

**German 16th Century,
Friedrich III the Wise, 1463-1525, Duke and Elector of Saxony 1486 [obverse];
Cross within a Circle [reverse]**

**IDENTIFIER**

868

ARTIST

German 16th Century

NATIONALITY

German

DATE

1522

MEDIUM

silver (struck)

TYPE OF OBJECT

Sculpture

DIMENSIONS

diameter: 4.29 cm (1 11/16 in)

LOCATION

National Gallery of Art, Washington, District of Columbia

PROVENANCE

Gustave Dreyfus [1837-1914], Paris; his heirs; purchased with the entire Dreyfus collection 9 July 1930 by (Duveen Brothers, Inc., London, New York, and Paris); sold 31 January 1944 to the Samuel H. Kress Foundation, New York; [1] gift 1957 to NGA. [1] The Duveen Brothers Records document the firm's sixteen year pursuit and eventual acquisition of the Dreyfus collection, which included paintings, sculptures, small bronzes, medals, and plaquettes. Bequeathed as part of his estate to Dreyfus' widow and five children (a son and four daughters), who had differing opinions about its disposition, the collection was not sold until after his widow's death in April 1929. Duveen did not wish to separate Dreyfus' collection of small bronzes, medals, and plaquettes, and it was sold intact to the Kress Foundation for a price that was met by installment payments every three months. (Duveen Brothers Records, accession number 960015, Research Library, The Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles: reel 301, box 446, folders 3 and 4; reel 302, box 447, folders 1-6; reel 303, box 448, folders 1 and 2; reel 330, box 475, folder 4.) See also George Francis Hill's discussion "A Note on Pedigrees" in his catalogue, *The Gustave Dreyfus Collection: Renaissance Medals*, Oxford, 1931: xii, which was commissioned by Duveen Brothers.

ACCESSION NUMBER

1957.14.1214.a-b

KRESS NUMBER

1379

DREYFUS NUMBER

618A

LEGACY NGA NUMBER

A-1358

KRESS COLLECTION DIGITAL ARCHIVE

1 ACQUISITION

Duveen Brothers, January 31, 1944

1 DISTRIBUTION

Gift to National Gallery of Art, January 22, 1958

EXTERNAL LINKS

Related Collection Record

<https://www.nga.gov/collection/art-object-page.45408.html>

Related National Gallery of Art Systematic Catalog

https://library.nga.gov/permalink/01NGA_INST/1cl1g8d/alma992592423504896

RECORD LINK

<https://kress.nga.gov/Detail/objects/868>