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THE ROMAN HOARD FROM ȘIMLEUL-SILVANIEI

During the 1997 excavations at Șimleul-Silvaniei there was found a Roman hoard of 54 coins, at the place named „Cetate“ („fortress“), on the second plateau, in square 15, on the floor of the metallurgical workshop, 1,27 - 1,30 m below the modern ground surface. The coins were buried in a pit of 5 cm diameter and at the same depth. There was no bowl or any other object to keep them in.

The hoard contains 51 Republican coins and 3 Imperial coins, as can be seen in the following catalogue:

CATALOGUE

REPUBLICAN COINS

ANONYMOUS

1. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 189-180 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 18,4 x 17,7 mm; W: 3,68 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma, r.; behind X. Border of dots.

Reverse: Dioscuri r.; in linear frame ROMA.

Crawford p. 213, no. 139/1

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SEX. ATILIVS SERRANVS?

2. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 155 B. C.

Axe: 9; Size: 17,8 mm; W: 3,40 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind X. Border of dots.

Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding whip in r. hand and reins in l. hand; below SAR;
in exergue, ROMA.

Crawford p. 245, no. 199/1b

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M. IVNIVS SILANVS

3. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 145 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 17,6 mm; W: 3,43 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, ass's head; before, X.

Reverse: Dioscuri r.; below, M. IVNI ; in exergue [roma].

Crawford p. 259, no. 220/1

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C. CVRIATVS TRIGEMINVS

4. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 142 B. C.

Axe: 10; Size: 21,2 x 18,4 mm; W: 3,47 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, TRIGE; before, X. Border of dots.

Reverse: Juno in quadriga r., wearing diadem and crowned by Victory from behind, holding sceptre in l. hand and reins in r. hand; below C-CVR; in exergue ROMA.

Crawford p. 260, no. 223/1

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L. IVLIVS

5. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 141 B. C.

Axe: 9; Size: 19,2 x 17,7; W: 3,28 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, XVI. Border of dots.

Reverse: Dioscuri r.; below, L-IVLI; in exergue ROMA. Line border.

Crawford p. 260, no. 224/1

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C. RENIVS

6. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 138 B. C.

Axe: 4; Size: 16,7 x 16mm; W: 3,50 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, X.

Reverse: Juno in biga of goats r., wearing diadem and holding sceptre and reins in l. hand and whip in r. hand; below, C-REN[i]; in exergue: [roma].

Crawford p. 264, no. 231/1.

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M. MARCIVS MN. F.

7. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 134 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 18,7 mm; W: 3,55 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r; behind, modius; before, X.

Reverse: Victory in biga r.; holding reins in l. hand and whip in r. hand; below **MARC, RO MA** divided by two corn-ears. Border of dots.
 Crawford p. 277, no. 245/1
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ANONYMOUS WITH ELEPHANT'S HEAD

8. Denomination: *denarius*
 Mint: Rome
 Year: 128 B. C.
 Axe: 9; Size: 17,1 mm; W: 3,53 gr;
 Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, *.
 Reverse: Goddess in biga r., holding sceptre and reins in l. hand and branch in r. hand; below, elephant's head with bell attached; in exergue, **ROMA**.
 Obs: The bell divides the letter O from M.
 Crawford p. 287, no. 262/1
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C. CATO

9. Denomination: *denarius*
 Mint: Rome
 Year: 123 B. C.
 Axe: 6; Size: 17,4 mm; W: 3,56 gr;
 Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind X.
 Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding reins in l. hand and whip in r. hand; below, **C-CAT[o]**; in exergue, **ROMA**.
 Crawford p. 294, no. 274/1
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Q. CVRTIVS, M. SILA

10. Denomination: *denarius*
 Mint: Rome
 Year: 116/115 B. C.
 Axe: 7; Size: 20,5 x 18,5 mm; W: 3,46 gr;
 Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; before, **Q-CV[rt]**; behind, X.
 Reverse: Jupiter in quadriga r., holding sceptre in l. hand and hurling thunderbolt with r. hand; above, *lituus*; below, **M-SI[la]**; in exergue, **ROMA**. Line border.
 Crawford p. 300, no. 285/2.
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11. Denomination: *denarius*
 Mint: Rome
 Year: 116/115 B. C.
 Axe: 7; Size: 20,5 x 18,5 mm; W: 3,46 gr;



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Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; before, Q·CVRT; behind, X.

