

THE KAPULUKAYA SOLIDUS HOARD

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The hoard was found in a pottery vase in the vicinity of the Kapulukaya dam in the Keskin district of the province of Kırıkkale. This hoard was bought by Mr. Yüksel Erimtan, who is a private collector in Ankara.

As there is no independent evidence about the nature and circumstances of the find. We have to accept what the salesman told Mr. Erimtan about the discovery of the hoard. The salesman obtained this information from the person who actually found the hoard. There remains some uncertainty about the exact find-place. Similarly, the vessel is very large for such a small hoard and, therefore, one may be justified in suspecting that it originally comprised a large number of coins. The salesman, however, has asserted that the twenty-one coins make up the entire hoard. The vase would seem to date from the same period as the coins, and so it is quite plausible that the hoard was indeed found in this vessel. The vase is damaged around the neck and the rim is missing. Its height, as extant, is 16 cm; the diameter of the body is 11 cm and that of the base is 6 cm.

This small hoard, now in Mr. Erimtan's collection, provides some useful information about the officinae of the Antioch mint in the reign of Valens. But of much greater significance is the presence in the hoard of an unique issue of Valentinian II (cat.no.21). That this coin survives may, perhaps, confirm the integrity of the hoard.

Die-links

Cat.no.	Emperor	Diadem type*	Mint-mark
1	Valentinian I	R	ANOBE
2	Valens	R	ANOBS
3		R	ANOBS
4		R	ANOBZ

* P = Pearl-diademed; R = Rosette-diademed

5		R	ANOBZ
6		R	ANOBZ
7		P	ANOBH
8		P	ANOBH
9		P	ANOBH
10		R	ANOBH
11		R	ANOBH
12		P	ANOBθ
13		R	ANOBI
14		P	KANOBθ
15		R	PANOB $\bar{\Gamma}$
16		R	PANOBH
17		R	PANOBI
18	Gratian	P	ANOBI
19		R	KANOBE
20		R	PANOBH
21	Valentinian II	P	ANOBI

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Valentinian I (364-375)**Mint of Antioch****367-375**

No.	Obverse	Reverse	Notes	Weight Die-axis
1-)	D.N. VALENTINI- ANVS P.F.AVG. Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.	GLORIA-R-O-MANORVM Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/X; Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi- Rho. Mint-mark ANOBE	R.I.C.9: 16b	4.47gr 12

Valens (364-378)**Mint of Antioch****367-375**

2-)	D.N.VALENS-PER. F.AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed, r.	GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM Roma and Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated on throne, Roma facing. Constantinopolis turning head towards Roma, each holding sceptre and both together shield inscribed VOT/X/MVL/XX; Constantinopolis resting r. foot on prow; above shield, Chi- Rho. Mint-mark ANOBS	R.I.C.9: 16d	4.48gr 5
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| 3-) D.N.VALENS-PER.
F.AVG
Rosette-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed, r. | GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis,
helmeted, seated on throne,
Roma facing. Constantinopolis
turning head towards Roma,
each holding sceptre and both
together shield inscribed
VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBS | R.I.C.9: 16d 4.50gr

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| 4-) D.N.VALENS-PER.
F.AVG
Rosette-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed, r. | GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis,
helmeted, seated on throne,
Roma facing. Constantinopolis
turning head towards Roma,
each holding sceptre and both
together shield inscribed
VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBZ | R.I.C.9: 16d 4.50gr

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| 5-) D.N.VALENS-PER.
F.AVG
Rosette-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed, r. | GLORIA-R-O- MANORVM
Roma and Constantinopolis,
helmeted, seated on throne,
Roma facing. Constantinopolis
turning head towards Roma,
each holding sceptre and both
together shield inscribed
VOT/X/MVL/XX;

Constantinopolis resting r. foot
on prow; above shield, Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBZ | R.I.C.9: 16d 4.46gr

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Gratian (367-383)**Mint of Antioch****367-375**

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| 18-) | D.N.GRATI-ANVS
AVG
Pearl-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed, | VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
r.Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
shield behind, writing
VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
held on knee. In field r., Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark ANOBI | R.I.C.9: 21a | 4.47gr

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| 19-) | D.N.GRATIA-NVS
PF AVG
Rosette-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed, r. | VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
shield behind, writing
VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
held on knee. In field r., Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark KANOBE | R.I.C.9: 21b | 4.52gr

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| 20-) | D.N.GRATI-ANVS
AVG
Rosetta-diademed,
draped and
cuirassed,r. | VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM
Victory, seated r. on cuirass,
shield behind, writing
VOT/V/MVL/X on shield
held on knee. In field r., Chi-
Rho. Mint-mark PANOBH | R.I.C.9: 21c | 4.46gr

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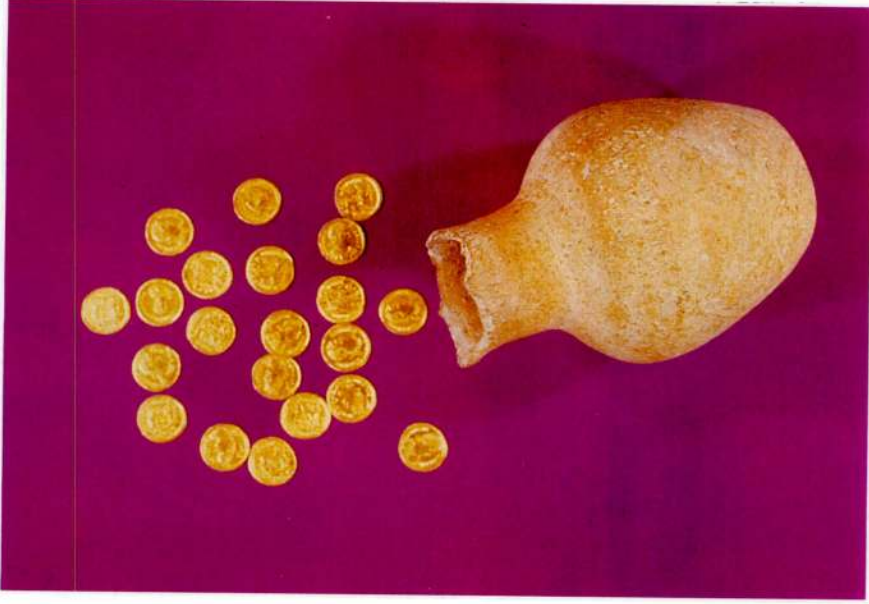
Valentinian II(375-392)**Mint of Antiochia****375-378 or 378-383**

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| 21 | D.N.VALENTINIA
NVS IVN.P.F.AVG.
Pearl-Diameded, .. | GLORIA-ROMANORVM
Two emparors nimbate
standing facing, in consular
robes holding r.hand sceptre;
above and between them a
cross. Mint-mark ANOBI | NC.1990
pl.23A
(Variant) | 4.45gr

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Definenin genel görünümü.

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Ön Yüz

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Arka Yüz

Unique Konsular Solidus