

A REMARKABLE PARCEL OF NORMAN PENNIES IN MOSCOW

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THROUGH the great courtesy of Dr. K. V. Golenko and Mrs. Kosareva of the Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow we are enabled to publish the details of a very remarkable parcel of 40 English coins of the Norman period which that Museum has recently acquired. We should like to express our great appreciation of the co-operation shown by the Museum of Fine Arts which not only readily gave permission for this important parcel to be published in this *Journal*, but also supplied casts of all 40 coins together with details of their weights and die axes. In the same parcel, though not necessarily associated with the same find, were nine coins, imitative of XIth century English coin types, probably of Scandinavian origin.

The composition of the parcel of Norman coins is as under:—

WILLIAM II	BMC Type 1	2		
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	„ 4	1		
	„ 5	1		5
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HENRY I	Type 7	3		
	„ 15	1		4
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STEPHEN	Type 1	12		
	Mule Types 6/7	1		
	Type 7	18		31
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No less than 21 mints are represented by the 30 coins which in this respect are capable of positive identification namely Bath(1), “Bran” (1), Bury St. Edmunds (2), Canterbury (2), Carlisle (1), Chichester (1), Dover (2), Exeter (1), Hastings (1), Hereford (1), Huntingdon (1), Lincoln(1), London(6), Northampton(1), Norwich(2), Pevensey (1), Shaftesbury (1), Stamford (1), Sudbury (1), Tamworth (1), and York (1). It is indeed remarkable that such a comparatively small parcel should reveal as many unpublished coins and great rarities as are comprised here. Especially noteworthy are the penny of William II of an unpublished type for the Shaftesbury mint (No. 4 in the Catalogue), the three pennies of Henry I of the very rare Type 7 (Nos. 6, 7 and 8), the remarkable penny of Stephen which constitutes a new variant of Type 1 (No. 21), the even more remarkable penny of Stephen which mules the two very rare Types 6/7 (No. 22) and certainly two of the 18 coins of the very rare Stephen Type 7 (Nos. 23 and 24). The first of these latter gives us a new mint for the reign and the second a new moneyer (Rodbert) for the mint of “BRAN”, an excessively rare mint which is unknown to have existed in any other reign or in any other of Stephen’s types. Yet another coin of this type (No. 38) certainly reveals part of the name of an unpublished moneyer and probably an unpublished mint for the type but unfortunately positive identification is impossible. The run of rare mints contained in the 18 coins of this type in the parcel is indeed

remarkable. This must surely be the most important parcel of the coins of this type to have come to light since the Awbridge Find in 1903. The content of that find (so far as recorded) was 31 coins of Stephen Type 7 together with 104 coins of Henry II's first issue and, with the exception of one single coin in another hoard, it is the only recorded English find in which this type of Stephen has been represented. The coins span the period of c. 1087-1158 and are believed to constitute the whole of a small hoard from one of the Baltic States but no information as to the actual location is available. The assumption is therefore that the coins must have been deposited in the last years of Stephen's reign, i.e. in 1153 or 1154 or else early in the reign of his successor, Henry II, since Stephen's last type (Type 7) is known to have run on until 1158. The range of the mints of the 18 coins of the type in this parcel extending as it does from Bath and Hereford in the West to Dover and Norwich in the East is most significant. Their wide range affords striking evidence of the return to settled conditions throughout England consequent upon the signing of the Treaty of Winchester in 1153 on the cessation of hostilities between the King and the Angevin party. In the Catalogue which follows these introductory remarks the coins are listed under types and mints in alphabetical order, the weights are given in grains and the die axis is noted in the conventional manner. All the coins are illustrated on plates III and IV.

<i>Plate number</i> (Pl. III)	<i>Weight (grains)</i>	<i>Die Axis</i>	
			WILLIAM II. (5 Coins). <i>BMC Type 1</i>
1	21.4	↘	Canterbury. Moneyer:—WINEDI <i>Obv.</i> + PILLELMR(lig) EX (Double struck). <i>Rev.</i> + PINEDI ON ENTLEI From the same <i>obv.</i> die as <i>BMC 6</i> of this moneyer but from a different <i>rev.</i> die.
2	21.3	↙	Northampton. Moneyer:—SEWINE <i>Obv.</i> + PILLELMR(lig) EX I <i>Rev.</i> + SEPI ON HAMTVN A die duplicate of <i>BMC 43</i> (sub Southampton).
			<i>BMC Type 2.</i>
3	21.4	↑	Lincoln. Moneyer:—ULF <i>Obv.</i> + PILLELMR(lig) EX <i>Rev.</i> + VLF OH LINCOII This moneyer is known in this type from only two other specimens neither of which is in the B.M. Both are from different dies to this coin.
			<i>BMC Type 4</i>
4	18.6	←	Shaftesbury. Moneyer:—WULFGARD <i>Obv.</i> + PILLELMR(lig) I <i>Rev.</i> + PVLFGERD ON SC An unpublished type for this rare mint. Hitherto this moneyer has only been recorded in Types 2 and 3, in each case from a single specimen.
			<i>BMC Type 5</i>
5	21.3	↙	London. Moneyer:—BRUNIC <i>Obv.</i> + PI - LE - - - - X <i>Rev.</i> + BRVNIC ON LVND A very rare type. This coin is from different dies to the single specimen of this moneyer in the B.M. (a post-Catalogue coin ex Sotheby 18.8.23 lot 75).

