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Roman Silver Hair Pin



An ancient Roman silver hair pin with a terminal shaped as a hand plucking a small fruit, possibly a pomegranate.

Ca. 2nd - 3rd century AD.
Length: 6 in. (15 cm).

This hair-pin was likely worn by a woman of high status, as the pomegranate it features had connotations of good fortune and fertility in Roman society.

cf.: for a similar silver hair pin with a hand plucking a pomegranate in the British Museum, inventory number 1934,1210.21, found in London.

Formerly in a North Carolina private collection.

inventory number: 8686

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