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The archives of Rutgers University contain a set of papers of potentially great interest to the classical world. At his death Frank Austin Scott donated to the university several documents from his studies at Friedrich-Wilhelm-Universität in Berlin where in 1871-1872 he had taken courses with some of our discipline's most eminent scholars, then working at the peak of their respective careers. Most importantly, Scott preserved the notes from three series of lectures given by Theodor Mommsen: "Roman Antiquities", "The History of Rome under Diocletian and his Successors", and "The Annals of Livy". Unlike the Hensel notes (published by Demandt & Demandt 1992), the Austin Scott papers come from small upper-level seminars of approximately 16-24 students. These documents, which have only recently become known to the classical world, will attract the curiosity of scholars interested in the German classical tradition, the figure of Mommsen, and, not least of all, the subjects covered in the lectures themselves.

The size of the collection—approximately 350 pages—prevents detailed discussion of their every aspect in the allotted time. I therefore limit my talk to four topics. I begin with Austin Scott's academic career and education in Germany. I next discuss the notes themselves, describing their contents and state of preservation. I then place the notes in the context of Mommsen's career, focusing on those from his lectures on "Roman Antiquities" and their relationship to *Römisches Staatsrecht*, only one volume of which had been (recently) published at that time (1<sup>st</sup> edition of volume one: 1871). I end by comparing this collection with the most famous notes from a course taught by Mommsen, the Hensel-Nachschriften. In doing so I seek not only to point out their differences and similarities, but also to offer a preliminary evaluation of the Austin Scott papers at Rutgers University.