Reverse: Jupiter in quadriga r., holding sceptre in l. hand and hurling thunderbolt with r. hand; above, *lituus*; below, M·SILA; in exergue, [r]OM[a]. Line border.

Crawford p. 300, no. 285/2.

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M. CIPIVS M. F.

12. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 115/114 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 16,6 mm; W: 3,34 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; erased legend.

Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding reins in l. hand and palm-branch; below, rudder; in exergue, ROMA.

Crawford p. 303, no. 289/1.

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L. CAESIVS

13. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 112/111 B. C.

Axe: 5; Size: 19 x 18,4 mm; W: 3,43 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Apollo seen from behind, with head turn to l.; on r. AP.

Reverse: Lares Praestites seated facing, with dog between, each holding staff in l. hand; in exergue, [I]·CAESI.

Crawford p. 312, no. 298/1.

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C. VIBIVS C. F. PANSA

14. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 90 B. C.

Axe: 1; Size: 18,3 x 16,6 mm; W: 3,48 gr;

Obverse: Head Apollo; legend and control-mark are erased.

Reverse: Minerva in quadriga r., holding spear and reins in l. hand and trophy in r. hand; in exergue, [c]·VIBIVS . C . F. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 347, no. 342/5b.

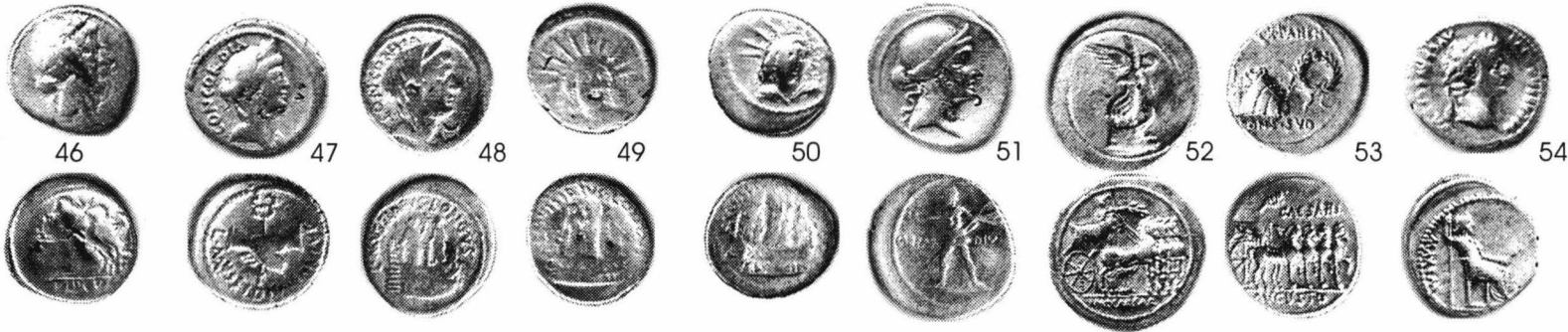
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M. CATO

15. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 89 B. C.



Axe: 4; Size: 17 mm; W: 3,46 gr;

Obverse: Female bust r., draped, hair tied with band; behind, **ROMA**.

Reverse: Victory seated r., holding patera in r. hand and palm-branch in l. hand; exergue erased.

Crawford p. 351, no. 343/1a, b, c.

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CN. LENTVLVS

16. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 88 B. C.

Axe: 11; Size: 17,9 x 15,6 mm; W: 3,61 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted bust of Mars (Corinthian helmet seen from behind, with head turned to r.)

Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding reins in l. hand and wreath in r. hand; in exergue, [c]N·LEN[tul].

Crawford p. 356, no. 345/1.

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17. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 88 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 17,4 mm; W: 3,47 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted bust of Mars (Corinthian helmet seen from behind, with head turned to r). Border of dots.

Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding reins in l. hand and wreath in r. hand; in exergue, CN·LENT[ul].

Crawford p. 356, no. 345/1.

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GARGONIVS, OGVLVS, VERRES

18. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 86 B. C.

Axe: 2; Size: 19,2 x 17,7 mm; W: 3,44 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., wearing oak-wreath.

Reverse: Jupiter in quadriga r., holding reins in l. hand and hurling thunderbolt with r. hand; above control-mark; below, **GAR**; in exergue, **OGV**, **VER**.

Crawford p. 364, no. 350A/1a.

