

Crossing Borders: list of objects and coins

From left to right

Black Gloss Skyphos

Attica, Greece

Classical Period, c. 440-425 BCE

Terracotta

Museum purchase, 1940

Penny of Canada West, manufactured by Ralph Heaton & co., Birmingham

Copper, 15.3 g.

1857

***Obv.* Saint George on horseback slaying the dragon, BANK OF UPPER CANADA 1857.**

Rev. Crown above fasces with crossed anchor and sword above two cornucopias with the union jack in the top right corner, BANK TOKEN ONE PENNY.

Gift of Walter Griggs, 1989

Habitant Token/Sou/Halfpenny of Lower Canada, manufactured by Boulton and Watt, Birmingham

Copper, 9.24 g.

1837

***Obv.* Habitant wearing an overcoat, a toque and an arrow sash, PROVINCE DU BAS CANADA UN SOU.**

Rev. Coat of arms of Montreal depicting a rose representing England, a thistle representing Scotland, a shamrock representing Ireland and a beaver representing Canada, BANK TOKEN HALF PENNY 1837.

Gift of Walter Griggs, 1989

Penny of New Brunswick, manufactured by Boulton and Watt, Birmingham

Copper, 16.91 g.

1843

***Obv.* Profile of Queen Victoria, VICTORIA DEI GRATIA 1843.**

Rev. A three-masted sailing ship, NEW BRUNSWICK ONE PENNY TOKEN.

Gift of Walter Griggs, 1989

Halfpenny of Nova Scotia, manufactured by John Walker & co., Birmingham

Copper, 8.18 g.

1832

***Obv.* Profile of King George IV in Roman dress, PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

Rev. A thistle representing Scotland, HALFPENNY TOKEN 1832.

Gift of Walter Griggs, 1989

Piece of Eight/Peso/Reichsthaler/Dollar of New Spain (Mexico)

Silver, 26.95 g.

1821

Obv. Profile picture of King Ferdinand VII in Roman dress, FERDIN. VII DEI GRATIA 1821.

Rev. The coat of arms of Spain depicting the castle of Castile, the lion of Leon, the pomegranate of Grenada and the arms of France for the house of Bourbon, HISPAN. ET IND. REX Z^S 8R R.G. (KING OF SPAIN AND THE INDIES ZACATECAS 8 REALES ASSAYER).

Gift of Herman H. Levy, 1990

Above, on riser:

Black Figure Kylix with Palmette Motif

Attica, Greece

Classical Period

c. 475-450 BCE

Terracotta

Museum purchase, 1940s

Proto-Geometric Oinochoe

Attica, Greece

c. 925-850 BCE

Terracotta

Museum purchase, 1945

Penny of England, minted under William I "the Conqueror"

Silver, 1.38 g.

1066-1087 CE

Obv. Portrait of William I forward facing, crowned, PILLELM REX.

Rev. Cross Pattee, in each angle an annulet containing one letter for the word P A X S, border legend, +GODWIN ON PERE.

Gift of Dr. I. David Brown, 1996

Aes grave sextans of the Roman Republic

Bronze, 42.81 g.

225-217 BCE

Obv. Head of Mercury, l., wearing petasos, two pellets (denomination marks) below.

Rev. Prow, r., two pellets (denomination marks) below.

Museum purchase, 2003

Semis of the Roman Republic

Bronze, 16.69 g.

38 BCE

Obv. Head of Antony to l. facing r., opposite diademed head of Octavia to r. facing l.

Rev. M.ANT.IMP.TER.COS.DES.ITER.ET.TER.III.VIR.R.P.C., border of dots, Two galleys, r., with acrostolium, L.ATRATINVS.AVGVR.COS.DESIG, border of dots.

Gift of Walter Kowalski, 1988

Sestertius of the Roman Empire, minted under Roman Emperor Hadrian

Bronze, 22.4 g.

134-138 CE

Obv. HADRIANVS AVG COS III PP, bare bust of Hadrian,r. SALVS AVG, S C in field L. and r.

Rev. Salus standing r., holding snake coiled around altar and feeding it from patera.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 1988

Coin of the Roman Empire, minted under Roman Emperor Maxentius

Billon (Copper and silver alloy), 6.58 g.

