

Bibliography of Lead Tokens

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BRITISH BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON LEAD TOKENS {Numismatic works}

- "English Tokens, c.1200-1425", by M.Mitchiner and A.Skinner {BNJ Vol 53, 1983: p.29-77}
- "English Tokens, c.1425-1672", by M.Mitchiner and A.Skinner {BNJ Vol 54, 1984: p.86-163}
- "Jetons, Medalets and Tokens", by M.Mitchiner {three vols 1988/91/98; parts of vols 1,3 are particularly relevant}. Vol.1 covers the mediaeval period, Vol.3 1558-1830.
- "Leaden Tokens" by J.B.Caldecott and G.C.Yates {BNJ Vol.4, 1907: p.317-326}
- "Lead Tokens from the River Thames at Windsor and Wallingford, by M.Dean {Num.Chron, 1977}
- Spink's Numismatic Circular: e.g. Nov.1967, Apr.1969, Dec.1971, Jun.1972, Apr.1992

The first two of these are the largest articles by far and should be taken as the most serious reference works on the series to date; however, they do not extend into the 18th century, which supplies such a large proportion of our extant crude lead specimens.

BRITISH BOOKS ON LEAD TOKENS {Popularist works}

E.L.Fletcher has recently produced the following titles:

- "Tokens and Tallies Through the Ages", by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2003}
- "Tokens and Tallies, 1850-1950", by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2004}
- "Leaden Token and Tallies, Roman to Victorian", by E.L.Fletcher {Greenlight, 2005}

BRITISH ARTICLES ON LEAD TOKENS {Popularist works}

R.C.Alvey and E.L.Fletcher have published articles in the Treasure Hunting magazine over the last twenty years or so. All their contributions are profusely illustrated, Bob's {mainly in the late 1980s} by line drawings and Ted's by photography.

COMMUNION TOKENS:

- "Communion Tokens of the World", by Lester Burzinski {1999}. Extensively illustrated.
- "Comprehensive directory of world communion tokens {1985}. Now largely replaced by Burzinski}
- Proceedings of the Scottish Archaeological Society {all available in full on the Web at time of writing; some with plentiful line drawings}:

"Communion Tokens of the Established Church of Scotland, 16th-18th centuries, by A.J.S.Brook {1906-07}

"Scottish Episcopal Communion Tokens", by R.Kerr and A.J.Lamb {1946-48}

"Unpublished Tokens of the Church of Scotland", by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1940-41}

"Communion Tokens of the Established Church of Scotland, 19th-20th centuries", by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1942-43}

"Communion Tokens of the Free Church of Scotland", by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1944-45}

"Unpublished Communion Tokens of various Scottish Churches", by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1949-50}

"Further Unpublished Scottish Communion Tokens", by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1949-50}

- "The Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Communion Tokens", ed. W.K.Cross {Charlton Press, Toronto, 2000}

HOP TOKENS:

- “Hop Tokens of Kent and East Sussex, and their Issuers”, by A.C.Henderson {Spink, 1990}

For those interested in the history and genealogy of these pieces, Alan has since privately published “Hop Token Issuers and their Tokens” . Further details available from the editor.

BRITISH SALES CATALOGUES

Richard Gladdle’s catalogue of March 2000 contains many interesting illustrations of crude leads.

EUROPEAN BOOKS ON LEAD AND RELATED MATTERS

- “Une histoire économique et populaire du moyen-âge : les jetons et méreaux”, by J.Labrot {Éditions Errance, Paris 1989}. In French.
- “Les Jetons du Moyen Age”, by C.Roelandt, S.Sombart and M.Prieur {Éditions Les Chevaux Légers, Paris 2004}. In French.
- “Penninxkens van Loode” by J.E.L.Pelsdonk {Privately published, Goudswaard 2003}. In Dutch.

TESSERAE {Numismatic works}

- "Tesserarum Urbis Romae et Suburbii", by M.Rostovtsev {St.Petersburg, 1903}. Partly in Russian, partly in Latin. Modern reprint {Italian} available in Latin only.
- “De Plumbeis Antiquorum Numismatibus”, by F.Ficoroni {Rome, 1750}. In Latin.
- “Römische Bleimarken in der Staatlichen Münzsammlung München. Eine Quelle zur Sozial und Wirtschaftsgeschichte Roms”, by M.Overbeck {Munich 1995}. In German.

TESSERAE {Non-numismatic works}

"The Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire", by M.Rostovtsev {pub.Clarendon Press, Oxford 1926}. English translation.

SEALS

“Lead Cloth Seals and Related Items in the British Museum” by Geoff Egan {British Museum Occasional Paper No.93, pub.1995}

MERCHANT MARKS

- “Devices of the Early Printers, 1457-1560; their History and Development”, by H.W.Davies {Grafton & Co., London 1935}
- “Merchants’ Marks”, by E.M.Elmhirst {Harleian Society Vol.41, London 1959}
- “English Merchants’ Marks”, by F.A.Girling {Oxford Univ.Press, London 1964}

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TOKENS

Although very few of these are actually in lead, the 17th century token series is in one sense the one which is most akin to crude lead in terms of identifying with local people; and in consequence, the series which is most often used for purposes of comparison. There are a number of books and a large quantity of small articles on the series, amongst the most important of which are the following:

- “Trade Tokens issued in the Seventeenth Century”, by G.C.Williamson, 1889, reprinted by Seaby in 1967. Regarded as the standard work on the series, Williamson’s reference numbers are still used today. A thorough listing, very few illustrations.
- “Seventeenth Century Tokens of the British Isles and their Values”, by M.Dickinson 1986, republished 2004. An attempt to update Williamson’s listing to reflect the finds since 1889; only lightly illustrated, with some interesting background explanation.
- “Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles: The Norweb Collection”, by R.H.Thompson and {from vol.III} M.J.Dickinson. Lists one of the most comprehensive collections of the series, with every piece illustrated; by far the most extensive list of pictorial representations.

Vol. I: Beds to Devon

Vol. II: Dorset to Gloucs

Vol. III: Hants to Lincs

Vol. IV: Norfolk to Somerset

Vol. V: Staffs to Westmorland

Vol. VI: Wilts to Yorks, Ireland, Wales

Further volumes on London and Middlesex are expected later, the first of them fairly soon.

A number of books, journals and articles discuss particular counties, often with an emphasis on the historical and genealogical background of the issuers. Anyone with an interest in any particular county, please email the LTT editor. The article on Nottinghamshire 17th cent tokens in BNJ {British Numismatic Chronicle} Vol.51 p.134-196, by P.Preston-Morley and H.Pegg, is particularly recommended as an example of a well-illustrated study which attempts to describe, and establish the chronological order of, many of the interesting design features.

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