



OBJECT ID	2013.5.118
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1976
MATERIAL	Brass; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) Botsaris, Markos (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1976 coin Greek Independence Day Markos Botsaris

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 50 lepta coin from the year 1976. On the front side is a portrait of Markos Botsaris, a prominent figure in the Greek Independence Movement in the 1820's. He appears in a similar fashion to U.S. presidents on American coins. His name is written in Greek letters which appear on the left side of his head. The words "50 Lepta" appear on the back side of the coin, signifying the value of this coin. These words are surrounded by the words "Hellenic Democracy" written in Greek. Underneath the words "50 lepta" Under the picture a Greek word and the numbers 1967. This signifies that the coup took place in 1967. Under this inscription is the number 1976, indicating the year in which this coin was minted. The coin has a bronze color, but it is apparent that the color of the coin is very faded and differs greatly from its original color. Its edge is milled and the coin is made of brass and nickel.

ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1976 and has a value of 50 lepta, which is half of a drachma. The man who appears on the front of the coin is Markos Botsaris. Botsaris is revered as a national hero in Greece for his role as prominent general during the Greek Independence War.

CITATION

Coin, 1976, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/25/24.
