Insights into Henry VI Rosette Mascle Pence

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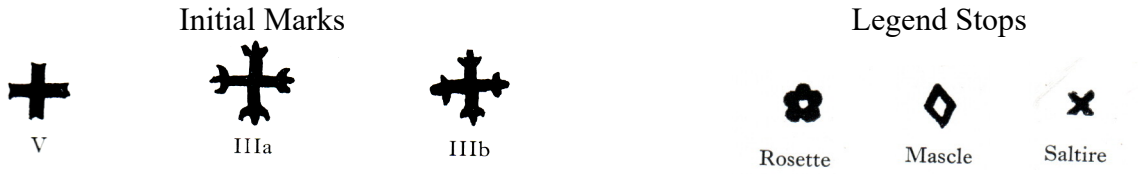
The issue of coins from the period 1430 - 1431 are given the appellation Rosette Mascle issues due to the inclusion of these marks as stops in the obverse and reverse legend and is found for all the coinage denominations from London and Calais and for the pence only for the mints of York and Durham.
In his work 'The Heavy coinage of Henry VI. Part II' published in the British Numismatic Journal Vol 23 (1938-41) pp 205-67 C.A Whitton describes the silver coins of London as scarce compared to the issue from Calais and for the pence of London they occur with 3 initial marks V, IIIa and IIIb, and rosette and mascle stops



The London pence he lists with initial mark V have only saltire stops on the obverse and mascle or rosette mascle stops on the reverse and are regarded as Mules with Annulet issue obverses - C.A.W. 3c and 3d.
For the pence with just mascle stops or rosette and mascle stops, are only listed from initial mark IIIb and are regarded as the true Rosette mascle issues - C.A.W. 5a and 6a. These coins are also found muled with the subsequent pinecone mascle obverses - C.A.W. 7a.
For the Calais pence the obverses with initial mark v are found with saltire stops only and with rosette and mascle stops - C.A.W. 5 and C.A.W. 6.
The coins with saltire stops only are regarded as Rosette Mascle issues due to the absence of annulets by the bust.
The Calais penny coins with initial mark IIIa and initial mark IIIb on the obverse are found with rosette and mascle stops - C.A.W. 7, C.A.W. 8a and C.A.W. 8b.
As with London those with initial mark IIIb are also found muled with the Pinecone Mascle issue reverses.
Pinecone mascle/Rosette mascle mules for Calais are also known.
This classification is maintained in both J. J. North 'English Hammered Coins Volume II' (N 1449 - 1452) and also in Spink's 'Coins of England' (S 1864 - 1869).

Recently I acquired through a facebook auction a London rosette/mascle issue penny that does not conform to the accepted classification.





Henry VI
London
Rosette Mascle issue
I.M. V
Rn 2292
0.88g



The coin has initial mark V and reads +hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE
The reverse reads CIVI/TAS/◊LON/DON•

The missing portion of the legend being supplied from a die duplicate of the coin in the late Ivan Buck collection. (this coin being from the same obverse die but in a later state where the initial mark had been altered to simulate a IIIb initial mark).

This discovery could mean either the coin was a true London Rosette Mascle issue penny with IM V or that the coin was a Calais London mule This second option I discounted for the following reason. On examining existing specimens of the London rosette mascle I noticed that the Ivan Buck specimen despite being listed as having initial mark IIIb is a die duplicate of my specimen but in a worn state and with an altered initial mark (presumably altering cross V to simulate cross IIIb) This specimen allows us to fill in the missing gaps in the legend of the new coin. I have been unable to link the obverse die to any of the Calais Rosette Mascle issue pennies I have examined and must conclude that the die is a true London die.





