





A new mint for Henry VI Leaf Mascle Pennies

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When compiling the '*Galata Guide to Medieval Pennies Vol II*' in 2024 there were only the mints of London and Calais known for the Leaf Mascle issue pennies of Henry VI (S1893 and S1894).

The coins for London are identified by having a mascle  as a stop in the obverse legend, a leaf  is to be found on the breast, and initial marks cross IIIb  and more frequently cross V .

Calais mint having only cross V along with mascle stop and leaf on breast.

In a recent London auction a coin was offered for sale, and subsequently bought by the author, that was identified as a York penny of the pinecone mascle issue.

This issue of York is noted as having sometimes a rose or star on the breast, pinecone and mascle as stops and initial mark IIIb. Whilst the reverse has no quatrefoil in the centre of the reverse cross and pinecone and mascle as stops.

The penny in the auction lot did, indeed, have a reverse of the pinecone mascle issue and is a die duplicate of Pinecone Mascle York DIG C (CAW 5b). The obverse die differed from the standard marks of pinecone mascle in that the initial mark was cross V (never found on pinecone mascle pennies) and having a leaf on the breast. The stops are inconclusive, however as the mascle after rex is found on both pinecone mascle and leaf mascle issues and the stop after HENRICVS is very indistinct and could be interpreted as either a leaf or a pinecone.



Leaf mascle obverse
+HENRICVS REX ANGL

Pinecone mascle reverse
CIVI / TTS / EBO / RANCI



Leaf on breast



initial mark V



mascle stop



indistinct stop

Given the leaf on breast and initial mark V the obverse is without doubt Leaf Mascle issue and I propose that it be included in the Standard Catalogue as number:

S1894A York. Leaf on breast, mule with pinecone mascle reverse.

The DIG die references are from the *Galata Guide to Medieval Pennies Vol II*

Pinecone Mascle York pennies with rose or star on breast.



Leaf Mascle London penny with leaf on breast.



Leaf Mascle Calais penny with leaf on breast.



Leaf Mascle York obverse penny with leaf on breast. Pinecone mascle reverse.

