

THE LARGE CNUT HOARD FOUND IN THE 1990's

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The Stockholm auction house, Myntgalleriet AB, offered as part of its coin auction sale on 20 May 1995 a parcel of 319 coins of Cnut, all in fresh, unpecked condition, and evidently deriving from a single hoard¹. The coins were of three consecutive types, *Quatrefoil*, *Pointed Helmet* and *Small Cross*, and the geographical pattern of the mints represented within the parcel pointed clearly to this being a portion of the very large hoard of coins of this reign which is listed as hoard 222d, 'Cnut' hoard (Cambridge area ?), found c.1993, in the current version of the *Checklist of Coin Hoards from the British Isles, c.450-1180*, viewable on the Fitzwilliam Museum website. The hoard is believed to have been deposited c.1035.

Although the parcel offered for sale in this Stockholm auction was small in relation to the likely size of the hoard as a whole, and there is no means of knowing on what precise principles the selection of coins for inclusion in this parcel had been made, it seems probable that it was broadly representative of the date range and geographical spread of the coins represented in the hoard as a whole.

It is likely on general principles that coins which had been recognised prior to the sale as being particularly rare had already been dispersed, either within the coin trade or to private collectors, and it is also likely that the content of the parcel offered here significantly under-represents the commoner issues in the hoard, as in most cases only one coin is offered of any given moneyer of a particular mint and type. The summary listing that follows should be interpreted with those caveats in mind, but there seems merit in putting on record the content of this parcel, as in the twenty-five year period since the hoard's presumed discovery no formal publication of any portion of it has been put into the public domain². It may be hoped that the appearance of the present note will elicit further information both as regards the hoard's content and as regards the actual or probable location of its find spot.

It should be noted that for the purposes of the present note the moneyers' names are given in the spellings for them as given in the text of the auction catalogue, rather than in normalised form. The numbers that follow each name are the numbers of the lots in the sale which contained the coins in question.

Quatrefoil : 120 coins

Cambridge (16) : Ada/Adea (478, 480), Aelfwi/Aelfwig (481, 482), Ceht/Cnht/Cniht (484-6), Godwine (490), Leofsig/Liofsi/Liofsig/Liofsii, (491, 493-6), Stengirim/Stenegrim (497, 498), Wulfsig (499)
Colchester (1) : Aelewine (440)

¹ The coins were offered as lots 434-585, 585A, and 586-751 of this sale. All the coins are illustrated in the catalogue.

² See however the useful comments on the content of the hoard made by Robin Eagen in his paper on 'The mint of Huntingdon', *BNJ* 69, 1999, at pp.63-4. He refers in n.11, p.64, to the existence of a handlist of 1739 coins from the hoard examined in 1994.

Dover (1) : Leofwine (441)
 Huntingdon (3) : Eadnoth (505), Stanier/Stannar (506, 507)
 Ipswich (2) : Eadric (475), Leofric (476)
 Lincoln (17) : Aethemaer (513), Bruntat (518, 519), Godwine (524), Grimcetel (525),
 Leofwine (529), Matethan (535), Osferth (537-9), Osgot (541), Sumerlethi (546, 547),
 Swartbrand (548), Ulfcetel (553), Wulbern (555), Wulfgat (557)
 London (27) : Aelfric (567), Aelfwi (572), Brihtfrth (577), Brihtmaer (578), Brihtnoth
 (580, 581), Bruninc (586), Eadnoth (593), Eadwerd/Edwerd (595, 606), Eadwine
 (596), Eadwold/Edwold (598, 611), Frethi (613, 614), Goda (616), Godman (620),
 Godric (621), Liofstan (637), Liofwine (638), Osulf (639, 640), Swetinc (644),
 Wulfstan (648), Wulfwine (649, 650), Wynsii (657)
 Maldon (2) : Aelwine (659, 660)
 Norwich (10) : Aefic (661, 662), Godwine (664, 665), Hwateman (666), Leofric
 (668), Leofwine (669), Mana (670), Oswold (673), Thureferth (675)
 Southwark (8) : Aelfwerd (710), Aelfwine (711), Aethelwine (712), Brihtmaer (713),
 Brunman (714), Lioflic (715), Wulfric (716), Wulfstan (717)
 Stamford (7) : Cawelin (682), Godeleof (687), Godwine (689), Leofric (694),
 Leofwine (695), Morulf (699), Oswold (703)
 Thetford (21) : Aelfwie (718, 719), Brunstan (723), Derwine (725), Edric/Edrig (726,
 727), Edwine (729), Godman (730), Leofric (731), Leofwine (733), Lifinc (734),
 Stanmaer (737), Sumerleth (738), Sprunt (739-41), Tidred (743, 744),
 Waelgist/Welst/Wlgist (746, 747, 749)
 York (5) : Colgrim (450), Frithcol (455), Hildolf (458), Stircol (465), Toca (470)

