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The American Numismatic Society

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The American Numismatic Society in New York City, one of the United States' oldest museums, maintains a world-class coin and medal cabinet. From time to time, the ANS organizes sales of die-duplicates or other materials, and we are pleased to offer in this Gemini auction a group of beautiful coins from the holdings of the Society. The majority of the coins are Sicilian and South Italian coins and are duplicates in the collection as a result of the bequest of former ANS Councilor John Dwight Leggett Jr. in 1997. A President and Vice Chairman of Church and Dwight, the well-known baking soda company, he graduated from Princeton and Harvard law school. During World War II, he served as an intelligence officer with the 8th Air Force. He was famous for his unsurpassed record for attending the Yale-Princeton football games, which resulted in ANS Council meetings being religiously scheduled around these various sporting fixtures, as a Fellow Trustee from those ANS days vividly remembers.

Leggett's passion for Greek coins can be seen in the beautiful collection that he left to the ANS. A man of impeccable taste, he only purchased exceptionally beautiful coins in the best possible condition. His collecting began in the 1950s, and as was customary in those days, he bought only from a handful of dealers, including the legendary Leonard Forrer of Spinks and Jacob Hirsch. Later on he bought many of his coins from his friend Leo Milndenberg and Silvia Hurter of Leu Numismatik in Switzerland. His love for Greek numismatics extended to the American Numismatic Society, which he actively supported as Councilor and Chairman of the Greek Committee.

In some cases the varieties of coins bequeathed by Leggett to the Society were already represented in the ANS collections. Edward Newell, who was the ANS's President from 1916 to his death in 1941, had left almost his entire collection of 87,000 ancient coins to the American Numismatic Society. As a result the ANS' became one of the foremost collections in the world, and in the area of the Hellenistic coinages, it remains unsurpassed among the world cabinets. In his will he left over 1,000 of his finest coins to his wife: in this group some of the Society's greatest rarities can be found. In 1967 Mrs Newell bequeathed them to the ANS in her estate. When, thirty years later, Leggett left his collection, the ANS ended up with a significant number of die-duplicates. Some of these coins offered for sale here are extremely rare, and most coins have pedigrees going back decades, even into the early 20th century.

In addition to Newell's and Leggett's coins, the ANS is selling a small group of ancient coins donated for the benefit of the Society by Stanley D. Scott and Jonathan H. Kagan. The American Numismatic Society is grateful to all these collectors for their generous gifts. We hope that they find a good new home after all these years in the vault of the Society. All proceeds will go towards the coin acquisition fund of the ANS.

I am particularly pleased that the ANS Trustees selected Gemini to conduct this auction, one of the leading auction firms in the world for ancient and foreign coins. Its principal directors, Harlan J. Berk and Robert Freeman, have been supporters of the Society for many years. I have followed Harlan Berk's career since my early days as a curator of Greek coins in the British Museum, and it is a great pleasure to work with him on this beautiful group of coins.



Robert Robertson, Howland Wood, Farran Zerbe, and Edward T. Newell outside the ANS's Audubon Terrace facility, 1935



One Hudson Square, location of the ANS's new facility. Photo by Alan Roche

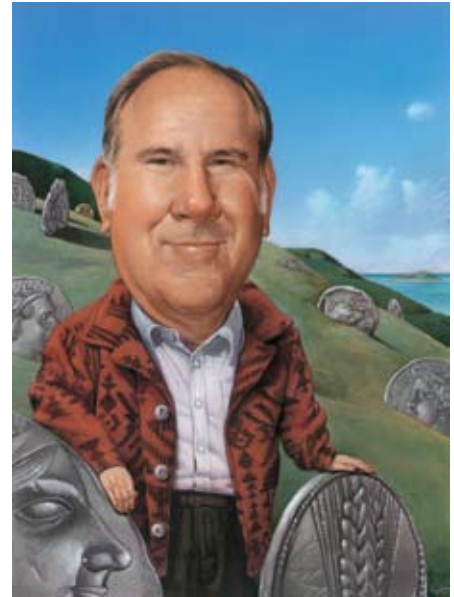
Jacob K. Stein

Jacob K. Stein, now a retired trial lawyer, formed his collection of ancient coins between 1961 and 2006. Having developed an interest in Greek and Roman history while a student at the University of Chicago, he bought his first pieces simply because they were tangible survivors of these ancient civilizations. However, he soon became taken with their beauty and with the observation that they embodied the development of sculptural style throughout the Greco-Roman period.

Beginning on the 1970s, Mr. Stein determined to form a collection that would summarize the coinage of the ancient world from its beginning until the reign of Constantine. The two primary criteria for the inclusion of each piece were historic significance and artistic merit. It was the collector's hope that at least the heart of his collection would be displayed publicly. In fulfillment of these wishes, the Cincinnati Art Museum exhibited 182 coins from the Stein collection for twelve years, from 1996 until 2008, and from time to time Mr. Stein lectured about them.

When the museum announced plans to close its ancient art galleries in connection with a major renovation, Mr. Stein decided to dispose of his collection. He hopes that the new owners of these coins will enjoy and perhaps share them as he has for much of the past half century.

Harlan Berk says, "In my decades of dealing with Jacob I have found him to be an art connoisseur as well as a historian, and I have learned from him."