Altered initial mark

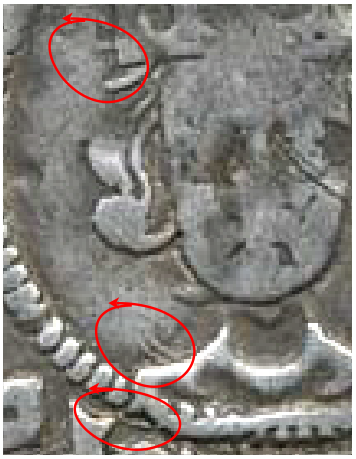


I.M. V
Rn 2292



I.M. IIIb/V
Ivan Buck





This discovery brings into question the attribution of some of the Annulet /Rosette Mascle mules of London The use of the initial mark V with mascle stops for London suggests that some of the previously attributed mules be re-designated as 1st unmarked issue, first proposed by Withers in the Galata guide.
'Small Change - III The Halfpennies and Farthings of Henry IV, V and VI'. Galata Print 2003

Suggested sequence of issue of Henry VI pence from late Annulet to Pinecone Mascle coins.

	Annulet	Annulet Trefoil	Unmarked	Rosette mascle			Pinecone Mascle
I.M	V	V	V	V	IIIb	IIIa	IIIb
London	Y	N	?	Y	Y	N	Y
Calais	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Durham	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
York	Y	?	Y	N	Y	N	Y

The following pages contain a die study of the Rosette Mascle issue of all the mints.
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Abbreviations used Ann Annulet issue, BM British Museum, CAW C.A. Whitton, DNW Dix Noonan Web, RCB R. Carlyon-Britton, Rn reference number in Author's collection, R-M Rosette Mascle, P-M Pinecone Mascle, W.n.r. Weight not recorded.
Where practical I have included pictures of all currently known specimens (London and Durham).

Rosette Mascle London Obverses

Initial Mark V 



Die 1
CAW -
Rn 2292
0.88 g

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE

Initial Mark IIIb / V 



Die 2
CAW -
J Sazama, I. Buck
Possibly RCB?
0.83 g

Note 

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE

Initial Mark IIIb 



Die 3
CAW 5b
Fittzwilliam Museum
0.92 g
(Found muled with a pinecone-mascle reverse)

Note 

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE



Die 4
CAW 6a
Spink 14005 582
0.88 g

Note 

+hENRICVS•REX◊ANGLIE



Die 5
CAW 6b (ill)
(Found muled with a pinecone-mascle reverse)

Note 

+hENRICVS•REX◊ANGLIE

Rosette Mascle London Reverses



Die A
CAW -
I. Buck
0.86 g



Star? after DON



Die B
CAW -
Rn 2292
0.88 g



Odd mark after DON
(rosette over star?)



Die Ci
CAW 3c,6a 7a
Lee Stone
(Found with Annulet obverse)
0.94 g



Note position of Mascle and letter L to inner circle



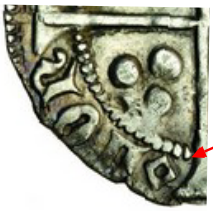
Die Cii
CAW 3c,6a 7a
AM
(Found with Pinecone Mascle obverse)
0.97 g



Larger Mascle than Ci and note position of S to Cross



Die Ciii
CAW 3c,6a 7a
Spink 14005 582
0.88 g



Note position of Mascle and letter L to inner circle



Die D
CAW -
J. Sazama, ex I. Buck
(Found with Annulet obverse)
0.84 g



Saltire after TAS

Rosette-Mascle London Die Pairings

Im V




Die 1 / B
CAW -
Rn 2292
0.88 g

Im V / IIIb




Die 2 / Ciii
CAW 3b
J. Sazama
ex I. Buck
Possibly ex RCB?
0.83 g

Im IIIb




Die 3 / A
CAW 5a
T. Cook
0.67 g




Die 4 / Ciii
CAW 6a
Spink 14005 582
0.88 g




Die 4 / Ciii
CAW 6a
Picture from web
w.n.r g

Annulet Issue London Im V ✚



CAW 3?
BM E.4629
0.79 g

This die is found muled with Rosette Mascle issue London reverses.



