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**Pierre Mariette — Effigies Duodecim Caesarum
(Lutetiae Parisiorum, ca. 1640–1650)**

**Large-folio series of engraved portraits of the Twelve Caesars,
published in Paris by Pierre Mariette at his shop in Rue Saint-Jacques 'under
the Sign of Hope' (*via Iacobeae sub signo Spei*), circa 1640–1650.**

Each engraving shows the bust of a Roman emperor with elaborate burin work, accompanied by Latin and French distichs summarising his reign and death. The plates share uniform typographic structure and format (approx. 54 × 39 cm), and bear the same imprint line: *Lutetiae Parisiorum apud P. Mariette via Iacobeae sub signo Spei.*

The suite follows the canonical sequence of Suetonius's *Duodecim Caesares*. Complete sets are extremely rare; no full example is recorded in the main institutional catalogues (BnF, British Museum, Rijksmuseum). The present collection preserves eleven of the twelve known plates, lacking only *C. Caligula Caesar Augustus Germanicus*. The engravings are printed on laid paper and display fine tonal contrasts typical of early impressions from the Mariette workshop.

Overall good impression and full tonal range, though the sheets show age-related wear: small tears and cracks, occasional losses to the margins, and scattered creases. The series should be examined individually; conservation or discreet restoration is recommended, or alternatively, mounting and framing to preserve them in their present state.

1	C. IULIVS CÆSAR DICTAT. PERPET.	Present
2	D. OCT. AVGVSTVS PATER PATRIAE	Present
3	IMP TIBERIVS CÆSAR DIVI AVGVSTI	Present
4	C. CALIGVLA CÆSAR AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS	Missing
5	TI. CLAVDIVS CÆSAR AVGVSTVS P M TR P IMP P P	Present
6	NERO CLAVDIVS CÆSAR AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS P M TR P IMP P P	Present
7	SERVIVS GALBA IMP CÆSAR AVGVSTVS TR P	Present
8	SYLVIUS OTHO CÆSAR AVGVSTVS TR P IMP	Present
9	AVLVS VITELLIVS GERMANICVS IMP AVGVSTVS P M TR P	Present
10	IMP CÆS VESPASIANVS AVGVSTVS P M TR P P P COS II	Present
11	IMP TITVS CÆS VESPASIANVS AVGVSTVS P M TR P P P COS VIII	Present
12	IMP CÆSAR DOMITIANVS AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS COS XV CENSOR PERP P P	Present

Serie en gran folio de retratos grabados de los Doce Césares,

publicada en París por Pierre Mariette en su establecimiento de la Rue Saint-Jacques, “bajo el signo de la Esperanza” (*via Iacobeae sub signo Spei*), hacia 1640–1650.

Cada grabado representa el busto de un emperador romano, ejecutado con un elaborado trabajo de buril y acompañado de dísticos en latín y en francés que resumen su reinado y su muerte. Las planchas presentan una estructura tipográfica y un formato uniformes (aprox. 54 × 39 cm) y llevan la misma línea de pie de imprenta: *Lutetiae Parisiorum apud P. Mariette via Iacobeae sub signo Spei*.

