

# A New Mintmark for the Henry VIII Canterbury Penny?

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For the First Coinage of Henry VIII (1509-26) the Cross Fitchée (sometimes called the Latin Cross) mintmark has been recorded for both the halfgroat and halfpenny for coins struck under Archbishop Warham (Stewartby, 2009) (Spink, 2021). The lack of a penny with this mintmark would seem to be a strange omission. Recently a penny was sold at auction that has the Cross Fitchée on both the obverse and reverse. (Fig.1)



Figure. 1

OBVERSE ✚ hENRIC x DI x GRA x REX x AGL

REVERSE ✚ CIVI / TAS<sup>x</sup> / <sup>x</sup>CAN / TOR<sup>x</sup>

W A beside shield

This penny was misidentified as having a 'T' as the mintmark. An example of this mintmark can be seen in fig 1, labelled **B** (Portable Antiquities Scheme, 2017). It is distinctly different from the Cross Fitchée which can be seen in fig 1, labelled **A**. It must also be noted that the mintmark 'T' is currently only recorded for Canterbury coins of the Second Coinage (1526-44).

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