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19. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 86 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 17,8 x 16,5 mm; W: 3,51 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., wearing oak-wreath; below, thunderbolt.

Reverse: Jupiter in quadriga r., holding reins in l. hand and hurling thunderbolt with r. hand; above, control-mark **B**; below, **VER**; exergue erased.

Crawford p. 364, no. 350A/1e.

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20. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 86 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 19,5 x 18,3 mm; W: 3,40 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., wearing oak-wreath; below, thunderbolt.

Reverse: Jupiter in quadriga r., holding reins in l. hand and hurling thunderbolt with r. hand; no control-mark or legend.

Crawford p. 366, no. 350A/2.

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MN. FONTEIVS C. F.

21. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 85 B. C.

Axe: 9; Size: 20,7 x 19,8 mm; W: 3,48 gr;

Obverse: Head laureate of Apollo r.; below, thunderbolt; behind, **MN-FONTEI-C-F**; before, **AP**.

Reverse: Cupid on goat r.; above, *pilei*; in exergue, *thyrsus*; around, laurel-wreath. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 369, no. 353/1a.

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L. IVLIVS BVRGIO

22. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 85 B. C.

Axe: 5; Size: 20,5 x 19,7 mm; W: 3,64 gr;

Obverse: Male head r., with attributes of Apollo, Mercury and Neptune; behind, trident and palm-branch.

Reverse: Victory in quadriga r., holding reins in l. hand and wreath in r. hand; in field control-marks, **R V**; in exergue, **[I] IVLI-BVRGIO**.

Crawford p. 368, no. 352/1c.

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C. LICINIVS. L. F. MACER

23. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 84 B. C.

Axe: 1; Size: 20 x 18,2 mm; W: 3,58 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Apollo seen from behind, with head turn to l. and with thunderbolt in r. hand. Border of dots.

Reverse: Minerva in quadriga r., holding shield and reins in l. hand and spear in r. hand; in exergue, C·LICINIVS·L·F·MACER. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 370, no. 354/1.

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Q. ANTONIVS BALBVS

24. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 83-82 B. C.

Axe: 5; Size: 18,4 x 17,4 mm; W: 3,41 gr;

Obverse: Laureate head of Jupiter r.; behind, S·C. Border of dots.

Reverse: Victory in quadriga r., holding reins and palm-branch in l. hand and wreath in r. hand; in exergue, Q·ANTO·BALB·PR. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 379, no. 364/1a.

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C. LIMETAN, L. CENSORIN

25. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 82 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 16,8 mm; W: 3,49 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Venus r., draped and wearing diadem and veil; behind, L·CENSORIN. Border of dots.

Reverse: Venus in biga r., holding reins in r. hand and goad in l. hand; above, control-mark erased; below, C·LIME[ta]; no exergue. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 374, no. 360/1b.

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L. SVLLA, L. MANLIVS TORQVATVS

26. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: moving with Sulla

Year: 82 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 16,6 x 15,3 mm; W: 3,52 gr;

Obverse: Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, PROQ; before, [I] MA[nli].

Reverse: *Triumphator*, crowned by Victory, in quadriga r., holding reins in l. hand and *caduceus* in r. hand; in exergue, [I]·SVLLA·I[mp].

Crawford p. 386, no. 367/5.

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A. POSTVMIVS A. F. S. N. ALBINVS

27. Denomination: *denarius serratus*

Mint: Rome

Year: 81 B. C.

Axe: 10; Size: 19,9 x 18,4 mm; W: 3,55 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Diana r., draped, with quiver and bow over shoulder; above, *bucranium*. Border of dots.Reverse: Rock, on which stands lighted altar; on l. of altar, bull; on r. of altar, togate figure holding *aspergillum* over bull; around, A·POST·A·F·S·N·ALBIN. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 389, no. 372/1.

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28. Denomination: *denarius serratus*

Mint: Rome

Year: 81 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 19 x 17,6 mm; W: 3,70 gr;

Obverse: Head of Hispania r., wearing veil; behind, HISPAN, downwards. Border of dots.

Reverse: Togate figure with r. hand raised, standing between legionary eagle and fasces with axe; around, A·POST·A·F·S·N·ALBIN. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 389, no. 372/2.

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TI. CLAVDIVS NERO

29. Denomination: *denarius serratus*

Mint: Rome

Year: 79 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 19,2 x 17,5 mm; W: 3,53 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Diana r., draped with quiver and bow over shoulder; before, S·C. Border of dots.