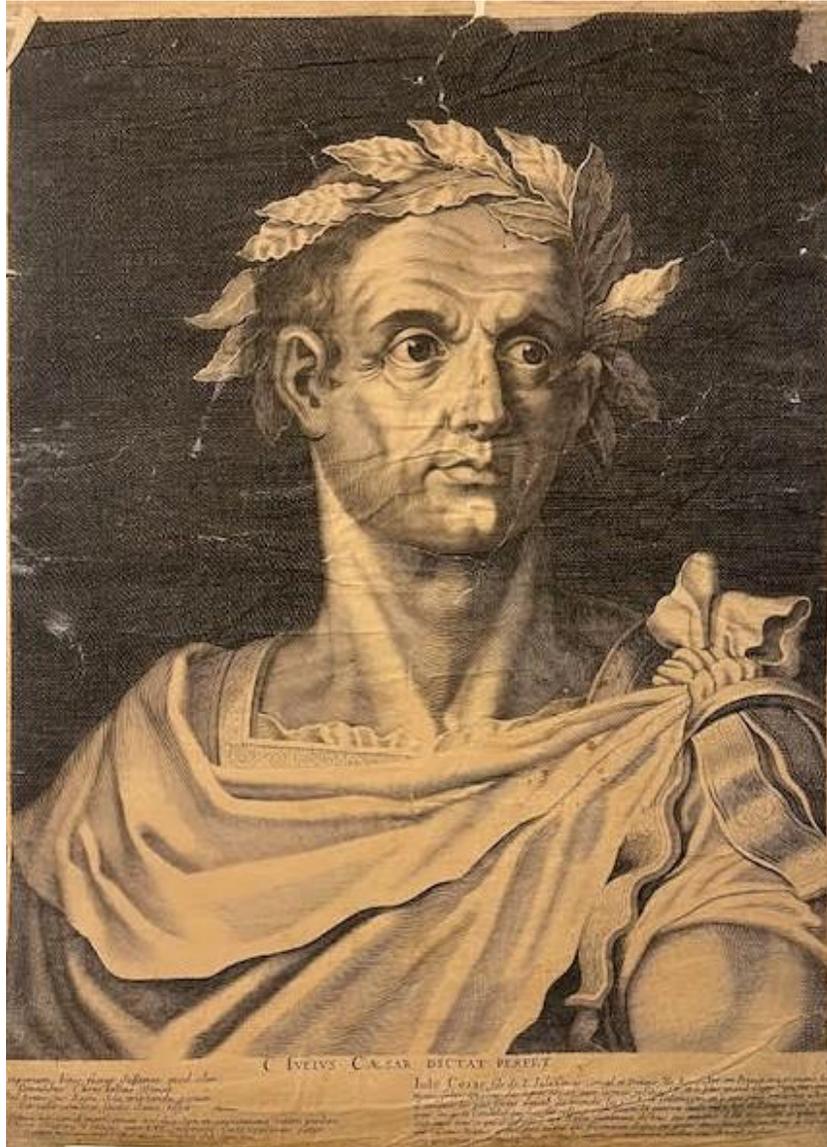
La serie sigue la secuencia canónica de los *Duodecim Caesares* de Suetonio. Los conjuntos completos son de extrema rareza; no se conoce ningún ejemplar íntegro en los principales catálogos institucionales (BnF, British Museum, Rijksmuseum). La presente colección conserva once de las doce planchas conocidas, faltando únicamente *C. Caligula Caesar Augustus Germanicus*. Los grabados están tirados en papel verjurado y muestran los delicados contrastes tonales característicos de las primeras impresiones del taller de Mariette.

Estado de conservación:

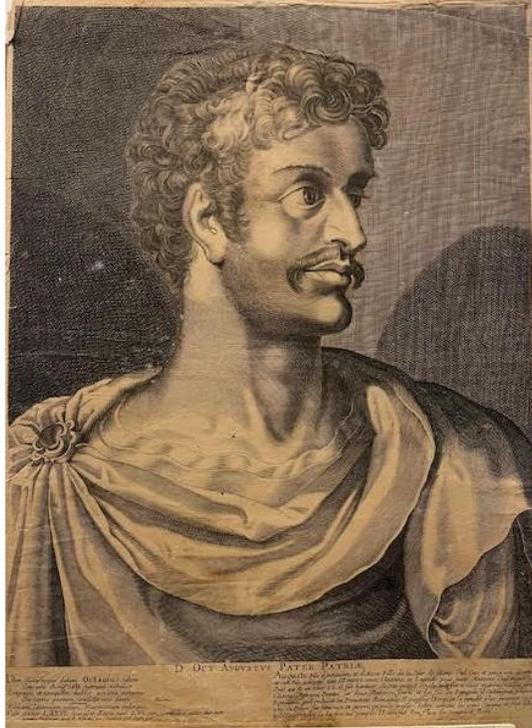
Buenas impresiones, con gama tonal completa, aunque las hojas presentan el desgaste propio de la edad: pequeños desgarros y grietas, pérdidas ocasionales en los márgenes y algunas arrugas dispersas. Se recomienda examinar cada estampa individualmente; sería aconsejable una labor de conservación o restauración discreta, o bien su montaje y enmarcado para preservar las obras en su estado actual.

Plates present in this collection

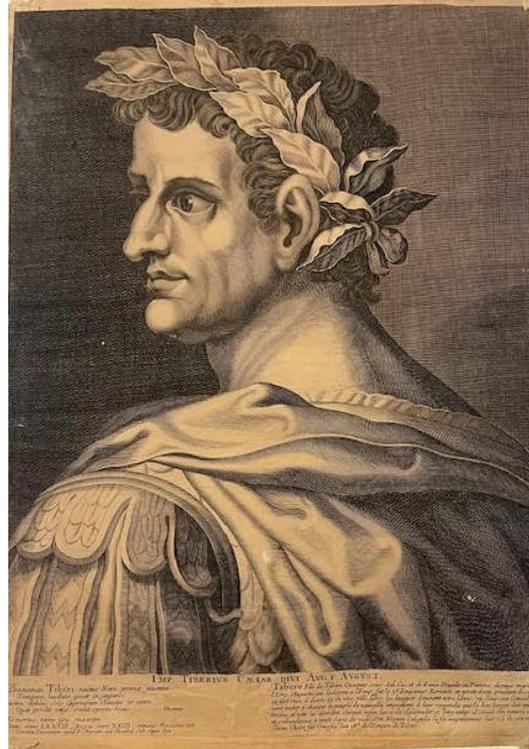
The following eleven engravings are preserved in this collection:



C. IVLIVS CAESAR DICTAT. PERPET.
Julius Caesa



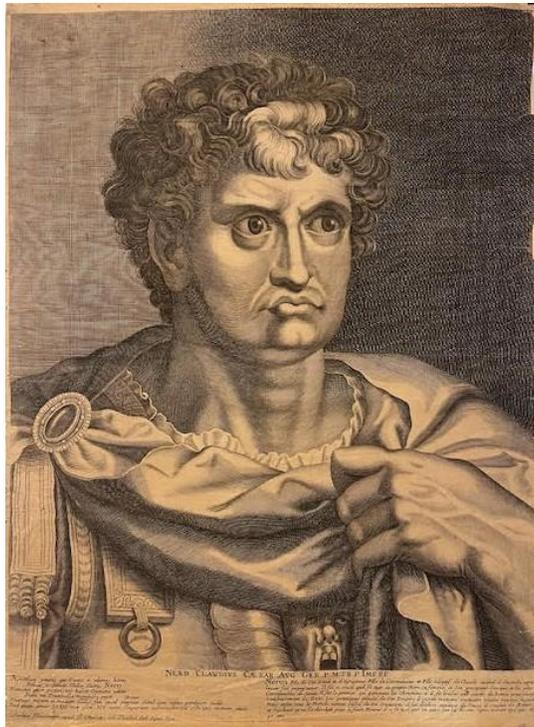
D. OCT. AVGVSTVS PATER PATRIAE
Augustus — First Emperor



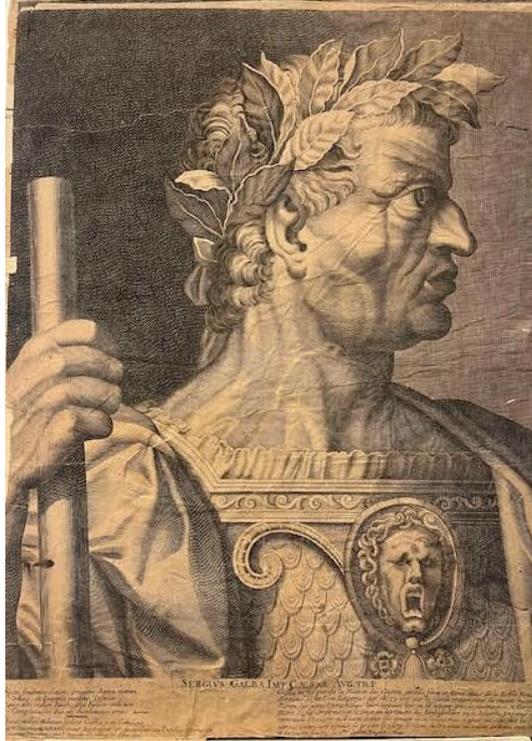
IMP TIBERIVS CÆSAR DIVI AVGVSTI
Tiberius — Second Emperor



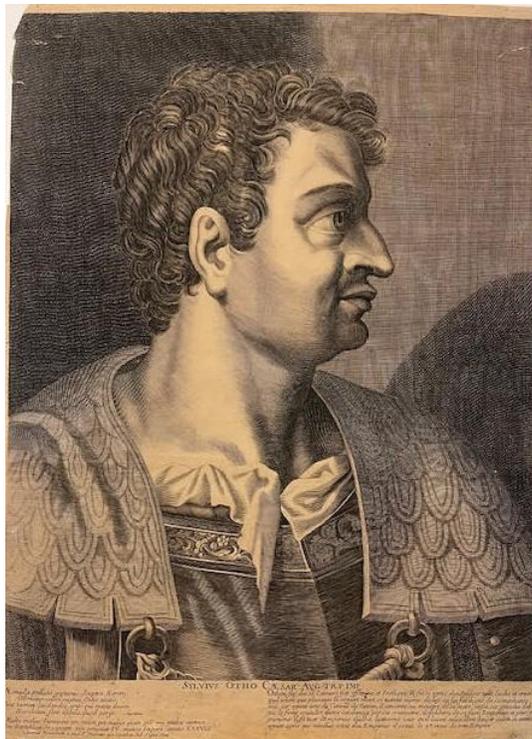
TI. CLAVDIVS CÆSAR AVGV P M TR P IMP P P
Claudius — Emperor Claudius I