Pointed Helmet : 102 coins

Cambridge (4) : Ada (479), Edwine (488), Leofsige (492), Wulsige (500)
 Canterbury (2) : Wineidaei (436), Wulstan (439)
 Dover (1) : Leowine (443)
 Lincoln (23) : Aethelmaer/Aethelmer (510, 511), Aslac (514, 515), Brihtric (516),
 Godric (523), Godwine (520), Iustegen (526), Leofin (527, 528), Leofwine (530),
 Lifinc (533), Manna (534), Matthan (536), Osferth (540), Osgut (542), Osmund (552),
 Swartabrand (549), Swertinc (544, 545), Wulbern (556), Wulfwine (559, 560)
 London (36) : Aelfgar (563), Aelfget (564), Aelfred (565), Aelfric (568), Aelfwerd
 (571), Aelfwig (573), Aelwine (575), Aethelwerd (562), Brungar (584), Bruninc
 (587), Brunman (588), Derinc (590), Eadwine (597), Eadwold (599), Edgar (601),
 Edred (603), Edric (604), Edwerd (607), Edwig (609), Etsige (612), Godeleof (617),
 Godwine (623), Leofric (626), Leofwine (628), Leofwold (631), Leomman (633),
 Lifinc (634), Liofsigi (636), Sinoth (641), Stithulf (642), Wulfric (646), Wulfwine
 (651), Wulgar (653), Wulnoth (654), Wynsige (655), Wynstan (658)
 Norwich (4) : Aelfric (663), Hwataman (667), Mana (671), Thurferth (676)
 Stamford (12) : Aethethstan (679), Alfian (680), Cawelin (683), Edwine (685),
 Godwine (690), Leofwine (697), Leofwold (696), Morulf (700), Oswerd (702),
 Oswold (704), Thurstan (706), Thurulf (707)
 Thetford (7) : Aelfwine (721), Brunstan (724), Edric (728), Leofric (732), Lifincc
 (735), Thurferth (742) Tidredd (745)
 Winchester (1) : Wine (751)

York (12) : Aethelwine (447), Cetel (449), Crinan (452), Fargrim (454), Godman (456), Ire (460), Osgot (462), Stircol (466), Sunolf (467), Svrtinc (468), Wulfnoth (472), Wulstan (474)

Short Cross : 97 coins

Cambridge (3): Aelfwig (483), Cniht (487), Edwine (489)

Canterbury (4) : Aelfric (434), Brihtred (435), Winred (437), Wulfwig (438)

Dover (1) : Leofwine (442)

Hertford (1) : Deorsige (502)

Huntingdon (3) : Ada (503), Aelfgar (504), Wulfwine (508)

Ipswich (1) : Lifinc (477)

Lincoln (13) : Aeglmaer/Aethelmaer (509, 512), Brihtric (517), Colgrim (521), Crina (522), Leofwine (531, 532), Oslac (543), Swartbrand (550), Sweartinc (551), Wedlos (554), Wulfric (558), Wulfwine (561)

London (34) : Aelfred (566), Aelfric (569), Aelfweard (570), Aelfwii/Aelwig (574, 576), Brihtmaer (579), Brihtred (582), Brintn (583), Brungar (585), Bruninc (585A), Brunman (589), Eadmund (591, 592), Eadulf (594), Eadwold (600), Edred (602), Edric (605), Edwerd (608), Edwine (610), God (615), Godere (618), Godinc (619), Godric (622), Leofred (624), Leofric (625), Leofstan (627), Leofwi (630), Leofwine (629), Leofwold (632), Lifinc (635), Swan (643), Wulfred (645), Wulfric (647), Wulfwine (652), Wynsige (656)

Northampton (1) : Leofwine (501)

Norwich (2) : Manna (672), Siric (674)

Oxford (2) : Godwine (677), Lifinc (678)

Stamford (12) : Branwine (681), Edwerd (684), Fargrim (686), Godric (688), Godwine (691), Leofdaei/Leofdaei (692, 693), Leofwine (698), Morulf (701), Swert (705), Thurulf (708), Thustan (709)

Thetford (4) : Aelfwie (720), Aelfwine (722), Runstan (736), Wineman (748)

Winchester (1) : Leodmer (750)

York (14) : Aegelwine/Aelwine (444-6), Beorn (448), Colgrim (451), Cruca (453), Grimulf (457), Hildulf (459), Osgod (461), Othin (463), Raefen (464), Thurgrim (469), Ucede (471), Wulnoth (473)

