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- ANS* *American Numismatic Society*; New York
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| <i>RE</i> | <i>Paulys Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumwissenschaft</i> . |
| <i>SEG</i> | <i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i> |
| <i>SGLIBulg</i> | <i>Spätgriechische und spätlateinische Inschriften aus Bulgarien</i> |
| <i>Stephanus of Byzantium</i> | Augustus Meineke, <i>Stephani Byzantii Ethniconum Quae Supersunt</i> ; Reimer, 1849 |
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