

Vorley, Dennis Gordon

(1915-1996)



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Biographical and Other Notes

He was born in Clacton, Essex. He started as a student teacher but had joined the police force by 1936. He started with British coins, then colonial, the tokens and primitive money. In 1941 he volunteered for the RAF and spent five years in Malta as a pilot in the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He returned to the police force on the South Coast and lived at Sandgate near Folkestone, Kent. Though he published few pieces of research he helped many researchers, and his vast collections were dispersed to “good homes” and the DGV provenance is still regularly seen in catalogues. One of the last areas he tackled was advertising mirrors. His collection of engraved coins was auctioned in 131 lots at Bonhams, 13 December 1994. A few of the lots had 300+ items!

Contributors to British Numismatics

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