Plate number (Pl. III)	Weight (grains)	Die Axis	
HENRY I (4 Coins) BMC Type 7			
6	21.0	↓	<p><i>Exeter.</i> Moneyer:—HE(?) --- NG (? Herding). <i>Obv.</i> + HENRIRE <i>Rev.</i> + ----- NG ON EXCE.</p> <p>An excessively rare mint in this type and possibly only the second known specimen. From different dies to BMC 39A of the moneyer Sewine. The moneyer is probably the HE --- ING of the Type 14 coin in the collection of Mr. R. P. V. Brettell (ex Drabble lot 664) and until recently only recorded from that one specimen <i>c.f.</i> also coin of Type 15 in the same collection reading + HE ----- ; ON : EXCES.</p>
7	21.4	↙	<p><i>London.</i> <i>Obv.</i> + HE --- RE <i>Rev.</i> + ----- INE ON LVN</p> <p>An unpublished moneyer (probably either Alfwine or Wulfwine) in this very rare type.</p>
8	21.3	↑	<p><i>Norwich.</i> Moneyer:—WICHEMAN <i>Obv.</i> [+ HEN]RI REX <i>Rev.</i> + [PICH]E[M]AN : [ON : NO]R</p> <p>This is a die duplicate of a coin in the collection of Mr. N. C. Ballingal reading + PICHEMAN : ON : NOR and hitherto considered to be unique. An excessively rare type for the mint (in all probability this is only the second known specimen) and one not represented in the British Museum.</p>
BMC Type 15			
9	22.1	↘	<p><i>York.</i> Moneyer:—ARNWI <i>Obv.</i> + HENRICVS <i>Rev.</i> + ARNPI : ON : E[V]ER-</p> <p>An unpublished moneyer for this mint in any reign. A moneyer of the same name is however known of Lincoln at just this period. This coin is a die duplicate of one in Mr. Elmore Jones' collection on which the York mint signature (but not the name of the moneyer) is perfectly clear.</p>
STEPHEN (31 Coins) BMC Type 1			
(N.B. As is quite usual in this type these coins are very badly struck and their condition is such that of the 12 of the type only 5 are identifiable with certainty.)			
10	21.6	↗	<p><i>Bury St. Edmunds.</i> Moneyer:—GILEBERT <i>Obv.</i> + SIEF --- E: <i>Rev.</i> + GILEBERT : [ON : ED :]</p> <p>A die duplicate of BMC 6</p>
11	19.7	↗	<p><i>Bury St. Edmunds.</i> Moneyer:—GILEBERT <i>Obv.</i> + S --- FNE — <i>Rev.</i> + --- EBERT : ON : SAN</p> <p>Virtually certain to be of this mint and moneyer (both forms of the mint signature are used in this type) but there is no die link with any coin in the B.M.</p>

Plate number (Pl. III)	Weight (grains)	Die Axis	
15	20.7	↘	<i>Carlisle.</i> Moneyer:—WILLEM Obv. Illegible. Rev. ————EM : ON——— Die duplicate of coin in B.M. ex South Kyme Hoard (Scottish Border Coinage). ¹
12	21.9	✓	<i>Chichester.</i> Moneyer:—GODWINE Obv. ————FNER Rev. [+ GO]DPINE(lig) : ON[:ICES:] A die duplicate of <i>BMC</i> 27.
13	21.1	✓	<i>Stamford.</i> Moneyer:—? LEFSI Obv. + s——— Rev. + ————I : ON : STAN : Possibly a die duplicate of <i>BMC</i> 101.
14	22.2	?	<i>Unidentified</i> Obv. Illegible Rev. + ————D : ON——— : The reverse badly double struck. The moneyer's name (a very short one) appears to be unpublished.
16	22.3	?	<i>Unidentified</i> Obv. — STIEFN —— Rev. Illegible.
17	22.3	↖	<i>Unidentified.</i> Moneyer:—GODWINE Obv. Illegible. Rev. + GODPINE : ON : —— The mint is possibly Chichester but there is no die link with No. 12 or any coin in the B.M.
18	21.7	↘	<i>Unidentified.</i> Moneyer:—? GODWINE Obv. — — TIEFNE RE — Rev. ————DPINE : ON : —— The same remarks apply as to the preceding coin.
19	20.8	↓	<i>Unidentified</i> Obv. ————NE REX : Rev. ———— : ON : SA —— The mint is probably Bury St. Edmunds but there is no die link with Nos. 10 and 11 or any coin in the B.M.
20	23.0	↘	<i>Unidentified</i> Obv. + s — — — FNER Rev. ———— NVLF : —— Possibly RANDVLF a Colchester moneyer in Type 2 but more likely to be an unpublished moneyer for any mint.
(Pl. IV) 21	15.4	?	<i>Unidentified.</i> (A variant of the type.) Obv. ————IEFN. Followed by a large star of six points with curved rays similar to the heraldic 'estoile'. Rev. ————EV : ON : —— (Possibly blundered and/or meaningless.) <i>c.f.</i> <i>BMC</i> 236 (Pl. LVIII-3) a coin of uncertain attribution which has a similar obv. reading followed by a large rosette. This 'estoile' symbol appears to be quite unpublished and to constitute an unrecorded variant of the type. Its light weight of only 15.4 grains may possibly indicate irregular work.