Note tiny line by crown.

Note tiny trefoil of pellets



Annulet / Rosette-Mascle Mule London im V ✚



Die Ann 1 / R-M D
CAW -
J. Sazama
ex I. Buck
0.84 g

✚ HENRICVS ⁑ REX ◊ ANGLIE
CIVI / TAS ⁑ / LON / DON •



Die Ann 1 / A
CAW 3d
I. Buck
0.86 g



Die Ann 1 / Ci
CAW 3d
L. Stone
0.94 g



Die Ann 1 / Ciii
CAW 3d
BM 1923,1003.1
Ex Walters
0.81 g



Die Ann 1 / Ciii
CAW 3d
T. Cook
0.75 g



Die Ann 1 / D
CAW -
J. Sazama,
Ex I. Buck
0.84 g



Die Ann? / D
CAW 3c
L. D. Kerslake
0.92 g



Die Ann? / D
CAW 3c
Ashmolean Museum
Ex E.J. Winstanly
0.84 g



Die Ann? / Ciii
CAW 3d
BM 1935,0401.6768
0.88 g

Rosette-Mascle / Pinecone-Mascle Mule London Im IIIb



Die R-M3 / P-M A
CAW 5c
Ashmolean Museum
Ex E.J. Winstanley
0.86 g



Die R-M 3 / P-M A
CAW 5b
Ashmolean Museum
Ex L.A. Lawrence
0.80 g



Die R-M 3 / P-M Bi
CAW 5b
DNW 2018 Mar 18
0.82 g



Die R-M 3 / P-M Bii
CAW 5b
Fitzwilliam Museum
0.92 g



Die R-M 4 / P-M Ci
CAW 6b
DNW 2018 Nov 660
Ex Rinder
0.93g



Die R-M 4 / P-M Cii
CAW 6b
I. Buck 5020 171
0.84 g



Die R-M 4 / P-M Dii
CAW 6b
R.C. Lockett 1455
w.n.r. g



Die R-M 5 / P-M Bi
CAW 6b
Ashmolean Museum
Ex E.J. Winstanley
0.92 g



Die R-M 5 / P-M Dii
(CAW 6b ill)
w.n.r. g

Pinecone-Mascle / Rosette-Mascle Mule London Im IIIb



Die P-M 1ii / R-M Cii
CAW 7a
Ashmolean Museum
Ex E.J. Winstanley
Ex L.A. Lawrence
0.97 g

Rosette-Mascle Calais Obverse 1

Im V ✚ CAW 5

✚hENRICVS:REX:ANGLIE **Saltire stops only**



Die 1i
CAW 5
L.D. Kerslake
0.78 g





Die 1ii
CAW 5
Spink 374 18 1
0.88 g

Note Gap between R & E





Die 1iii
CAW 5
BM 840,0225.6
0.93 g





Die 1iv
CAW -
T. Cook
R-M / Ann mule
0.83 g

Note positioning of Saltire stops to drapery





Die 1v
CAW 5
BM 1935,0401.6365
0.91 g



Note positioning of Saltire stops to drapery



Die 1vi
CAW-
BM 1946,1004.336
0.88 g



Rosette-Mascle Calais Obverse 2
Im V ✚ CAW 6

+ hENRICVS • REX ◊ ANGLIE **Rosette and Mascle stops**



Die2i
CAW 6



Central fleur of crown entered into die twice



Note position of Letter E to the initial mark



Die 2ii
CAW 6



Die 2iii
CAW 6



Note position of Letter E to the initial mark



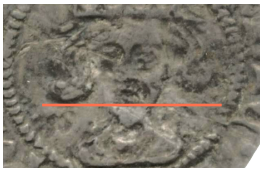
Note position of Letter E to the initial mark