Reverse: Victory in biga r., holding palm-branch and reins in l. hand and wreath in r. hand; below, control-mark, LXIII; in exergue, [ti]·CLAVD·TI·F. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 398, no. 383/2.

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M. VOLTEIVS M. F.

30. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 78 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 17 x 15,6 mm; W: 3,56 gr;

Obverse: Laureate head of Jupiter r. Border of dots.

Reverse: Capitoline temple; below, M·VOLTEI·M·F. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 399, no. 385/1.

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L. FARSVLEIVS MENSOR**31. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 75 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 19,3 x 18,4 mm; W: 3,61 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Libertas r., draped and wearing diadem; behind, *pileus*; before, **MENSOR** upwards; below chin, S-C. Bead-and-reel border.Reverse: Warrior holding spear and reining in biga r. with l. hand; with r. hand he assists togate figure into biga; below, control-mark, **LXVI**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 406, no. 392/1b.

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C. POSTVMIVS**32. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 74 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 16,1 x 15 mm; W: 3,60 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Diana r., with bow and quiver over shoulder.

Reverse: Hound running r.; below, spear; in exergue, [c]·**POSTVM**[i].

Crawford p. 407, no. 394/1b.

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C. HOSIDIVS C. F. GETA**33. Denomination: *denarius serratus***

Mint: Rome

Year: 68 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 19,7 x mm; W: 3,27 gr;

Obverse: Bust of Diana r., draped with bow and quiver over shoulder; behind, **GETA**; before, III·**VIR**. Border of dots.Reverse: Boar r., wounded by spear and attacked by hound; in exergue, [c]·**HOSIDI-C.F.** Border of dots.

Crawford p. 419, no. 407/1.

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C. PISO L. F. FRVGI**34. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 67 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 19 x 16,9 mm; W: 3,56 gr;

Obverse: Laureate head of Apollo r. Border of dots.

Reverse: Horseman r. with palm; above, control-mark **M**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 419, no. 408/1a.

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Q. CASSIVS**35. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 55 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 18,3 mm; W: 3,52 gr;

Obverse: Head of *Genius populi Romani* r. with sceptre over shoulder. Border of dots.Reverse: Eagle on thunderbolt r.; on l. *lituus*; on r., jug; below, Q·CASSIVS. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 452, no. 428/3.

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CN. PLANCIVS**36. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 55 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 18,1 x 17,2 mm; W: 3,39 gr;

Obverse: Female head r. wearing *causia*; before, CN·PLAN[cius]; behind, AED· [cur· s·c]. Border of dots.

Reverse: Cretan goat r; behind, bow and quiver. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 455, no. 432/1.

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Q. SICINIVS, C. COPONIVS**37. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: moving with Pompey

Year: 49 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 19 x 17,3 mm; W: 3,61 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., hair tied with band; below, star; before, Q·SICINIVS; behind, III·VIR. Border of dots.

Reverse: Club upright, on which hangs a lion skin; on l., arrow; on r., bow; on r., C·COPONIVS·pr] S·C. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 461, no. 444/1a.

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C. VIBIVS C. F. PANSA**38. Denomination: *denarius***

Mint: Rome

Year: 48 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 18,5 x 17,1 mm; W: 3,47 gr;

Obverse: Laureate head of Libertas r. Border of dots.

Reverse: Roma seated r. on pile of arms, wearing helmet, holding sceptre in r. hand and placing l. foot on globe; on r., flying Victory crowning Roma; on l.,

C·P[ansa·c·f·c·n]. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 465, no. 449/4.

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Q. METELLVS

39. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 47-46 B. C.

Axe: 9; Size: 18,5 x 17,6 mm; W: 3,53 gr;

Obverse: Head of Africa r., laureate and wearing elephant's skin; on r., corn-ear; below, plough; on far, **Q·METEL[I]**; on l., **SCIPIO·IMP**.

Reverse: Hercules standing facing, with r. hand on hip and resting l. arm on club draped with lion's skin; on l., **EPPIVS**; on l., **LEG·F·C**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 472, no. 461/1.

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T. CARISIVS

40. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 46 B.C.

Axe: 7; Size: 18,7 mm; W: 3,28 gr;

Obverse: Head of Juno r.; behind, **MONETA**. Border of dots.