¹ R. P. Mack, *BNJ* XXXV (1966), Pl. XII, no. 276a. We are indebted to Mr. Ian Stewart for this identification.

Plate number (Pl. IV)	Weight (grains)	Die Axis	
22	21.4	✓	<p style="text-align: center;">MULE TYPES 6/7</p> <p><i>Hastings</i>. Moneyer: RODBERT <i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE. A die of Type 6. <i>Rev.</i> --- DBERT : ON : HAS (The 'h' of unusual form.) A die of Type 7.</p> <p>The only known example of this mule, probably unique and certainly unpublished in <i>BMC</i>. It is therefore a coin of the highest interest and importance. Only one specimen of this mint and moneyer in Type 7 is known and that coin, which is in Mr. H. H. King's collection, is from a different reverse die. The mint is known in the excessively rare Type 6, also from only one specimen (also in Mr. King's collection) and that too is from a different die to this mule. Those two coins are illustrated in <i>BNJ</i> XXVIII, Pl. XXI, Nos. 40 and 41.</p>
			<i>BMC Type 7</i>
23	22.8	↘	<p><i>Bath</i>. Moneyer:—ALVBED <i>Obv.</i> + STIEFN — <i>Rev.</i> + ALVRE[D : ON] : BATH</p> <p>This remarkable coin establishes a completely new mint for the reign. Bath is unrecorded in any type later than c. 1130 in the preceding reign, i.e. something like 25 years earlier. Certainly unique and undoubtedly a coin of outstanding interest and importance.</p>
24	20.2	↖	<p>'BRAN' (?<i>Bramber</i>). Moneyer:—RODBERT <i>Obv.</i> --- TIEFNE :- <i>Rev.</i> + RODBERT[:ON:]BRAN</p> <p>Unpublished moneyer for this excessively rare mint. For the attribution to Bramber see <i>BNJ</i> XXV, p. 119—also <i>BNJ</i> XXVIII, p. 548. As with 'HEDVN' and the mysterious 'CIPEN' this mint is not known to have existed in any other type and whether or not it is rightly attributed to Bramber it seems to be remarkable that it should have had as many as three moneyers (Orgar, Rodbert and Willem). The type is so rare that comparison may be invidious but so far as is known this number is only exceeded by two mints, viz. London and Norwich. In this respect "BRAN" now emerges on terms of parity with the major mints of Canterbury, Lincoln and York!</p>
25	20.3	↗	<p><i>Canterbury</i>. <i>Obv.</i> + STIEFN — <i>Rev.</i> ——— : ON : CAN —</p> <p>The attribution to Canterbury seems reasonably firm but unfortunately the name of the moneyer cannot be read.</p>
26	17.7	↘	<p><i>Dover</i>. Moneyer:—ADAM <i>Obv.</i> + s[TI]EFNE (: omitted) <i>Rev.</i> + ADAM[:O]N: DOVRE</p> <p>A die duplicate of <i>BMC</i> 190 (Pl. LV-11) hitherto considered to be unique of the type of the mint.</p>
27	21.3	↘	<p><i>Dover</i>. Moneyer:—?ADAM <i>Obv.</i> + STIEF ——— <i>Rev.</i> ——— N: DOVRE</p> <p>From a different pair of dies to the preceding coin.</p>

