

OBJECT ID	2013.5.114
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1954
MATERIAL	Copper; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) II, King (is related to) Hercules, (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	coin

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 1 drachma coin from the year 1966. On the front side is a portrait of Greek King Constantine II. He appears in a similiar fashion to U.S. presidents on American coins. His name is written in Greek letters which surround his head. Underneath his head are the numbers 1966, which represent the year that the coin was minted. The back of the coin the Greek crest of this time, which depicts two mirrored Hercules' standing on either side of a shield with a cross on it. Greek letters surround this image. Under the crest is the number 1, signifying the worth of the coin. Under the word number 1 is the word "drachma" written in Greek letters. The coin has a silver color. Its edge is milled and the coin is made of copper and nickel.

ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1966, two years after King Constantine gained the throne of Greece. He reigned as King from 1944-1973, when the monarchy was abolished. Hercules, one of the great heroes of Greek mythology, appears on the back of the coin. He is holding a club and a lion's pelt, signifying his strength and two of his heroic triumphs.

CITATION

Coin, 1954, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.