Reverse: Anvil die with garlanded punch die above; on l., tongs; on r., hammer; above, **T·CARISIVS**. Laurel-wreath as border.

Crawford p. 475, no. 464/2.

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MN. CORDIVS RVFVS

41. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 46 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 17,4 mm; W: 3,40 gr;

Obverse: Jugate heads of Dioscuri r., wearing laureate *pilei*; around, inverse **RVFVS III V[ir]**.

Reverse: Venus standing l., holding scales in r. hand, with Cupid perched on shoulder; behind, **MN·CORDIVS**.

Crawford p. 473, no. 463/1b.

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L. PAPIVS CELSVS

42. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 45 B. C.

Axe: 2; Size: 19,1 x 17,5 mm; W: 3,38 gr;

Obverse: Head of Juno Sospita r. Border of dots.

Reverse: Wolf r., placing stick of fire; on r., eagle fanning flames; in exergue,

L·PAPIVS; above, **CELSVS·III·VIR**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 481, no. 472/1.

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L. VALERIVS ACISCVLVS

43. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 45 B.C.

Axe: 12; Size: 20,4 x 19,5 mm; W: 3,52 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., hair tied with band; above, star; behind, *acisculus* and **ACISCVL·VS**. Border of dots.

Reverse: Europa seated on bull r.; in exergue, **L·VALERIVS**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 483, no. 474/1a.

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M. METTIVS

44. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 44 B. C.

Axe: 2; Size: 19 x 18 mm; W: 3,21 gr;

Obverse: Wreathed head of Caesar r.; behind, *lituus* and *culullus*; before, **CAESAR·[imp]**.

Reverse: Venus standing l., holding Victory in r. hand, sceptre in l. hand, resting l. elbow on shield which in turn rests on globe; behind, **[m·mettius]**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 488, no. 480/3.

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P. CLODIVS M. F.

45. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 12; Size: 19 x 17,6 mm; W: 3,81 gr;

Obverse: Head of Apollo r., wearing veil; behind, lyre. Border of dots.

Reverse: Diana standing facing, with bow and quiver over shoulder, holding torch in each hand; on r., **[p]·CLODIVS**; on l., **M·F**. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 506, no. 494/23.

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C. VIBIVS VARVS

46. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 11; Size: 18 x 16,9 mm; W: 3,48 gr;

Obverse: Head of Liber r., wearing ivy-wreath. Border of dots.

Reverse: Garlanded altar, on which rests mask and against which rests *thyrsus*; on r., panther springing up towards altar; in exergue, [c]-VIBIVS; on r., VARVS.
Border of dots.

Crawford p. 508, no. 494/36.

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L. MVSSIDIVS T. F. LONGVS

47. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 1; Size: 19 x 18,2 mm; W: 3,70 gr;

Obverse: Head of Concordia r., wearing veil; behind, CONCORDIA. Border of dots.

Reverse: Two hands clasped round *caduceus*; below, L·MVSSIDIVS. [longus].
Border of dots.

Crawford p. 508, no. 494/41.

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48. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 20,7 x 19,4 mm; W: 3,37 gr;

Obverse: Head of Concordia r., wearing veil; behind, CONCORDIA; below chin, crescent. Border of dots.

Reverse: Shrine of Venus Cloacina, inscribed C[loaci]N; above, L·MVSSIDIVS·LONGVS. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 509, no. 494/42c.

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49. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 2; Size: 18 x 16,7 mm; W: 3,56 gr;

Obverse: Radiate bust of Sol facing, draped. Border of dots.

Reverse: Shrine of Venus Cloacina, inscribed C[loaci]N; above, L·MVSSIDIVS·LONGVS. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 509, no. 494/43a.

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50. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 42 B. C.

Axe: 11; Size: 18,1 x 16,8 mm; W: 3,38 gr;

Obverse: Radiate bust of Sol facing, draped. Border of dots.

Reverse: Shrine of Venus Cloacina, inscribed CLO[a]CIN; above, L-MVSSIDIVS-[longus]. Border of dots.

Crawford p. 509, no. 494/43a.

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OCTAVIANVS: CAESAR DIVI F

51. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 36-29 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 20 x 18,2 mm; W: 3,66 gr;

Obverse: Head of Venus r., wearing diadem, earring in shape of cross, and necklace of pendants; hair collected into a knot behind, and falling in two locks down her neck. Border of dots.

