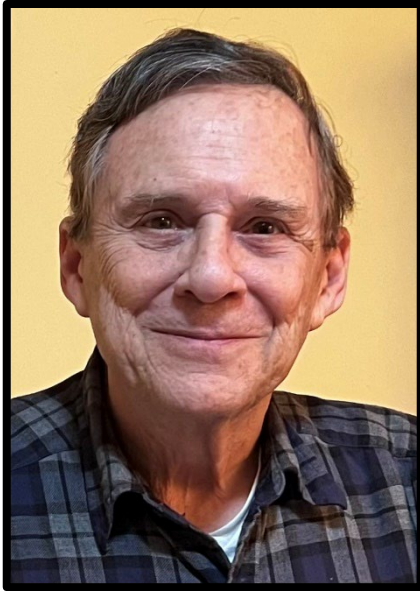


FEATURED COLLECTIONS



The Dr. Robert A. Rosenfeld Collection of Ancient & World Coins

A most impressive array of world coins and ancient coins, The Dr. Robert A. Rosenfeld Collection was assembled over decades by an advanced collector with a wide range of interests and an appreciation for interesting high quality coins. His daughter Elissa has prepared the following introduction of the collection:

"As the daughter of Dr. Robert A. Rosenfeld, I am proud to introduce his collection. The son of a Russian immigrant, and with incredible scholastic aptitude, he graduated from high school at 16, going on after college to become an ophthalmologist. He began collecting coins as a young teen and continued to grow his unique and broad collection over the next 70 years. Fortunately, Dr. Rosenfeld had very diverse interests. He was fascinated by everything from ancient civilizations and medieval European coinage to currency and tokens of the US and

Far East and even notgeld. He would learn many of the foreign alphabets to more fully appreciate each piece. As a doctor, he had a particular interest in monies from the former 'leper colonies.' In his later years he would correspond with numismatic specialists and advise on their collections.

My father's personality is reflected in the choice of his coins, whether it is an interesting provenance or history, or as some of the finest examples of a period. He was fascinated by the political backdrop surrounding each piece, whether the coin was made by a fledgling government, it reflected a country struggling with extraordinary instability and inflation, or if it was minted to protest a beard tax. These are the stories he shared with his family. Some of my favorite memories are of my father pouring his coins out of deerskin bags where he kept them and lingering over his favorite pieces. He would marvel at the little pieces of history encapsulated as coinage, as if he were transported to the time and place merely by holding each one. I am honored to share his unique collection. I hope each coin inspires a spark of joy as it did for my father."



The Hakim Hamidi Collection of Afghanistan Coins

Hakim Hamidi is the most well recognized name when it comes to Afghanistan numismatics. He served as the deputy director of the Da Afghanistan Bank in Kabul. His collection was extensive and he was widely regarded as the most prominent numismatist in Afghanistan. In 1967 he published A Catalog of Modern Coins of Afghanistan. This catalog covered a period of approximately of 83 years (1890 - 1973), starting with the reign of Abdul Rahman Khan through the last monarch, Muhammad Zahir Shah. Mr. Hamidi's devotion and passion to the field of numismatics allowed him to catalog one of the most comprehensive

collections of modern Afghan coinage. A second edition was published in 2012, co-authored by his son Masoud Hamidi. The coins offered in this auction catalog are an impressive array of dates and types, as well as rare pattern coins such as the 1 ½ amani pattern shown at left and featured on the auction catalog cover. (See Lot 1450).

The Almer H. Orr III Collection of World Coins



Almer H. Orr III (born 1938) was a lifetime collector of coins from all over the world. He was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, where he lived out his adult life until his sixties before moving to Woodinville, WA where he resided through the remainder of his retirement.

When Almer was a young boy he began to collect coins and became a passionate collector of many things. He became an avid world traveler which immensely broadened his coin collection. Since Almer was such an avid collector for so many years, his collection had grown to a truly

massive scale over the years. This is the third part of his collection that we have offered and it contains mostly thalers and world crowns.

The Jürgen M. Wilmes Collection of Openwork Charms



"Open-work" charms are one of the major types of ancient Chinese charms. They are referred to in Chinese as *lou kong qian* "hollowed out" money and *ling long qian* "elegant" money. Chinese open work charms have irregular shaped "openings" between their exquisite design elements. These charms were popular and were often worn for personal adornment during the Song, Yuan, and Ming dynasties.

This collection assembled by Jürgen M. Wilmes is likely the finest that has ever been put together. We previously offered parts 1 and 2 in our

auctions. This is the 3rd and final part. The three parts were divided evenly by quality and value so many superb rarities can be found here. The lot at left (Lot 737) is a popular type depicting a temple complex with a number of activities taking place.

A Superb Collection of Georgian Coins



This auction features a vast collection of Georgian coins from one of our long-time clients who prefers to remain anonymous. These coins can be found throughout this auction catalog including in the Mongol Dynasties section, the Shahs of Iran section, a few occupation coins in the Ottoman section, as well as under Georgia in the European section. With over 100 lots this is perhaps the most comprehensive collections of coins minted in Georgia that we have ever offered.

One fascinating example from this collection is a silver dirham of the Georgian King Davit Narin (1246-1296) citing the Great Mongol Güyük and depicting the king on horseback with Mtavruli script to the right and left. (See Lot 421).

The Solar Collection of Indian Coins



This collection was consigned by an advanced collector who wishes to remain anonymous. What is offered here is only part of a broader collection of Indian Coins. Featured in this auction is perhaps the most extensive collection of coins of Tranquebar that we have ever offered, and the pieces are of superb quality as well. Additionally, the collection includes a number of coins and plaques from ancient Ceylon. A few additional pieces from India are included as well such as a gold mohur of Haidar Ali of Mysore.