

TWO NUMISMATIC JOURNEYS TO SCANDINAVIA

NEW MONEYPERS FOR THE TYPES IN THE SUSSEX AND GUILDFORD MINTS

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IN 1952 I made a journey to Bergen, Oslo, and Copenhagen, very largely to see the Anglo-Saxon coins in the museums in those cities and especially to find any coins of the Sussex mints or of Guildford which are not recorded in England. A good number of these were found, and, what is of more general interest, a few cases of new moneyers for the types. It is thought that these latter may be of sufficient interest to warrant their communication to the Society.

Throughout, the *B.M.C.* classification of the types is used.

I stayed at York the night before sailing from Newcastle and took the opportunity the next morning of visiting York Museum before going on. There were found two coins of William I of unpublished moneyers for the types. The first, of type v of Hastings, is the only coin I have been able to trace of Hastings of that type. It reads +PILLEM REX IIN and +DUNIC-ON IESIN. The second, of which there are two specimens from the same dies from one local find in York, is of type vi of Chichester and reads +PILLEM REX I and +EODPINE ON IIESI. Godwine coined in type v (*B.M.C.* 306) but I have previously been unable to find any other coins of his between Harold II and William II, type 2. The Godwine of Harold and the Godwine of types v and vi are probably the same person, but the Godwine of William II is evidently different, for we have at least twenty separate coins of Bruman and Edwine in the common type viii but none of Godwine, we have Bruman and Edwine in William II, type 1, Bruman, Edwine, and Godwine in type 2, and thereafter Bruman and Godwine.

In Bergen were found two coins with moneyers new to the types. Cnut, type viii, produced a coin from the Horr find of 1894 of Ælsig of Hastings, but this will be dealt with under Copenhagen as a far better specimen turned up there. Type xiv showed a coin of Leofsi of Lewes: Leofsi was only known to me before from the type viii coin at Stockholm. The coin reads +CNYT·:EX ANG and +LEOFSI· ON LEPVDE: rather a curious reading of the mint-name. There is another specimen at Oslo.

In Oslo were found several coins new to me but only one with a new moneyer for the type and that one the same as one seen in Bergen.

Going on to Copenhagen I found no less than 39 coins which are, as far as I know, unrecorded in England: 16 of these present 11 new moneyers for the types. Of Æthelred, type i, of Chichester there was a coin reading +EDELRED REX ANGLA and +ELFPINE ON: CICSTER: which settles the name of the moneyer which was only ELFP on the single coin of the same moneyer at Stockholm.

Of Æthelred, type iii, there is a coin of Guildford which reads

+ÆDELRED REX ANGLORX and +LEOFPOLD M·O GYIDA. Until I found this one the coin of type iv in my collection and at Stockholm reading +ÆDELRED REX ANGLO and +LEOFPOLD MΩO GYLD was the only one of Leofwold known to me before Edward the Confessor.

Of Æthelred, type i, of Lewes there are two very interesting coins. On 22 October 1947 I exhibited at the Society's meeting two coins of Lewes of Æthelred, type viii, with the same reverse die but one with three pellets on the reverse and the other with none. They were illustrated in the *Proceedings of the Society* for that date. Now I found in Copenhagen two coins of type i reading +ÆDELRED REX ANI and +:PN·E ONONLEPE: with the same obverse and reverse dies: again there were three pellets in the field of the reverse on one and none on the other. Perhaps the blundered moneyer's name :PN·E on these and the blundered LOIFPNE on mine may be the same. On a later journey, in 1953, I found in Stockholm two further cases of the same thing, in each case in Æthelred, *B.M.C.* i. Hastings (*Hild.* 1227), EADSIGE O·N HÆSTI:; same dies, one with two pellets on the reverse, the other with none: and Lewes (*Hild.* 1445), L·EOPFINE M·ON LEPE; same dies, one with two pellets and one with three in the field of the reverse. But what is the meaning of these symbols put in on the die after its delivery to the moneyer and its use for some time? It can hardly be to distinguish two moneyers of the same name, for then they would put in the symbols on the new moneyer's die, not the old one.

Of Cnut there are new moneyers for the types in the following coins:

Of Chichester	type viii	+ENVT REX ANELORVI	+PVLNOΘ ON CISC
	„ xvi +	„ „ Ḃ:	+LEOPFINE ON CISE
Of Hastings	„ viii +	„ REX ANGLO	+ÆLSIG ON HÆSTII
	„ xvi +	„ REX·:	+PVLNOΘ ON HÆSTI
Of Lewes	„ viii +	„ REX A	+ÆLFINE LEEP

Wulfnoth of Chichester, Wulnoth of Hastings, and Ælfwine of Lewes are not given in Brooke or the supplement as moneyers of this reign at all. The Ælsig of Hastings, type viii, is no doubt the same as the Ægelsige of the Stockholm coin of type xiv.

Of Harold I there are two of type *vc*:

Of Chichester	+HARO: LD REX	+LEOFRIC O: N CI
Of Guildford	+HAROLD REX	+BL·ACAMA·N GV

This last adds to the Guildford mint a reign not given in Brooke or the supplement.

Of Edward the Confessor there is a coin of Lewes of type iii reading +EDPERD REX and +EDPERD ON LEPE., a new moneyer for the type, I thought. However, I have since found that there is a coin of this moneyer and type in England, in the collection of Mr. F. Elmore Jones, but it is from different dies.

In 1953 I visited Stavanger, Trondheim, Uppsala, and Stockholm. No new moneyers were found but in Stockholm I checked the two coins of Lewes of Cnut, type xvii, by Caldevine (*Hild.* 1261 and 1262), who is not given in Brooke or the supplement.