

Basic Detail Report



Roman coin depicting Vespasian and Mars

Date

69 C.E. - 79 C.E.

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Roman (Ancient)

Medium

Bronze

Description

This bronze coin of Vespasian, a Roman emperor, depicts the laureate head of Vespasian on its obverse with the inscription IMP CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M TR P P P COS III. On its reverse stands Mars, naked, holding a spear and a trophy in his hands. The reverse is inscribed MARS VICTOR S C. 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 5/16 in. (3.4 cm)