

# Information Sheet

Numismatic Series No. 4

## GOLD COINS IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE MUSEUMS

The collections of the museums which now form the Lincolnshire Museums Service contain a surprising number and variety of gold coins. Almost all of the more important types of coins used in Britain over the past two thousand years are included in the collection from the earliest issues of the Celtic tribe of Lincolnshire to the sovereigns of the present century.

### ORIGIN OF THE COLLECTIONS

These collections have all been formed from gifts made by generous private benefactors. Lincolnshire has been particularly fortunate in this respect and almost all of the coins in this catalogue have been given to the Museums during the past seventy years.

Although derived from so many different sources the combined collection contains an almost continuous series of coins with very little duplication. The result is that at the Usher Gallery in Lincoln, the Lincolnshire Museums Service has on display to the public, one of the best collections of gold coins available in any provincial museum in the British Isles.

### THE COLLECTIONS

#### City and County Museum, Lincoln

The collection of fifty seven gold coins includes a number of specimens from hoards and chance finds from Lincolnshire as well as unprovenanced collectors coins.

Two major bequests have provided most of the coins. In 1954 Mr. L.W. Pye of Cleethorpes left an important collection of coins including the Scartho Hoard of Celtic coins and a number of local finds from the north east of the county. Sir Francis Hill died in 1980 and left a very choice group of English hammered coins. He had already given a major collection of Anglo-Saxon and Norman silver coins from Lincolnshire mints in 1974. He had acquired this group of gold coins from A.H. Baldwin & Sons of London in 1951 when the collection of Dr. E. Carter was sold. In 1973 Sir Francis also presented a Roman gold coin which had been found in Lincoln.

Two smaller gifts by the Revd. V.O. Massingberd in 1909 and Mr. J.H. Smith in 1950 added attractive groups of mainly eighteenth century coins. Single gifts and purchases added other coins and a Corintian coin is on loan from the Somerset County Museum.

A further four hammered gold coins of rulers or types not already represented in the collection were purchased in memory of Sir Francis Hill in 1981.

#### Usher Gallery, Lincoln

The forty four coins in the Usher Gallery form part of the extensive collection of *objects d'art* bequeathed by Mr. James Ward Usher in 1921. A local jeweller Mr. Usher also left the substantial sum of money with which the Gallery was built. As well as a single Celtic coin, the collection contained a good range of Roman, English and Scottish coins. Unfortunately Mr. Usher left no records about his coins. Some may have come to him in the normal course of his jewellery business, but there is some evidence from annotated sales catalogues that he bought many of the coins through the London auction rooms.

#### Grantham Museum, Grantham

The collection at Grantham now contains two gold coins. A Roman *solidus* possibly found in Yorkshire and a Byzantine coin without provenance.



# CATALOGUE

## CELTIC COINS

### BARGATE HOARD 1954

A small hoard of four staters was found at 82/4 Bargate, Grimsby on 11th November 1954. The coins were declared Treasure Trove at a Coroner's inquest and were bought by the City and County Museum.

- 1-4 The coins all belong to the same Gallo-Belgic type E (Mack 27). 1 - 6.16/94.9; 2 - 6.14/94.7; 3 - 6.14/94.7; 4 - 6.19/95.4.  
*Numismatic Chronicle* 1955, pp. 142-3; Allen 1959 pp. 164, 287 (hoard no. 7) and 294; SCBI Lincolnshire 1600-3. (LCC 12-5.55).

### SCARTH HOARD 1851

A hoard of six gold coins was found in 1851 by a labourer digging near the foundations of the Scartho windmill, near Grimsby. The coins had been preserved locally and were eventually acquired by the Cleethorpes collector Mr. L. W. Pye and bequeathed by him to the City and County Museum in 1954. SCBI Lincolnshire 1604-9. (LCC 102.54)

- 5-6 Gallo-Belgic type E (Mack 27) 5 - 6.09/94; 6 - 6.09/94.  
7-9 British type L<sub>A</sub> (Mack 134) 7 - 5.70/88; 8 - 5.73/88.5; 9 - 5.70/88.  
10 British type Q<sub>A</sub> (Mack 58) 10 - 5.93/91.5.

