

A New Type of Edward IV First Reign Canterbury Penny

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The fragment of a penny illustrated above was a recent Ebay purchase and presumably a detector find. The fragment weighs just 0.25g. Although there is only a few traces of the legend left on either side of the coin both obverse and reverse bear marks that can place the coin undoubtedly as Edward IV first reign Canterbury These being the spur between the pellets on the reverse and the Y, by the kings neck.

The first reign coins of Canterbury are particularly rare being known from only a few specimens. In their work on Edward IV Messer's C. E. Blunt and C. A. Whitton '*The Coinages of Edward IV and of Henry VI restored*' BNJ vol XXV 1945 - 1948 The authors break down the first reign coins into Ecclesiastical and Royal issues with initial marks Pall and Crown respectively. The Ecclesiastical issue is divided down into two Types:

Type VI with initial mark Pall, Knot on breast, Quatrefoils, Saltires (Crosses) or nothing by the Neck and spur in one reverse quarter. Reading - Y EDWARD DI GRA REX AN and CIVI / TAS / CAN / TOR.

Type VII with initial mark Pall no Knot on breast, Saltires (Crosses) by neck with no spur on the reverse. Reading - Y EDWARD DI GRA REX ANG and CIVI / TAS / CAN / TOR

They also mention two VII/VI mules:

One with Saltires by neck reading - REX ANG with spur below CIVI on the reverse.

A second with Quatrefoils by neck reading REX AN with spur below TAS on the reverse.

Examples of some of these types are illustrated on the next page.

The fragment is clear enough to now add the catalogue a Canterbury Episcopal penny with initial mark rose, Pall and Knot either side of the neck. This should be added as Blunt and Whitton V.

Addendum

Since writing a second specimen has come to light showing that the mark to the left side of the bust is Bouchier's Knot and the initial mark is a rose and that the spur is under TOR. This is of the type referred to by Lord Stewertby as type 1 (but not illustrated) and he equates it to B&W 5. I am indebted to Lee Stone who drew this to my attention and to Wayne Boyd who supplied the image.



Bunt and Whitton Canterbury Pennies

Type VI₁ Knot below bust, no marks by neck Spur below CIVI.



B&W Type VI₁
pl 8 9
R. C. Lockett



B&W Type VI₁
pl 8 9
Fitzwilliam Museum
C. E. Blunt, Shirley-Fox
0.68g



B&W Type VI₁
Delme-Radcliffe
lot 273
0.71g



Type VI₂ Knot below bust, Saltire by neck Spur below CIVI or TOR.



B&W Type VI₂
Fitzwilliam Museum
C.E.Blunt
Morrieson
0.77g



B&W Type VI₂
SA16022_1439_1
Lord Stewartby
0.64g



B&W Type VI₂
DNW 2018 Mar 31
J.Hewlet
0.59g



Type VI₅ Knot below bust, Quatrefoils by neck Spur below TOR.



B&W Type VI₅
BM1897,0706.11
0.59g



Type VII 'Royal Issue' Initial mark Crown Quatrefoils by neck.



B&W VII
pl 8 10
Delme-Radcliffe lot 274
R.C. Lockett 1595
0.74g



Type VII Nothing below bust, Saltires neck.



B&W Type VII
pl 8 11
C. A. Whitton



B&W Type VII
SA 16022_1437_1
Lord Stewartby
E, J Winstanley
0.62g

