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A NEW SATRAPAL COIN OF THE KIM – EKA SERIES

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In SM 34/135, August 1984, H. B. Wells wrote an article «Observations on the signature KIM». He was keenly interested in these *incerta* of the Persian satraps of Ionia and Caria. He would have regretted not to know the specimen published here which comes quite early in the series.



AR Hemidrachm, 2,19 g.

Obv. Protome of bull to l.

Rev. Protome of bull to l. within incuse square; in lower l. corner \mathcal{M} .

Ex Hirsch 55, 1967, 2175 (Samos).

The series has been well documented since Babelon¹. The new coin with its clear, deep incuse square should be placed before the issues with similar types and with the names KIM² and EKA³, perhaps in the decade 390–380 B.C. The \mathcal{M} surely stands for the issuing authority as did KIM or EKA.

This note is written with affection in memory of my friend for more than 30 years, Henry Bartlett Wells of Cambridge, Mass.

¹ E. Babelon, *Les Perses achéménides* (Paris 1893) pl. 11, 24.

² H. B. Wells (*supra*) Fig. 1; SNG von Aulock 8045.

³ SNG von Aulock 8044.