



OBJECT ID	1994.41.16.H
OBJECT NAME	Coin
DATE CREATED	1954
MATERIAL	Aluminum
OBJECT ENTITIES	Metevilis, Marina (is related to)

RELATED ITEMS

Blanket, 1994.41.1
Assemblage, 1994.41.2
Gown, Baptismal, 1994.41.3.A
Gown, Baptismal, 1994.41.3.B
Bib, 1994.41.3.C
Cap, 1994.41.3.D
Bib, 1994.41.3.E
Bib, 1994.41.3.F
Mortar, 1994.41.5A
Pestle, 1994.41.5B
Link, Cuff, 1994.41.6.A
Link, Cuff, 1994.41.6.B
Stocking, 1994.41.7.A
Stocking, 1994.41.7.B
Shawl, 1994.41.8
Handkerchief, 1994.41.9.A
Handkerchief, 1994.41.9.B
Nightgown, 1994.41.10.A
Pantaloons, 1994.41.10.B
Pillowcase, 1994.41.10.C
Scarf, 1994.41.10.D
Doily, 1994.41.10.E
Doily, 1994.41.10.F
Bootee, 1994.41.11.A
Bootee, 1994.41.11.B
Jacket, 1994.41.11.C
Belt, 1994.41.11.D
Legging, 1994.41.11.E
Mitten, 1994.41.11.F
Cap, 1994.41.11.G
Petticoat, 1994.41.12.A
Cap, 1994.41.12.B
Certificate, Naturalization, 1994.41.13
Icon, 1994.41.14
Icon, 1994.41.15
Purse, Change, 1994.41.16.A
Purse, Change, 1994.41.16.B
Coin, 1994.41.16.C
Token, Tax, 1994.41.16.D
Coin, 1994.41.16.E
Coin, 1994.41.16.F
Coin, 1994.41.16.G
Coin, 1994.41.16.I
Coin, 1994.41.16.J
Coin, 1994.41.16.K
Coin, 1994.41.16.L
Photograph, 1994.41.17
Pad, Hot, 1994.41.18
Pendant, 1994.41.19
Chain, Key, 1994.41.20
Clasp, 1994.41.21

ACCESS POINTS

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coin
Marina Metevilis

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Silver coin, with a hole in the middle. On one side, at the top of the coin, there is a cluster of grapes. Slightly below and on either side of the hole, there are two "10"s, with the word, "Lepta" under it in Greek. On the opposite side of the coin, the hole is surrounded by an olive branch wreath, and a royal crown at the top. Around the perimeter of the coin, it reads, "Kingdom of Greece 1954".

ORIGIN

Lepton, is the name of various fractional units of currency used in the Greek-speaking world from antiquity until today. The word means "small" or "thin", and during classical and Hellenistic times a lepton was always a small value coin, usually the smallest available denomination of another currency. The coin in the lesson of the widow's mite is referred to as a lepton.

In modern Greece, Lepton is the name of the 1/100 denomination of all the official currencies of the Greek state: the phoenix (1827–1832), the drachma (1832–2001) and the euro (2002–current) – the name is the Greek form of "euro cent." Its unofficial currency sign is lambda. Until the introduction of the euro, no Greek coin had been minted with a denomination lower than 5 lepta since the late 1870s.

Agriculture was the foundation of the Ancient Greek economy and nearly 80% of the population was involved in this activity. During the early part of Greek history agriculture was based on cereals, such as barley, Durum wheat and, less commonly, millet or common wheat. Grapes also do well in the rocky soil, but demand a lot of care.

CITATION

Coin, 1954, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlilhost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/08/24.
