

Early letter forms in the Edward III Florin coinage 1344-51 (Part 2)

- Some new developments

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The [original blog](#) with this title posted on 30/11/2022 discussed the lettering found on the early Florin Coinage Unusual types A and C. The main thrust of the article was the appearance of a narrow lettering reverse, typical of type C on the reverse of a Normal type 2.

Since the appearance of the article new additional information has come to light kindly supplied by Mr. Lee Stone. The first of the images below (Coin 1) is a type A obverse which was, up to now, believed to be the only die. All illustrated examples in the literature, known to the author, have been of this die which has an unusual three marks below the right-hand hair punch. In addition the tail of the R in EDWR aligns below the base of the hair.

The second set of images (Coin 2) show the coin in the collection of Mr. Stone. Comparison of the obverses clearly show this to be a different, and therefore a newly discovered, type A die. There are no marks below the right-hand hair punch and the tail of the R in EDWR aligns above the base of the hair.

But it is not just the obverse that is worthy of comment. The reverse of Coin 2 has the narrow lettering of type C with tall, thin reversed N's in LON and DON. The two type A coins in the author's collection, illustrated in the original article as Figs. 2 and 3 have Lombardic n's on the reverse with either thick lettering (Fig. 2) or narrow lettering (Fig. 3).

Given below is a summary of the situation at the present time.

It is now known that rather than one obverse die for type A there are two. The obverse at right as Coin 1 can be linked with reverses with Lombardic n's which are either thick or narrow. In addition, Shirley-Fox, Numismatic Chronicle, 1928 illustrates a reverse with a Roman N which is reverse-barred, possibly narrow, and which has colons after TAS and DON.

The coin with the new obverse, Coin 2, has a reverse with a narrow Roman reverse-barred N.

The author is sure there are other, maybe different, examples of Type A/C mules out there. Please contact me via this Blog if you are lucky enough to have one.



Coin 1 - Type A obverse of author's coin illustrated as fig.3 in the original article.



Coin 2- Images from Mr. Stone showing the new Type A obverse die and the reverse die with the narrow Roman reverse-barred N of Type C

