

## An Unusual Lettering Variant, Edward I, Lincoln

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From the well-known Edwardian Pennies website of Rod Blunt ([link](#)) we learn that “the mint at Lincoln was active between 1280 and 1281, during the initial recoinage, and struck coins of types 3c, 3d, 3f and 3g. Unlike the other provincial mints opened for the initial recoinage, it didn’t participate in the later recoinage of 1300. With the exception of errors, the only reverse legend found on Lincoln pennies is CIVITAS LINCOL. The mint signature is almost always followed by a contractive mark indicating the shortening of the city’s name. The legend is divided as indicated below by the arms of the cross”.

The coin shown below was recently purchased by the writer, weighs 1.33 gm, and is probably a class 3d, or perhaps better described as a class 3cd – this being the common designation for coins where it is difficult to tell whether they are class 3c or 3d. Unusually, it does not have the contractive mark at the end of the legend, but more unusual is the obverse legend which should read EDWA R ANG DNS hyB, with maybe a contractive mark or two.



*Obverse: ECWR'ANGL CNS hyB – contraction mark (apostrophe/comma) after “R”.*



*Reverse: CIVI TAS LIN COL – no contraction marks.*

As can be clearly seen, the obverse legend has “C”s where it should have “D”s; the implication being that “D” is normally formed with a single punch which has been inverted in this case.

This brief note is being published on the blog as a record of a possibly unrecorded variant for Lincoln; the author would be pleased to learn of any other examples.