## CORITANIAN COINS

The coins issued by the local Celtic tribe, the Coritani, are found widely distributed throughout the tribal area which was the equivalent of the modern counties of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

### Uninscribed series

*British type H (North east Coast type with right facing horse).*

- 11 6.17/95.3 (Mack 50) SCBI Lincolnshire 1610. Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-1).  
12 6.05/93.4 (Mack 50) SCBI West Country 228. On loan from the Somerset County Museum, Taunton; from the Mr. H. Norris gift 1890. (LCC loan).  
13 3.86/59.5 (Mack 51A). A copper core which has been covered with a thin sheet of gold. Bought Sotheby (6 May 1981) lot 319; said by the vendor to have been 'found near Northampton'. (LCC 48.81).

### British type K (South Ferriby)

- 14 5.44/84 (Mack 448) *Numismatic Chronicle* 1947, p. 66, no. 7; Allen 1959 p. 183; SCBI Coritani 242; SCBI Lincolnshire 1612. Mr. L. W. Pye bequest 1954; ex Mr. J. Elder 1937; found in Taylor's Avenue, Cleethorpes 1937. (LCC 103.54).

### Inscribed series

- 15 4.97/76.7 (Mack 460) Inscribed VE P CORF on the reverse. The dies are very similar to

those of SCBI Coritani 100 from the hoard found at Lightcliffe, Yorkshire in 1829. The coin was acquired in two separate fragments from different sources. The larger was bought at auction (Glendining, 12 March 1980 lot 3). The smaller was purchased from Mr. Henry Mossop through Messrs. A.H. Baldwin & Sons Ltd. and is said to have been found on the beach at North Ferriby, Humberside. The fragments were skillfully joined by Mr. K.A. Howes at the British Museum. (LCC 84.80).

*confirmed by finders 25.4.89*

## ROMAN

### OCTAVIAN (40 BC)

- 16 'Aureus' — false. Copy of a Gaulish issue of 40 BC. 8.13/125.4 H. A. Greuber *Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum* pp. 404-5, nos. 74-5; E. Sydenham *The Coinage of the Roman Republic* 1952, p. 205, no. 1321. The coin is considered by Mr. Robert Carson to be false. Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-123).

### AUGUSTUS (27 BC — AD 14)

- 17 *Aureus*, Lugdunum mint. 7.89/121.7 † *Obv.* Laureate bust r. AVGVSTVS-DIVI. *F Rev.* Horsemen r. C.CAES - AVGVST (RIC 348). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex F.W.V. Peterson sale (Sotheby, 20/1 December 1920) lot 228. (LUG 1590-112).

### TIBERIUS (AD 14 — 37)

- 18 *Aureus*, Lugdunum mint. 7.80/120.3 † *Obv.* TI CAESAR DIVI - AVG F AVGVSTVS *Rev.* Figure seated l. PONTIF MAXIM (RIC 3). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Anonymous sale (Sotheby, 27 July 1917) lot 123. (LUG 1590-113).

### CALIGULA (AD 37 — 41)

- 19 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.67/118.3 † *Obv.* C. CAESAR. AVG. PON. M. TR. POT III COS III *Rev.* Wreath SPQR — PP — OB C. S. (RIC 5). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 67; ex J.G. Sandeman sale (Sotheby, 13/20 June 1911) lot 469. (LUG 1590-114).

### CLAUDIUS (AD 41 — 54)

- 20 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.16/110.5 † *Obv.* TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR P VI IMP XI *Rev.* Triumphal arch inscribed DE BRITANN (RIC 9). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 68; ex C. Cove Jones sale (Sotheby, 6 February 1911) lot 252; ex Brummel sale (Sotheby, untraced) lot 1043. (LUG 1590-115).

- 21 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.65/118.1 † *Obv.* Bust r. TI CLAVD. CAESAR. AVG GERM PM TRP *Rev.* Wreath EX S.C. — OB CIVES — SERVATOS (RIC 20). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-116).







