

THE COINAGE OF HISTRIA FOR SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS AND HIS FAMILY: Addenda et Corrigenda

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The paper had already been sent to press when I got the chance to visit the Coin Cabinet at Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna and to work with its collection*. Some of the Histrian species kept there impose following addenda et corrigenda.

The observe of coin No 28421 represents Septimius Severus with a short beard. This detail indicates an early date of minting which could not be later than A.D. 200. I incline to accept A.D. 198 as the possible dating because of the main features of the imperial portrait.

Here it should be reminded of Geta's coin published in 1917 by L. Ruzicka under No 507-z. Unfortunately one can only read K CEN GETAC.. from the legend on its obverse which was causing some uncertainty at the moment when I was studing the Histrian coinage. Now it seems that this issue was a synchronous with the coins representing Severus with short beard. Thus an additional period of activity of the Histrian mint is definable within A.D. 198. These issues should be connected with the journey to the Balkans undertaken by Caracalla soon after his inauguration because of some military problems for the Empire. His presence in Lower Moesia in 198 is attested with certainty and it is possible that Histria was one of the cities visited by the young *augustus*.

Consequently the chronology of the Histrian coinage under Septimius Severus and his family could be illustrated as follows:

year	coinage
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198	coins for Severus, Domna, Caracalla-aug. and Geta-caes. without value marks of their denomination
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210 coins for Severus, Domna, Caracalla-aug. and Geta-aug.
without value marks of their denomination
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212 big denominations for Caracalla and Domna
without value marks
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214 coins for Caracalla and Domna with value marks of their denomination
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