

A Mint Error Conundrum

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Edward III Post Treaty 1369 - 1377

York

Episcopal mint

Penny Brockage

1.06 grams



Obverse

Reverse brockage with incuse reverse stamped over a previously struck coin
With legend reading
[+ E]DWARD o REX o A.....



Reverse

Post Treaty period York Episcopal
CIVI / TAS / EBO / RACI
Small quatrefoil in centre

Within the hammered series of coins there are numerous forms of mint errors from off centre, double struck coins, over-struck coins and brockages. The last two are by far the rarest of the errors. A brockage occurs when a previously struck coin sticks to a die and unknowingly is in place when the next coin is struck thus leaving an incuse impression of the stuck coin on the new coin. Generally this results in a two headed coin with the previous coin stuck to the reverse die thus producing an positive obverse die. The opposite effect is far rarer where the struck coin sticks to the obverse Pile thus creating a positive reverse die.

(This is more likely to be noticed by the hammer-man and consequently corrected than when the coin sticks to the reverse die.)

The coin illustrated above is a recent Ebay purchase, identified by the seller as a brockage, On receipt of the coin and subsequent examination the incuse side it became apparent that instead of new blanks being used in the striking process a previously struck coin had been re struck.



The obverse legend of the host coin reads-

[+E]DWARDōREXoAN.....

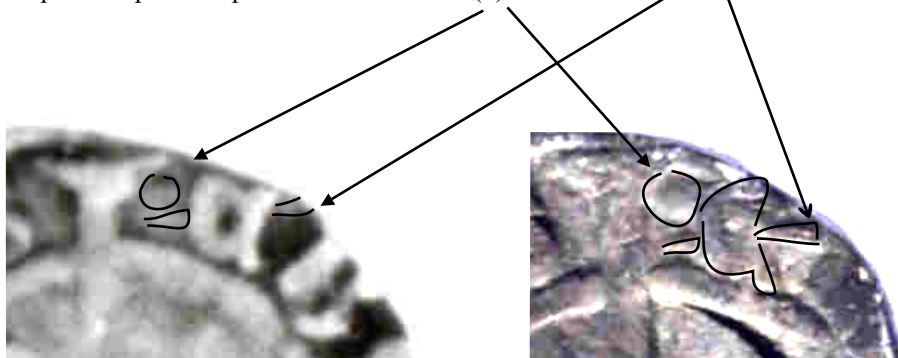
Examination of the Photographs of the coins in the G.V, Doubleday collection of Edward III, British Numismatic Society 1972©. Reveals a probable die duplicate to the brockage, Lot 665 (part) Post Treaty York pennies of Archbishop Thoresby plate XXVIII no 34 illustrated below-



Doubleday lot 665 (part) Glendining 1972

British Numismatic Society Plates of the Silver Coins from the G.V Doubleday Collection.

Note the letter E of EBO which has a die crack (a) running through it and a possible pellet stop behind the letter ER (b)



Comparing the visible letters on the obverse of the brockage with the Doubleday penny there is a concordance especially with the broken D in EDWARD I believe it is safe to say that the underlying host coin was a Post Treaty York penny that for some reason was then re-struck using the same dies but due to a previous coin being stuck to the obverse die the resulting coin was a brockage overstrike.

