

A New Die for Elizabeth I 1574 Acorn Initial Mark Threepence's

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In The Galata Guide to Hammered and Milled Threepenny Pieces 1551 - 1662, published in 2016 by Galata Print, I recorded two pair of dies for the very rare 1574 acorn initial mark threepence's designated li and lii for the obverse and Ai and Aii for the reverse. These were represented by eight existing specimens, five with the pairing li/Ai, one with the pairing li/Aii and two with the pairing lii/Aii. Since publication another three specimens have come to light two of which have a third reverse die, now designated Aiii, and one of which has a new obverse die liii. On checking these coins against the previously known specimens it happens that one of the li/Ai specimens in the Museum of Somerset (MoS 15.N.52) is able to be die-linked to the new Aiii reverse.

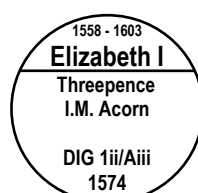
The current tally for 1574 Acorn threepence's is now

li/Ai - five, li/Aii - one, li/Aiii - one, lii/Aii - two, lii/Aiii - one, liii/Aiii - one

The coins from the new dies were purchased at the London Coin fair and from E-bay.



DIG liii/Aiii
Rn 321
1.45g
London Coin fair



DIG lii/Aiii
Rn 305
1.48g
EBay



Obverse liii



Reverse liii



Obverse 1i



Obverse 1ii

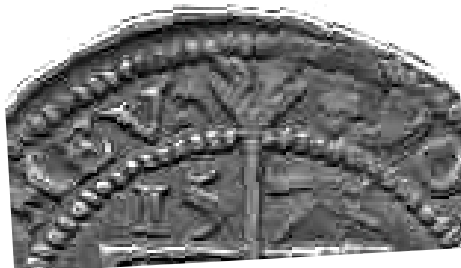


Obverse 1iii

To differentiate the three dies note the positioning of the Acorn initial mark to the cross on the top of the crown and also the orientation and positioning of the Rose behind the bust.



Reverse Ai



Reverse Aii



Reverse Aiii

To differentiate amongst the three dies note the positioning of the stops at the end of the reverse legend and the positioning of the numbers in the date.

The following page shows enlarged photographs of the three die pairs and the last page shows 1:1 photos of all the existing recorded specimens Taken from The Galata Guide to Hammered and Milled Threepenny Pieces 1551 - 1663 (unpublished update).

Initials used -

BM, British Museum.

MoS, Museum of Somerset.

CC, Chris Comber collection.

DIG ..., Catalogue entry in the Galata Guide.

JH, Dr. J Hullet collection.

IP, I Palmer collection.

Rn, Authors collection

RS, R Shuttlewood collection.

WW, W. Wilkinson collection.

SA, Spink Auctions.



1558 - 1603
Elizabeth I
Threepence
I.M. Acorn
DIG 1i/Ai
1574



DIG 1i/Ai
CC 79
1.40g



1558 - 1603
Elizabeth I
Threepence
I.M. Acorn
DIG 1ii/Aii
1574



DIG 1ii/Aii
IP 25
1.60g



1558 - 1603
Elizabeth I
Threepence
I.M. Acorn
DIG 1iii/Aiii
1574



DIG 1iii/Aiii
Rn 321
1.45g





DIG 1i/Ai
BM 193504012306
1.52g

DIG 1i/Ai
CC 79
1.40g

DIG 1i/Ai
Rn 354
1.40g

DIG 1i/Ai
J H 28
1.30g

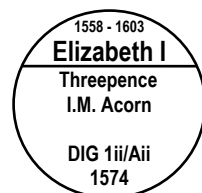
DIG 1i/Ai
WW 65
AC-1 : AC-b
1.43g
Ex Anderson Coll.



DIG 1i/Aii
Rn 240
SA 202 2010 54
1.65g



DIG 1i/Aiii
MoS 15.N.52
Ex Hull
1.42g



DIG 1ii/Aii
IP 25
1.60g

DIG 1ii/Aii
RS
SA 151 2001 364



DIG 1iii/Aiii
Rn 305
1.48g



DIG 1iii/Aiii
Rn 321
1.45g