Die 2iv
CAW 6



Die 2v
CAW 6



Left Hair punch entered lower than the right hair punch



Portrait separate from drapery



Die 2vi
CAW



Die 2vii
CAW 9



Note die fault below drapery

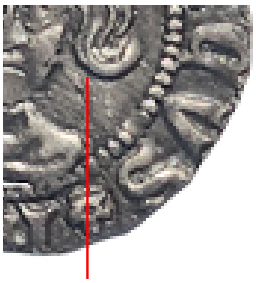
Rosette-Mascle Calais Obverse 3
Im IIIa ✠ CAW 7

✠hENRICVS • REX ◊ ANGLIE Rosette and Mascle stops



Die 3i
CAW 7
Fitzwilliam Museum
CM 1.2034-1990
Ex C.E. Blunt
0.79 g

To distinguish dies 3i - 3iv note the position of the rosette to the drapery





Die 3ii
CAW 7
Webb image
w.n.r. g





Die 3iii
CAW 7
BM
1935,0401.6372
0.90 g





Die 3iv
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0401.6369
0.89 g





Die 3v
CAW 7
DNW 2022 Jun 263
(part)
w.n.r. g





Die 3v
CAW -
DNW 2005 Dec 1990
0.95 g

Note no I in king's name

✠hENRCVS • REX ◊ ANGLIE



Rosette-Mascle Calais Obverse 4
Im IIIb ✣ CAW 8

✣ henricvs • rex • anglie **Rosette and Mascle stops**



Die 4i
CAW 8a
DNW 2013 Dec 2203
0.95 g





Note position of rosette to drapery



Die 4ii
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0507.481
0.94 g

Note
Dies D1 and D2
Have tiny spur to L.H.S.
Hair





Die 4iii
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0401.6370
0.86 g

Note die flaws





Die 4iv
CAW 8c
BM 1933,0423.276
Also found as R-M / P-M mule
0.88 g

Similar to D1 but no spur to hair



Rosette-Mascle Calais Reverse Dies A



Small rosette only

VIL / LT : / CALI / IS •



Die Ai
CAW 8b
DNW 2013 Dec 2203
0.95 g



Die Aii
CAW 8b
DNW 2019 Feb 92
0.90 g



Die D1 / Aiii
CAW 8b
BM Bank URC.740
0.92 g

Rosette-Mascle Calais Reverse Dies B



Large rosette and mascle



VIL / ◊ LT : CALI / SIG •



Die Bi
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0401.6371
0.86 g



Die Bii
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0401.6371
0.91 g



Die Biii
CAW 8a
BM 1935,0401.6372
0.90 g



Die Biv
CAW 8a
BM GHB 347
w.n.r. g



Die Bv
CAW 8a
Web image
w.n.r. g



Die Bvi
CAW 8a
BM 1936,0507.481
0.94 g

Rosette-Mascle Calais Reverse Dies C



Large rosette and Small mascle





Die Ci
CAW 7
Fitzwilliam Museum
CM 1.2034-1990
Ex C.E. Blunt
0.79g



Die Cii
CAW 6
BM 1923,0706.46
0.91 g



Die Ciii
CAW
Fitzwilliam Museum
CM 1.2036-1990
Ex C.E. Blunt
0.91g



Die Civ
BM?
CAW 5 (ill)
w.n.r. g



Die Cv
CAW 7
T. Cook
0.93 g



Die Cvi
CAW -
DNW 1018 Nov 663
Ex Rinder
0.95 g



Die Cvii
CAW 5
BM 1935,040.6365
0.91 g



Die Cviii
CAW 6
Fitzwilliam Museum
CM - 1573 1963
0.94 g



Die Cix
CAW 5
BM 1840,0225.6
0.93 g

Rosette-Mascle Calais Reverse Dies D



Small rosette and mascle





Die Di
DNW 2019 Jul 746x
1.02g