Reverse: CAESAR DIVI F (across the field). Octavianus, in military dress, rushing l., his cloak over his arm; he extends his r. hand, and bears spear in l. Border of dots.

Grueber II, p. 9, no. 4327.

RIC I², p. 59, no. 251.

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IMPERIAL COINS

OCTAVIANVS

52. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: uncertain mint in Italy

Year: 29-27 B. C.

Axe: 3; Size: 21,5 x 20,7 mm; W: 3,41 gr;

Obverse: Victory standing r. on prow; she holds wreath in r. hand and palm-branch in l. hand. Border of dots.

Reverse: IMP-CAESAR (in the exergue). Octavianus in triumphal chariot r., drawn by four horses, walking; he holds laurel-branch in r. hand, and reins in l.; the chariot is ornamented with figures in relief. Border of dots.

Grueber II p. 13, no. 4343.

RIC I², p. 60, no. 264.

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AVGVSTVS

53. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome (Grueber); Spanish mint (RIC)

Year: 18 B. C.

Axe: 6; Size: 18 x 17 mm; W: 3,55 gr;

Obverse: The consular robes, the toga picta over the *tunica palmata* between an *aquila* on l. and a laurel-wreath on r.; above, [s p] Q R-PAREN; below, CONS-SVO. Border of dots.

Reverse: Triumphal chariot r., drawn by four horses walking; the front and side panels are ornamented with figures of Victory; it is surmounted by a small quadriga with horses galloping; above, CAESARI; in exergue, AVGVSTO. Border of dots.

Grueber II, p. 33508, no. 4435.

RIC I², p. 48, no. 99.

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54. Denomination: *denarius*

Mint: Rome

Year: 14-37 A. D.

Axe: 3; Size: 19,3 x 18,1 mm; W: 3,50 gr;

Obverse: (retrograde legend) TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS Head laureate r.

Reverse: [pontif] MAXIM (downwards). Female figure seated r., holding sceptre in r. hand and branch in l. hand.

RIC I² p. 95, no. 26.

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The analysis of this hoard must follow an interpretation according to the special conditions of discovery. As we have already said, the hoard was buried in the floor of a metallurgical workshop, with no object to keep the coins in. The archaeological situation doesn't indicate any layer of burning or a violent destruction of the workshop. The coins are preserved in a medium state of conservation. It is certain that the coins were in circulation for a long time, especially the first pieces. This can be an argument that the coins were probably assembled at the same time or at very close dates. As can be seen in the histogram (see the histogram of the republican hoard), the majority of the coins date from the periods 89-80 and 49-40 B. C., which correspond, in fact, to the period of highest prosperity of the republican mintage¹. In this case it is very normal to find the highest quantity of coins belonging to those periods. On the same line, in the same place has been found an unfinished silver denar, imitation of the Marc Antony issues². In this case we can presume that this hoard is in connection with a possible mint workshop which struck imitations from Republican and Imperial coins which can be found in many other places in Dacia before the Roman conquest³.

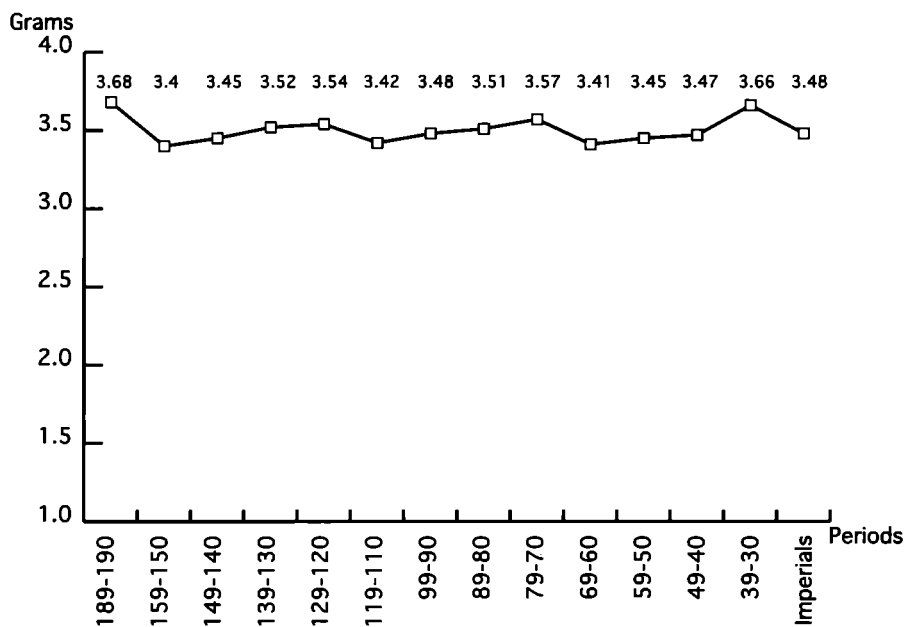
¹ M. Crawford, *Roman Republican Coinage*, London 1974, *passim*.

