

A new Mule for Henry VI Annulet Trefoil Pennies

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When compiling the 'Galata Guide to Medieval Pennies Vol II' in 2024 under the Annulet Trefoil section which is found for Coins of the Calais Mint, I recorded 4 true coins, 22 mules with Annulet reverses and 2 mules with Rosette Mascle reverses. These mules are easy to identify from the true coins due to the presence of only one annulet on the reverse in the CAL quarter and issuing from a single die.

Recently a coin came up for sale on Ebay as a 'buy it now' identified as a normal Annulet issue Calais penny. I acquired the coin owing to the presence of a single annulet on the reverse. (fig 1)



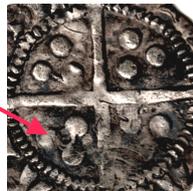
Ann 7iv / Ann-Tref Aii
Rn 2946
Ebay
0.88g



Obverse Legend **+HENRICVS REX ANGLIE** Initial mark V annulets by neck.

Reverse Legend **VII / LIT / CAL / IS'** Annulet in CAL quarter.

Fig 1 Annulet in only one quarter



My initial thoughts were that this was normal albeit very rare Annulet Trefoil issue with the trefoil by the crown being obscured by reverse damage (fig 2) flattening the pertinent area by the crown (fig 3) (possible obscured trefoil? penned in Fig 4). For comparison an illustration of an Annulet Trefoil trefoil mark by crown is given (fig 5)



Minor damage to reverse
Flattening out obverse.



Fig 2

Fig 3

Fig 4

Fig 5

If this were the case then it would mean that this was a new die pair, previously unrecorded, for the Annulet Trefoil sub-issue S 1856. Seeking a second opinion I contacted Mr L. Stone sending him hi-resolution images of the coin.

He very kindly checked his database of images and discovered in the PAS database an Annulet issue Calais penny which came from the same obverse die, showing clearly there was NO trefoil by the crown.



The highlighted areas on both coins show identical die flaws proving that the coin is from a normal late Annulet issue Calais penny.
 This obverse die did not appear in the Galata Guide but has now been added as Die 7iv in the Calais Annulet issue listings.
 The reverse of the mule is without doubt Annulet trefoil with one annulet in the CAL quarter but is from a new die not seen previously and has been listed as Reverse die Aii.



Die Ai



Die Aii



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Note the positioning of the annulet in relation to the pellets

Conclusion as a result of this latest unique find we must now add Annulet / Annulet Trefoil mules to the listing of known combinations.