Portrait by C. F. Payne

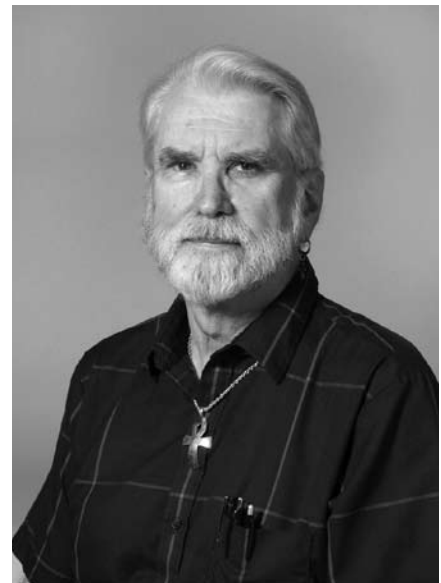
Donald H. Doswell

Born in 1933 in Oak Park, Illinois, Don was the ripe old age of seven when his grandfather gave him a handful of Indian cents, sparking an interest in numismatics that has lasted nearly seventy years.

After graduating with a degree in biology from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, Don returned to the Chicago area to work at Lien Chemical Co. He was a frequent customer of coin shops all over the Chicago area and assembled collections of U.S., British and Japanese coins as well as compiled a 600-piece collection of British Conder tokens that he only recently sold. In 1967 Don moved south to Decatur, Illinois to work for the coin dealer, Jess Peters. After leaving Peters' employ in 1969, Don became a revenue officer for the Internal Revenue Service, a position from which he retired in 1993.

From the point of his retirement, Don began collecting Ptolemaic silver and bronze coins, propelled by a long-held interest in all things Egyptian. He became a very focused and voracious collector of the series and, in the course of fifteen years, he has put together an exceptionally important collection. Now at age 75, Don feels it is time for others to enjoy some of his treasures. Over the years many of the coins have come from Harlan J. Berk, Ltd. and other fine companies. All have been brought to life by a friendship with the scholar Cathy Lorber, whose knowledge of Ptolemaic coinage has yielded new and ground breaking publications on the subject.

Don remains active in numismatics: he is the president of the Soy City Coin Club in Decatur and is a member of the Chicago Coin Club (since 1959), the ANA and, in recent years, the ANS. Don says, "So long for now; I hope you find some things of interest!"



Commander David R. Hinkle, USN (Ret)

David Randall Hinkle was born to a family of West Texas farmers and ranchers. He graduated with honors (and the title of Brigade Boxing Champ) from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1954 and was assigned to the naval nuclear program. He served on six submarines, culminating with command of the nuclear attack sub USS Pargo. In an eighteen year naval career, he received more than forty medals and commendations for testing and evaluating nuclear submarines.

He retired from the Navy in 1973 and started a small consulting business with his wife Muriel. The firm, Sonalysts, Inc., is today a very successful multidisciplinary company with clients as wide-ranging as the movie industry and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Commander Hinkle was exposed to many ancient and world coins in the course of his overseas Naval deployments. He has enjoyed collecting these many years and wishes to pass on his acquisitions to those who will appreciate them.



Robert Oliver Ebert

Robert O. Ebert was born in Wooster Ohio in 1927, the second child of Horatio and Lyda Ebert. As a young boy, Bob contracted polio and, in an effort to build up his weakened body, his parents sent him away to Staunton Military School, where incessant hours of marching and drilling did much to improve his condition. Bob dreamed of pursuing a career in art and exhibited early talent in his paintings of ships and Native Americans, works cherished by his children to this day. Despite these aspirations, his ever-practical father encouraged him to pursue an engineering degree at Purdue. Following graduation in 1950, Bob enlisted in the Air Force and was quickly recruited for secret military projects requiring top-level security clearance.

When Bob returned to civilian life, he went to work at Rubbermaid, the kitchen products company founded by his father in 1933. There, Bob put to good use the time management skills and employee development techniques he learned at Purdue. He quickly proved himself and was charged with the building and operation of a major new division of the company in Statesville, North Carolina. Under Bob's direction, the new division prospered, and he eventually became a member of the Rubbermaid Board of Directors, a role in which he served until his retirement in 1997.

At age 40, Bob left his daily duties at Rubbermaid to develop a blow molding business. This new enterprise became very successful and, soon, factories were established in North Carolina, California and Mexico, utilizing new production methods and processes that Bob eventually introduced to Rubbermaid. Bob was also a very talented investor, as evidenced by his development of Lakeside Park in Mooresville, NC, a business park where many NASCAR teams are now headquartered.

The same enthusiasm and passion he exhibited in business, he displayed in his personal life. Whether traveling with his wife and friends to the Mediterranean, taking fishing trips to the Amazon, captaining family adventures to Africa or the Galapagos Islands or simply staying at home, Bob was a man who lived life to the fullest.

Through his myriad life experiences, Bob never forgot his Ohio roots or the teachings of his parents on the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Always generous in his support of the arts and culture, he valued the cause of education most of all. He served on the Wooster College Board of Trustees and received Emeritus Life Membership in 2000. He endowed scholarships for students at both Wooster (his father's alma mater) and Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. His children, Catherine, Michael, Adrienne and Cecile continue his legacy of giving through the Horatio B. Ebert Foundation, to which Bob was a major contributor during his lifetime.

Bob's friends and family carry with them memories, stories and, most of all, a paragon of a man who cherished life. A good friend once described him as a Renaissance man; a man's man with a keen interest in hunting and fishing as well as an appreciation for delicate natural beauty as attested by his beautiful gardens, orchids and aquarium. Bob was a humanitarian and he loved his fellow man, but his greatest love was for his family. Fittingly, with family gathered around him on August 11, 2008, the day before he died, he remarked, "It's been a wonderful life," and so it had.

Bob's life-long appreciation for art and history along with his great eye for quality were instrumental in his formation of first-rate collections of art, firearms and coins. We are honored to have been chosen by his family to auction his important collection of high quality Greek coins.