Die Dii
DNW 2012 Dec 386
0.84 g



Die Diii
Spink 12009 850
Ex Magnus
0.92 g



Die Div
Spink 374 18 1
0.89 g



Die Dv
CAW 5
Fitzwilliam Museum
CM - 5.440-g33
Ex Henderson
w.n.r. g



Die Dvi
CAW
Fitzwilliam Museum
Ex Shirley-Fox
0.91 g



Die Dvii
CAW 6
BM 1935,0401.6368
0.86 g



Die Dviii
L.D. Kerslake
0.92 g

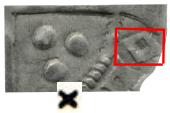


Die Dix
CAW -
DNW 2005 Dec 1990
0.95 g

Rosette-Mascle Calais Reverse Dies F



Large rosette and mascle





Die Fi
CAW 8a
DNW 2019 Oct 2183
0.84 g



Die Fii
CAW
DNW 2016 Dec 2505
Ex Rinder

Rosette-Mascle Durham Obverse

Im V, ✚ CAW 1a & b

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE

Star by crown



Die 1
T. Cook
0.83 g



Note position of Star to inner circle



Note position of drapery to inner circle



Die 2
DNW 2018 Nov 658
Ex Rinder
0.89 g

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE



Note position of Star to inner circle



Note position of drapery to inner circle



Die 3
Hansens Auction
2017 Aug
0.87 g

+hENRICVS:REX◊ANGLIE



Note position of Star to inner circle



Note position of drapery to inner circle

Rosette-Mascle Durham Reverse



Die A
CAW 1a
T. Cook
0.83 g

CIVI / TAS / DVNO / LMI◊





Die B
CAW 1b
DNW 2022 Sep 1329
0.89 g

CIVI / TAS / DVNO / LMI◊

/ DVND /

Note II over O



Rosette-Mascle Durham Die Pairings

Im V ✚ CAW 1b



Die 1 / A
CAW 1a
T. Cook
0.83 g



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2022 Sep 1329
0.89 g



Die 2 / A
CAW 1a
DNW 2018 Nov 658
Ex Rinder
0.89 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2013 Jun 992
Ex J. Sazama
0.87 g



Die 3 / B
CAW 1b
Hansens Auction
2017 Aug
0.87 g

Rosette-Mascle Durham

Im V ✚

CAW 1a



Die 1 / A
CAW 1a
AT. Cook
0.83 g



Die 2 / A
CAW 1a
DNW 2018
Nov 658
Ex Rinder
0.89 g

CAW 1b



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
BM
E.4638
0.86 g



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
BM 1935,0401.9471
0.88 g



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2022 Sep 1329
0.89 g



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2018 Dec 117
0.98 g



Die 1 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2016 June 259
0.84 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
BM
1874,0507.3
0.86 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
T. Cook
Ex R Vlack
0.90 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 2019 Jul 747x
1.02 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
DNW 201 Jun 992,
J. Sazama
0.87 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
Spink 16022
1305 Part