308-310 CE

Obv. IMP C MAXENTIVS P F AVG, laureate head r.

Rev. CONSERV VRB SVAE, temple of six columns containing statue of Roma with wreath in pediment, RBQ in exergue.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 1988

Coin of Carthage

Bronze, 18.3 g.

300-264 BCE

Obv. Head of Tanit, l.

Rev. Horse standing r., in front of palm tree.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2005

Cylindrical bottle

Roman Imperial Period

3rd-4th century CE

Green glass

Gift of Theodore and Jennifer Arcand,

in honour of Louis and Marie-Anne Arcand, 1995

Stater of Aegina

Silver, 11.70 g.

510-490 BCE

Obv. Sea Turtle, r.

Rev. Rough skew incuse punch.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2005

Coin of Ptolemaic Egypt, minted under Ptolemy III Euergetes

Bronze, 12.81 g.

247-222 BCE

Obv. Head of Zeus Ammon, with diadem, r.

Rev. Statue of Aphrodite wearing modius, ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΝ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2007

Beaker with trailed and tooled decoration

Roman Imperial Period

1st-2nd century CE

Clear glass

Gift of Theodore and Jennifer Arcand,

in honour of Louis and Marie-Anne Arcand, 1995

Above, on riser:

Beaker

Roman Imperial Period

2nd-3rd century CE

Blue glass

Gift of Theodore and Jennifer Arcand,

in honour of Louis and Marie-Anne Arcand, 1995

Cylindrical jug with strap handle

Roman Imperial Period

2nd-3rd century CE

Glass

Gift of Theodore and Jennifer Arcand,

in honour of Louis and Marie-Anne Arcand, 1995

Flask in the form of a pineapple

Syro-Palestinian

Roman Imperial Period

Late 1st century CE
Clear yellow glass
Gift of Theodore and Jennifer Arcand,
in honour of Louis and Marie-Anne Arcand, 1995

Follis of the Byzantine Empire, minted under Emperor Justinian I at Constantinople

Bronze, 22.25 g.

538-539 CE

***Obv.* Helmeted and cuirassed bust, facing, holding globus cruciger and shield decorated with horseman, cross r. D N IVSTINIANVS P P AVG.**

Rev. Large M, XII across field, cross above. A/N/N/O I., CON below.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2001

Solidus of the Byzantine Empire, minted under Emperor Phocas at Constantinople

Gold, 4.49 g.

602-610 CE

***Obv.* Crowned and draped bust of Phocas holding cross, DN FOCAS PERP AVG.**

Rev. Victory (angel) standing facing holding long staff and orb, VICTORIA AVGV A, CONOB in exergue.

Museum purchase, 2003

Tetradrachm of Arados

Silver, 15.1 g.

64-63 BCE

***Obv.* Bust of Tyche, r. wearing turreted crown, hair rolled in chignon, veiled, within border of dots.**

Rev. Nike standing l., holding palm branch in left hand over shoulder, in field, l., date symbol (year 196) above ΑΣ, ΑΡΑΔΙΩΝ.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2006

Zusim of Judaea

Silver, 2.42 g.

134-135 CE

***Obv.* Branch of grapes with tendril on the right, small leaf on left. Paleo-Hebrew alphabetic reads שמעון (Simon).**

Rev. Palm leaf with top curving right. Paleo-Hebrew alphabetic reads חרות ירושלים (Freedom of Jerusalem).

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2007

Double Dirham of Persia, minted under the Ilkhanate Dynasty of Mongol Rule at Amul (modern Turkmenabat in Turkmenistan)

Silver, 4.31 g.

1304-1316 CE

Obv. على ولي الله بسم الله الكريم اللهم صلى على محمد وعلى و الحسن والحسين وعلى و محمد و جعفر و موسى وعلى و محمد و على و الحسن و محمد

(There is no God but Allah, Muhammad is the apostle of Allah. Ali is the vicegerent of Allah. In the name of Allah, the Holy.)

