 98-117) 6

Hadrian (AD 117-138) 2

Antoninus Pius (AD 138-161) -

Diva Faustina I 1

Date and Metal Content

The coins satisfy the terms of the Treasure Act with regard to age and metal content. They are certainly more than 300 years old and all have precious metal contents far in excess of the 10% threshold.

Of the same find?

It is unlikely that sixteen ancient precious metal coins could have come from the same findspot as a result of accidental individual deposition. This together with the close chronological grouping therefore suggests that these coins formed a hoard, by being buried together in the second century AD.

Conclusion

On the balance of probabilities, I conclude that this find constitutes a *prima facie* case of treasure under the terms of the Treasure Act (1996), by being a group of two or more precious metal coins of the same find.

NOTE: in 2013/4 two additional denarii were found and have been recorded as part of this hoard.

See 2014T150 and NARC-350635

Notes:

REIGN OF VESPASIAN (3)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC (II.1)

Wt.(g)

1.

IMP CAES VESP AVG CENS

PONTIF MAXIM (Vespasian seated right on curule chair, holding sceptre and branch)

A1*

98

546

3.06

2.

T CAESAR IMP VESP (laur. hd. of Titus)

PONTIF TR P COS III (winged caduceus)

A1*

152

692

2.92

3.

[T CAESAR IMP] VESPASIAN

PONTIF TR P COS IIII (Pax seated left, holding branch)

A1*

172

783

2.93

DOMITIAN (2)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC (II.1)

Wt.(g)

4.

IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P XI

IMP XXI COS XVI CENS P P P (Minerva advancing right, holding spear and shield)

A1*

187

728

3.20

5.

IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P XIII

IMP XXII COS XVI CENS P P P (Minerva standing right on capital of rostral column, holding spear and shield; to right, owl)

A1*

216

762

3.03

NERVA (2)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC

Wt.(g)

6.

IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR P COS II P P

CONCORDIA EXERCITVVM (Clasped hands, holding legionary eagle set on prow)

A1*

8

3

3.26

7.

IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR P COS III P P

FORTVNA P R (Fortuna, seated left, holding corn-ears and sceptre)

A1*

41

17

3.07

TRAJAN (6)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC

Wt.(g)

8.

IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM

PONT MAX TR POT COS II (Female figure (Justitia?) seated left on chair with cornucopias as arms,holding sceptre)

A1*

9

11

2.94

9.

IM[P C]AES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM

P M TR P COS III P P (Female figure (Justitia?) seated left on chair with cornucopias as arms,holding sceptre)

A1*

68

32

2.76 (chipped)

10.

IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P

COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC (Roma standing left, holding Victory and spear)

A3*

271

Cf. 115var

3.25 (chipped)

11.

IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P

COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC (Felicitas, draped, standing left, holding caduceus and resting on column)

A3*

305

120

3.00

12.

IMP T[RAIANO AVG] GER DAC P M TR P

COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC // PAX (Pax standing left, setting fire to pile of arms with torch held and holding cornucopia)

A3*

401

102

3.06

13.

IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P [COS VI P P]

S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI // ARAB ADQ (Arabia, draped, standing front, head left, holding branch over camel walking left before her and a bundle of cinnamon canes (?))

A3*

474

245

3.10

HADRIAN (2)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC

Wt.(g)

14.

IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG

P M TR P COS II / PIETAS in field (Pietas standing left, raising her right hand)

A2*

-[1]

45

2.77

15.

IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG

P M TR P COS III (Pax standing left, holding branch and sceptre)

A2*

-[2]

94

3.02

REIGN OF ANTONINUS PIUS (1)

No.

Obverse legend

Reverse

Bust

BMC

RIC

Wt.(g)

16.

DIVA FAVSTINA

AVGVSTA (Ceres standing left, holding torch and sceptre)

E2*

399

356

3.39

[1] BM example = 1946,1004.105

[2] BM example with A3* bust = 1945,0104.45

Subsequent actions

Subsequent action after recording: Declared Treasure but returned to Finder as Museum unable to acquire

Treasure details

Treasure case tracking number: 2011T688

Chronology

Broad period: ROMAN

Period from: ROMAN

Period to: ROMAN

Date from: Circa AD 69

Date to: Circa AD 161

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 16

Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Saturday 1st October 2011 - Friday 7th October 2011

Personal details

This information is restricted for your access level.

Other reference numbers

Treasure case number: 2011T688

Materials and construction

Primary material: Silver

Completeness: Complete

Spatial metadata

Region: [East Midlands](#) (European Region)

County or Unitary authority: [Northamptonshire](#) (County)

District: [East Northamptonshire](#) (District)

To be known as: King's Cliffe

Spatial coordinates

Grid reference source: Generated from computer mapping software

Unmasked grid reference accurate to a 0.01 metre square.

Discovery metadata

Method of discovery: Metal detector

Discovery circumstances: over several days

General landuse: Cultivated land

Specific landuse: Operations to a depth greater than 0.25m

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