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
BM 1874,0507.30
0.86 g



Die 2 / B
CAW 1b
Ashmolean Museum
0.78 g



Die 3 / B
CAW 1b
Hansens Auction
2017 Aug
0.87 g

Rosette-Mascle York Obverse 1
(CAW 1) IM IIIb
Crosses by Hair

Saltire and Mascle stops



Die 1i
CAW 1
BM 1926,1010.10
Ex L.A. Lawrence
0.83 g



Die 1ii
CAW 1
BM 1993,0423.271
0.95 g



Die 1iii
CAW 1
DNW 2015
Feb 244 part
0.59 g



Die 1iv
CAW 1
1935,0407.8616
1.01 g



Die 1v
CAW 1
BM E. 4641
0.92 g



Die 1vi
CAW 1
T. Cook
0.85 g



Die 1vii
CAW 1
BM 1935,0401.8621
0.82 g

Rosette Mascle York Obverse 2
(CAW 2) Im IIIb
Saltires by Hair

✠ hENRICVS : REX ◊ ANGLIE **Saltire and Mascle stops**



Die 2i
CAW 2
DNW 2019 Oct 2182
1.01 g



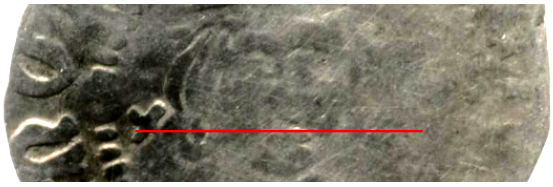


Die 2ii
CAW 2
BM 1842,0110.9
0.75 g





Die 2iii
CAW 2
BM 1993,0423.274
0.85 g



To determine the die note the positioning of the saltires

Rosette Mascle York Obverses 3
(CAW 3 &4) Im IIIb
Stars by Crown

✠ hENRICVS : REX ◊ ANGLIE **Saltire and Mascle stops**



Die 3i
CAW 3
BM 1896,0609.163
0.81 g



Die 3ii
CAW 3
DNW 2019 Jul
748x
0.84 g



Die 3iii
CAW 3
T. Cook
080 g



Die 3iv
CAW 3
BM
11935,0401.8617
0.87 g



Die 3v
CAW 3
BM 1926,1010.9
Ex L.A. Lawrence
0.83 g



Die 3vi
CAW 3
T. Cook
0.87 g



Die 3vii
CAW 3
BM 1935,0401.8620
0.71 g



Die 3viii
CAW 3
Silbury t 336



Die 3ix
CAW 3
DNW 2013 Feb 281
0.85 g



Die 3x
CAW 4
BM
1935,0401.8618
0.73 g

✠ hENRICVS ✦ REX ◊ ANGLIE

Note Star in place of rosette

Note to differentiate the dies 3i - 3ix
note the shape of the drapery and the position of the stars to the crown.
Die 3v is also found muled with a Henry V Class G reverse die with annulet in one quarter.

Rosette Mascle York Reverse A (CAW 4)

CIVI / TAS / EBO / RACI **No stops**



Die Ai
CAW 4
BM 1935,0401.8613
0.73 g



Die Aii
CAW 4?
BM 1841,0206.7
0.86 g

Note die sinkers line



Rosette Mascle York Reverse B (CAW 3c)

CIVI ◊ / TAS / EBO / RACI **Mascle stop in CIVI quarter**



Die B
CAW 3c
BM E.4644
0.85 g

Rosette Mascle York Reverse C (CAW 2b,3a)

CIVI / ◊ TAS / EBO / RACI **Mascle stop in TAS quarter**



Die Ci
T. Cook
Ex CNG 154 277
0.87 g



Die Cii
BM 1935,0401.86177
0.87 g



Die Ciii
DNW 2013 Feb 281
0.85 g



Die Civ
Silbury Coins
t 336
w.n.r. g

Rosette Mascle York
Reverse D (CAW 1 & 2a)

CIVI / ◊ TAS / EBD / RAI

Mascle stop in TAS quarter Reads EBD



Die Di
BM 1933,0423.270
0.84 g



Die Dii
DNW 2015
Feb 244 part
0.95 g



Die Diii
BM 1993,0423.274
0.85 g



Die Div
T. Cook
0.82 g



Die Dv
T. Cook
Ex CNG 154 277
0.87 g

Reverse E (CAW -)

CIVI / ◊ TAS / EDD / RAI

Mascle stop in TAS quarter Reads EDD



Die Ei
CAW -
BM 1926,1010.10
0.83 g



Die Eii
CAW -
BM1993,0423.271
0.95 g

Reverse F (CAW 3b)

CIVI / ◊ TAS / • EBO / RAI

Mascle and rosette stop



Die Fi
CAW 3b
BM 1926,1010.9
0.83 g



Note spacing between E and B



Die Fii
CAW 3b
Ill in Whitton
BM 1896,0609.18
0.81 g