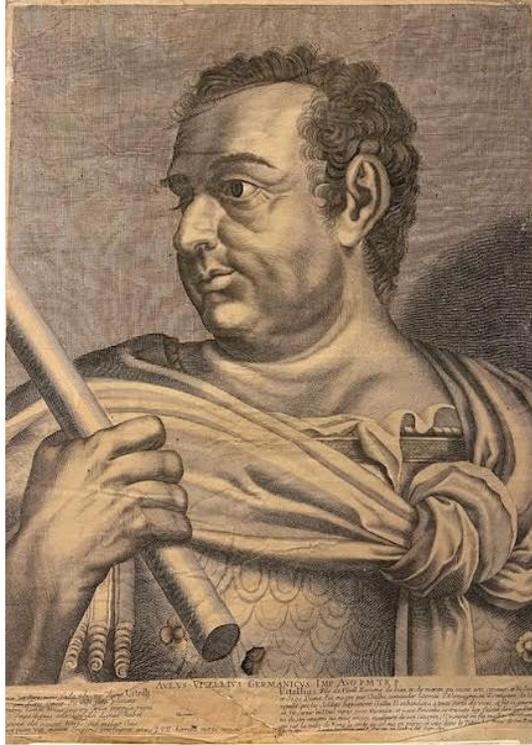
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Nero Claudius Caesar — Emperor Nero



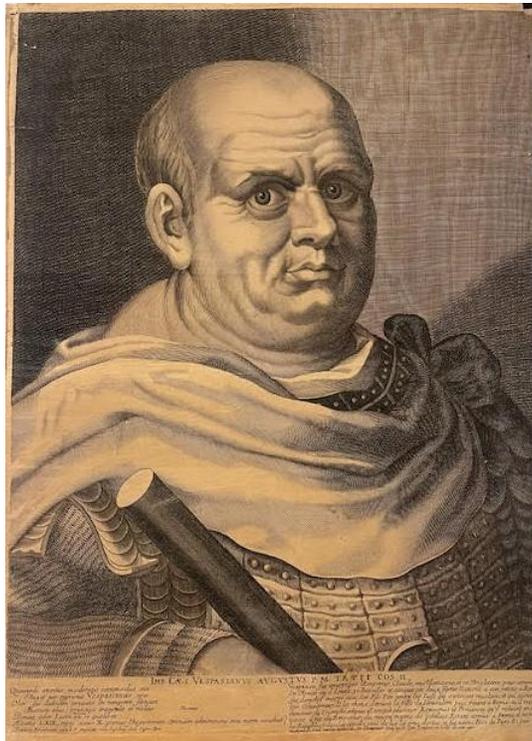
SERVIVS GALBA IMP CÆSAR AVG TR P
Servius Galba — Emperor Galba



SYLVIUS OTHO CÆSAR AVG TR P IMP
Otho — Emperor Otho



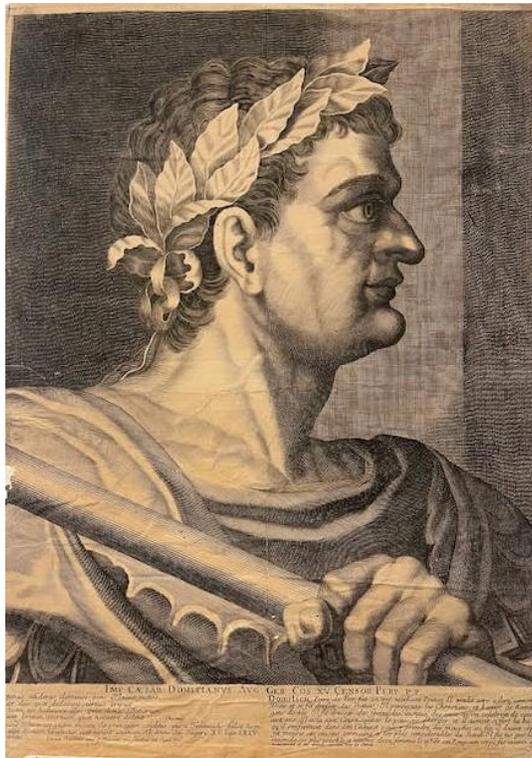
AVLVS VITELLIVS GERMANICVS IMP AVGVSTVS P M TR P
Aulus Vitellius — Emperor Vitellius



IMP CAES VESPASIANVS AVGVSTVS P M TR P P P COS II
Vespasian — Emperor Vespasian



IMP TITVS CÆS VESPASIANVS AVGVSTVS P M TR P P P COS VIII
Titus — Emperor Titus



IMP CÆSAR DOMITIANVS AVGVSTVS GER COS XV CENSOR PERP P P
Domitian — Emperor Domitian