Rev. ضرب في أيام دولة السلطان الأعظم مالك رقاب الأمم الجائتو سلطان غياث الدنيا والدين خدا بنده محمد خلد الله ملكه الله الامر من قبل ومن بعد ضرب أمل سنة عشر وسبعمائة

(God is before and after. Struck in Amul in the year ten and seven hundred.)

Gift of Farhan Yaghi, 1997

Dirham of the Abbasid Caliphate

Silver, 2.85 g.

6 CE

Obv. Centre: لا اله الا الله لا شريك له (There is no God except Allah, no partner to him); *Margin:* بسم الله هذا ضرب الله درهم هذا ضرب الله درهم هذا ضرب الله درهم (In the Name of God, this dirham was struck in Muhammadiyah in the year ninety and one hundred).

Rev. Centre: الله رسول محمد (Mohammed the messenger of Allah); *Margin:* دين و بالهدى ارسله الله رسول محمد (Muhammad is the messenger of Allah who sent him with guidance and the true religion to prevail over all other religions even if the polytheists abhor it [Koran 9.33]).

Gift of Oliver Hoover, 1996

Tetradrachm of Macedonia, minted under King Cassander at Amphipolis

Silver, 17.03 g.

315-294 BCE

Obv. Head of youthful Herakles wearing lion skin, r.

Rev. Zeus seated on throne, l., holding eagle on outstretched right hand, scepter in left hand, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ.

Museum purchase, 1996

Tetradrachm of Macedonia, minted under King Alexander III ("the Great") at Babylon.

Silver, 17.20 g.

330-320 BCE

Obv. Head of youthful Herakles wearing lion skin, r.

Rev. Zeus seated on throne, l., holding eagle on outstretched right hand, scepter in left hand, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥ.

Gift of Ethan Vishniac, 2012

Drachma of the Sasanian Empire, minted under Sasanian Emperor Khusrau II

Silver, 3.97 g.

603/4 CE

Obv. Bust of Khusrau II right, wearing crown with wings, star and crescent above, crescent in front, star left and right. Two rings flanked by star and crescent symbols.

Rev. Fire altar flanked by two attendants. Fire altar with upturned diadem ties flanked by two facing attendants wearing crescent-shaped crowns, holding staffs. 3 rings, star and crescent symbols.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2007

Beaker with trailed decoration

Syro-Palestinian

Roman Imperial Period

4th century CE

Glass

Museum purchase, 1951

One Cent Coin of British North Borneo, issued by the British North Borneo Company, minted in Birmingham

Bronze, 9.25 g.

1888

Obv. Coat of Arms of the British North Borneo Company flanked by men in indigenous dress, l. holding a shield, r. holding a sword.

Rev. Wreath, BRITISH NORTH BORNEO CO. / ONE CENT above and below the denomination it is repeated vertically in Chinese characters: 洋元一分; below the wreath the denomination in Malay: ساتو سين.

Gift of Bruce R. Brace, 2002

Silver Twenty Cent Coin of the Straits Settlements, British Colonial Possession on Malay Peninsula

Silver, 5.46 g.

1878

Obv. Queen Victoria, l. VICTORIA QUEEN.

Rev. STRAITS SETTLEMENTS / 20 / TWENTY CENTS / 1878.

Gift of Herman H. Levy, 1990

Silver one-quarter Guilder of the Netherlands East Indies, minted in Utrecht

Silver, 3.12 g.

1857

Obv. crowned shielded arms, NEDERL. INDIE., 1/4 G.

Rev. سفر امفت روفيه One quarter Rupiah

Gift of Herman H. Levy, 1990

Wine vessel in the form of an ancient ritual bronze Jue

Qing Dynasty, China

18th century CE

Cinnabar lacquer vessel on a lead core

Charles P. Fell Bequest, 1988

Half Liang (半两) of China, minted under the Qin and Han Dynasties

Bronze, 2.44g.

336-118 BCE

Obv. from right to left, 半两 (half liang).

Rev. blank.

Gift of W.H. McDonald, 1990

Coin of China of the Northern Song Dynasty, minted under emperor Huizong

Bronze 10.72 g.

1102-1106 CE

Obv. 崇 up 宁 down 重 right 宝 left (heavy treasure of the Chongning era).

Rev. blank.

Gift of Stanley Clute, 1990