² See H. Pop, I. Bejinariu, *Catalogul expoziției „Traci și daci la Șimleu Silvaniei”*, p. 6, pl. 16; H. Pop, Șantierul arheologic Șimleu Silvaniei – „Cetate”, in *Cronica cercetărilor arheologice. Campania 1997*, Călărași 1998, p. 76.

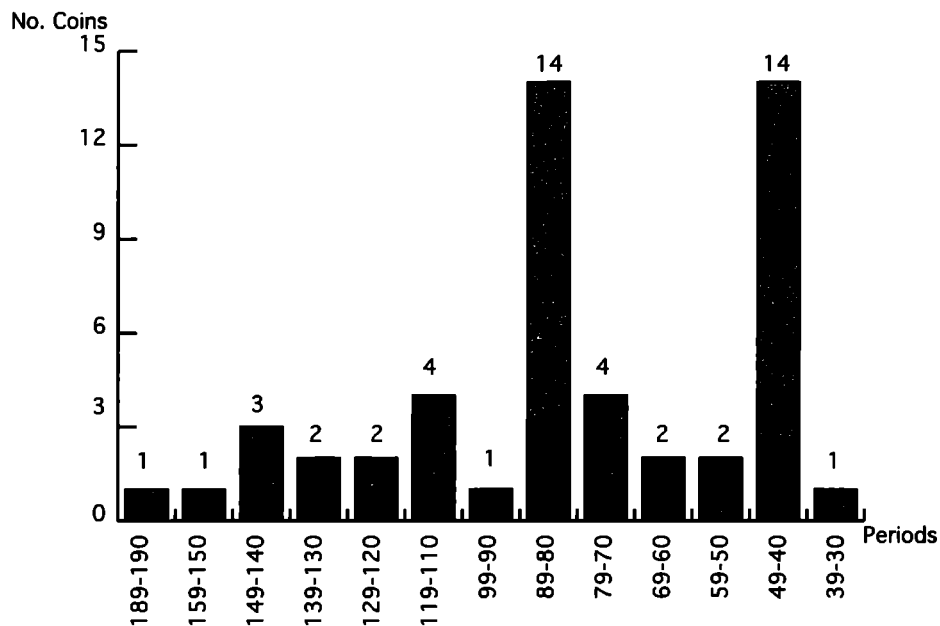
³ For the dies from Brașov, Ludești, Poiana, Tilișca, see I. Glodariu, *Relații comerciale ale Daciei cu lumea elenistică și romană*, Cluj-Napoca 1974, p. 155; for the dies from Grădiștea Muncelului, see I. Glodariu, E. Iaroslavski, A. Rusu, *Die Münzstätte von Sarmizegetusa Regia*, in *EN 2*, 1992, p. 57-69.

As for the weight of the coins of this hoard, we can observe on the graphic of the weight's fluctuation (see graphic of the weight's fluctuation) that there are small differences in the average weight from one period to another. These differences are, in our opinion, due to the lack of very precise scales. As can be seen in the catalogue, coins struck by the same minter in the same year can have different weights (e. g. the coins of L. MVSSIDIVS T.F. LONGVS from 42 B. C. from 3.70 gr. to 3,38 gr.). Thus, at least this hoard cannot be taken as a model for the evolution of the weight of Roman coins.

Concerning the reason of concealment, it is difficult to say whether such a hoard has or not links with some events from this period. It seems that the hiding of this hoard took place in haste, with no time to put the coins in a vessel. So it could very well be attributed to some robbery or to some local event. A *terminus post quem* for the hiding of this hoard is indicated by the most recent coin, which dates from the reign of the emperor Tiberius. In this case the hoard should have been buried around the middle of the 1st century A. D.



Graphic of weight's fluctuation



Histogram of republican coins from the hoard of Șimleul-Silvaniei