

Basic Detail Report



Greek Tetradrachm, Alexander the Great, Macedonia

Date

336 B.C.E. - 323 B.C.E.

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Greek (Ancient)

Medium

Silver

Description

This Macedonian tetradrachm depicts the head of Hercules wearing the skin of a lion on its obverse. On its reverse, Zeus is seated on a throne, holding an eagle in his right hand and a long scepter in his left. The reverse also has the inscription BAIE AEANPOY, meaning "King Alexander," indicating Alexander III, known better as Alexander the Great. This coin is a part of the

Paine Coin Collection. This teaching collection of 32 Greek and Roman coins was formed by John Alsop Paine (1840 – 1912), Class of 1859, who was an archaeologist with the Palestine Exploration Society and a Curator in the Department of Casts at the Metropolitan Museum of Art from 1889 until 1906. The collection came to the college through John Alsop Paine's grandson, Nathaniel Emmons Paine (1853 – 1948), Class of 1874.

Dimensions

Diameter: 1 in. (2.6 cm)