

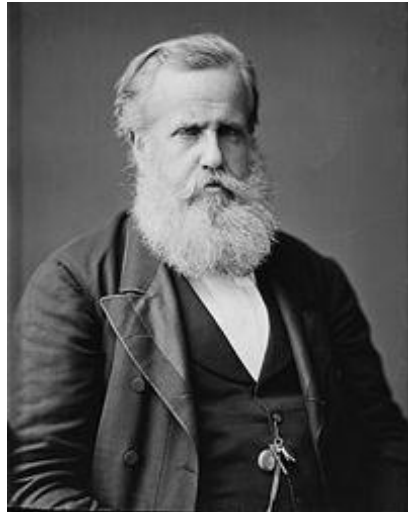
**Amécourt, Gustave**

**vicomte de Ponton d'**

**(1825-1888)**



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Monument in grounds of Trilport Castle

### **Biographical and Other Notes**

A French polymath, perhaps best known for his pioneering work on powered flight and as inventor of the word 'helicopter'. He also cultivated an interest in early medieval coinage, and put together a famous collection (mainly of Roman and French, especially Merovingian, coins). A large part of his Merovingian collection (1,131 coins) was bought for the BM a year before his death; the remainder was sold by Rollin & Feuardent (9 June 1890).

### **Sources and References**

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