

	<p>Object: Portrait of a man</p> <p>Museum: Museum August Kestner Trammplatz 3 30159 Hannover (0511) 168-42730 museen- kulturgeschichte@hannover- stadt.de</p> <p>Collection: Ancient Cultures</p> <p>Inventory number: 4523</p>
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Description

In the so-called year of the four emperors, 69 AD, Galba, Otho, Vitellius and Vespasian wrestled over the claim to the imperial dignity in the Roman Empire. On 20 December Vitellius was deposed from office, killed and his body thrown into the Tiber. With the nomination of Vespasian as emperor, the dynasty of the Flavians was founded after the reign of the Iulian-Claudian dynasty.

This portrait, which was made in Cyprus during Vespasian's reign, is stylistically reminiscent of the facial features of the first Flavian emperor. (AVS)

Possibly former collection August Kestner, Rome

Detailed description

Voluminös geformtes Gesicht mit breiter Nase und schmalen Lippen. Haare an der Stirn und Schläfen durch tief geritzte S-förmiges Linien angegeben. Die Gesichtspartien wirken unsymmetrisch. Daher könnte das Porträt Teil eines Hochreliefs gewesen sein.

Basic data

Material/Technique:	Limestone
Measurements:	Height: 23 cm, width: 14.5 cm

Events

Created	When	69-79 CE
	Who	

	Where	Cyprus
[Relationship to location]	When	
	Who	
	Where	Cyprus
[Relation to person or institution]	When	
	Who	Vespasian (9-79)
	Where	

Keywords

- Emperor
- Portrait

Literature

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