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MORE ON THE EX-NUMIS PEDIGREE SEARCH SERVICE

As noted earlier, search isn't just for text strings anymore - searches can also be done with images. In her Newsletter #57 (published by email February 24, 2018), Shanna Schmidt described her experience with the Ex-Numis search service, which located a prior public offering of a coin in her stock, enabling her to document its pedigree, an increasingly important piece of information in today's regulated world. Here's what she wrote. -Editor

I've mentioned this great service several times in my newsletter but it is worth another mention. The coin of the week was purchased without a pedigree. After I sent in a picture of it to my friend Dr. Jonas Flueck he replied within a few days with a pedigree going back to 1991. I've heard some complaints that people send in pictures and don't get results but as time goes on and Jonas refines the program, I'm certain that matches will happen. In any case, you pay only a small amount to send in a coin so why not give it a shot? It can't hurt.

Here is Shanna's write-up of the newly pedigreed coin. -Editor



ROMAN REPUBLIC, C. Naevius Balbus. Rome, 79 BC AR Serrate Denarius, 3.88g (18mm, 1h)
Diademed head of Venus r.; behind, S C; before, control letter, Rv. Victory in triga r., holding reins; in ex. [C] NAE BALB

Pedigree: Ex Schweizerischer Bankverein 28, 17 September 1991, lot 332
Price: \$1,200

The moneyer, C. Naevius Balbus, was part of a wealthy family line that supposedly extended back to Phoenician origin and settled in Spain (Gades). Apparently the name Balbus meant "stutterers". This coin was minted around the time of Sulla, the general and later dictator, who was undoubtedly one of the men that helped to crumble the Roman Republic. C. Naevius Balbus was an ardent supporter of Sulla and this coin was likely minted to commemorate the Sulla's victory against Mithridates VI of Pontus around 85 BC. The obverse of the coin shows Venus who was the patron deity of Sulla and the triga represents a battle.

References: Crawford 382/1a; RSC Naevia 6b; Sydenham 769 Grade: Iridescent toning. Good EF

For more information, see:
<http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

To visit the Ex-Numis web site, see:
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