Plate Number (Pl. IV)	Weight (grains)	Die Axis	
28	21.6	↘	<p><i>Hereford</i></p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> ——— N: HEREF (the 'R' of unusual form).</p> <p>Hitherto only two specimens of this mint in this type have been recorded, viz. the two die duplicate coins of the moneyer DRIV which are figured in <i>NC</i>, 1955, p. 243. This coin is from different dies to those but unfortunately no vestige of the name of the moneyer is visible.</p>
29	22.8	↗	<p><i>Huntingdon</i>. Moneyer:—GODMER</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + ST ——— E:· <i>Rev.</i> + GO[DMER]O[NHVN]T</p> <p>The attribution to this mint and moneyer is established by a die duplicate specimen in Mr. Elmore Jones' + GO[———]nhv———. See <i>BMC</i> 194 (from different ex P. Carlyon-Britton sale lot 1471 and reading collection dies) for moneyer.</p>
30	21.1	↘	<p><i>London</i>. Moneyer:—GEFFREI</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> [+] GEFFREI:ON:LV[ND]</p> <p>A die duplicate of <i>BMC</i> 200.</p>
31	22.5	↗	<p><i>London</i>. Moneyer:—GEFFREI</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + ST ——— E:· <i>Rev.</i> + [GEF]FREI:ON:LVN</p> <p>From different dies to the preceding and next coins.</p>
32	22.5	↗	<p><i>London</i>. Moneyer:—GEFFREI</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> + GEFFREI:ON:L———</p> <p>From different dies to the two preceding coins.</p>
33	20.7	↙	<p><i>London</i>. Moneyer:—RODBERT</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> - - - - E-NE:· <i>Rev.</i> + RODBER:O———VN</p> <p>From different dies to the two coins of this moneyer in the B.M.</p>
34	22.7	↙	<p><i>Norwich</i>. Moneyer:—WILLEM</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> + FILLEM:ON:NO[R:]</p> <p>From the same rev. die as coin in Norwich Castle Mus. ex Roth lot 132 but from a different obv. die.</p>
35	22.5	↗	<p><i>Pevensy</i>. Moneyer:—ALWINE</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> [+] ALPINE:ON:[PEF]</p> <p>An excessively rare mint and one not represented in the B.M. in this type. The attribution is established by a die duplicate specimen in Mr. Elmore Jones' collection ex Drabble lot 714 on which the mint signature is legible.</p>
36	21.0	↘	<p><i>Sudbury</i>. Moneyer:—GILEBERT</p> <p><i>Obv.</i> - - - - EFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> + GILE———VD</p> <p>See <i>BMC</i> Nos. 183 and 211 (from different dies to this coin) for this moneyer and <i>BNJ</i> XXVIII, p. 550 for the attribution to Sudbury in preference to Southwark—or Bury St. Edmunds.</p>

<i>Plate number</i> (Pl. IV)	<i>Weight</i> (grains)	<i>Die</i> <i>Axis</i>	
37	23.1	↖	<p><i>Tamworth.</i> Moneyer:—ALVRED <i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> [+ A]LVRED:ON:TA[M]</p> <p>A die duplicate of <i>BMC</i> 212 and the second known specimen. For a discussion of the attribution to Tamworth see <i>BNJ</i> XXVIII, p. 552. It is most fortunate that this coin gives the first letter of the mint signature of which no vestige is visible on the B.M. specimen. It vindicates the <i>BMC</i> attribution to Tamworth and dispels one of the present writers' doubts concerning same.</p>
38	22.3	↘	<p><i>Unidentified.</i> Moneyer:— ———AD <i>Obv.</i> - - - - EFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> ———AD:ON:ST———</p> <p>This coin probably establishes a new mint for the type; whilst the second letter of the mint signature has every appearance of being 'r' this is not completely certain. If 'r' the mint must be either Stafford or Stamford both of which were Type 1 mints (No. 13 being an example of the latter in that type) but neither of which, so far as known, continued striking in Type 7. No moneyer's name ending 'AD' is known in this type and, whilst there are two possibilities, it would be fruitless to speculate whether this could represent an ellipsing of the name of a known moneyer at these mints in a different type.</p>
39	22.2	↘	<p><i>Unidentified.</i> Moneyer:—ADAM <i>Obv.</i> + STIE—— <i>Rev.</i> + ADAM:ON———(The 'm' of unusual form—mint signature illegible.)</p> <p>This is possibly a third coin of the Dover moneyer of this name but the mint signature is illegible and there is no die link with Nos. 26 & 27. A moneyer of this name also struck at London and Worcester but here again there is no die link. Only two such coins are known and both are illustrated in <i>BNJ</i> XXVIII (Pl. XXXI—Nos. 13 and 23).</p>
40	21.0	↙	<p><i>Unidentified.</i> Moneyer:—RODBERT <i>Obv.</i> + STIEFNE:· <i>Rev.</i> + RODBERT:O———(Mint signature illegible.)</p> <p>From different dies to Nos. 24 and 33 and from any coin of this moneyer in the B.M. or known to us elsewhere.</p>



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