- NERO (AD 54 – 68)**
- 22 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.65/118.1  $\nearrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. NERO CAESAR. AVG. IMP *Rev.* Virtus standing l. PONTIF MAX TR P VII COS IIII PP in field EX SC (*R/C* 27). Sir Francis Hill gift 1973; found in the garden of 437 Newark Road, Lincoln in June 1932. (LCC 43.73).
- 23 '*Aureus*' — a modern fabrication. 7.17/110.6  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* Bust with radiate crown NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER PM TR P IMP *Rev.* View of a building MAC AVG. Mr. Robert Carson observes that the radiate crown is not a feature of the gold coinage and the reverse type is used only for the *dupondius* denomination. [See *R/C* p.163]. Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 69. (LUG 1590-125).
- GALBA (AD 68)**
- 24 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.10/109.5  $\nearrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. IMP SER GALBA AVG *Rev.* Wreath SPQR — OB C S (*R/C* 19). Mr J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex F. W. V. Peterson sale (Sotheby, 20/1 December 1920) lot 236.
- OTHO (AD 68)**
- 25 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.30/112.6  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. IMP M OTHO CAESAR AVG TR P *Rev.* Securitas standing l. SECVRITAS P R (*R/C* 11). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex 'Well-known Collector' sale (Sotheby, 6/7 July 1921) lot 16. (LUG 1590-126).
- VITELLIUS (AD 68)**
- 26 '*Aureus*' — cast copy. 7.29/112.5  $\searrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. A. VITELLIVS. GERM. IMP. AVG. TR. P. *Rev.* Vesta seated r. PONT. MAXIM. (*R/C* 19). Mr. Robert Carson considers that this coins is a cast copy. Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex F. W. V. Peterson sale (Sotheby, 20/1 December 1920) lot 237. (LUG 1590-127).
- VESPASIAN (AD 69 – 79)**
- 27 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.00/108.1  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* IMP CAES VESP AVG PM COS IIII *Rev.* Victory r. VIC — AVG (*R/C* 51). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex F. W. V. Peterson sale (Sotheby, 20/1 December 1920) lot 238. (LUG 1590-119).
- 28 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.00/108.1  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* IMP CAES VESP AVG PM COS IIII CEN *Rev.* Temple VES — TA (*R/C* 59). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex F. W. V. Peterson sale (Sotheby, 20/1 December 1920) lot 238. (LUG 1590-118).
- 29 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 6.93/107  $\searrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG *Rev.* Victory standing on an altar PON MAX TR P COS VI. (*R/C* 92). Mr. J.C.P. Langton gift 1973; ex Canon E.H.R. Tatham coll.; said to have been found at Hogthorpe, Lincs. before 1918 (*Lincs. Notes and Queries* xv, no. 118, 1918, pp. 46-7). (LCC 111.73).
- TITUS (AD 79 – 81)**
- 30 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.34/113.2  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* T. CAESAR IMP VESPASIANVS *Rev.* Rome seated COS VI (*R/C* Vespasian 194). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 74; ex J.G. Sandeman sale (Sotheby, 13/20 June 1911) lot 469. (LUG 1590-120).
- DOMITIAN (AD 81 – 96)**
- 31 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.27/112.2  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* CAESAR AVG F DOMITIANVS *Rev.* Captive kneeling r. with standard COS V (*R/C* Vespasian 240). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 75; ex C. Cove Jones sale (Sotheby, 6 February 1911) lot 257; ex C. Roach Smith cabinet. (LUG 1590-121).
- 32 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.36/113.6  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. CAESAR AVG F DOMITIANVS *Rev.* She wolf and twins COS V (*R/C* Vespasian 241). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921; ex 'Well-known Collector' sale (Sotheby, 6/7 July 1921) lot 16. (LUG 1590-122).
- 33 *Aureus*, Rome mint. 7.32/112.9  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. CAESAR AVG F DOMITIANVS *Rev.* Cornucopiae COS IIII (*R/C* Vespasian 237). Mr. L.W. Pye bequest 1954; fd. in 1850 in the old 'California Gardens', Grimsby (now the site of Grosvenor Crescent, Bargate Bridge). (LCC 104.54).
- ARCADIUS (AD 383 – 408)**
- 34 *Solidus*, Milan mint. 4.41/68.1  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* DN ARCADI-VS PF AVG *Rev.* VICTORI-A AVGGG  $\frac{M}{D}$   $\frac{CONOB}$  (*R/C* Mediolanum 35b).  
Gift from Mr. W. Ainsworth Wood of Rushden, nr. Letchworth in 1928. The accession register states that it was found 'at Middleton near Quenborough, Yorks.' but the locality has not been identified. (GM 1721).
- BYZANTINE**
- JUSTIN I (AD 518 – 52)**
- 35 *Tremissis*, Constantinople mint. 1.27/19.6  $\downarrow$  *Obv.* Bust r. DN IVSTI-NVS PP AVG *Rev.* VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM  $\frac{I}{I}$   $\frac{CONOB}$   
No recorded provenance. (GM no no.).
- ENGLAND**
- EDWARD III (1327 – 77)**
- 36 *Noble*. Fourth coinage. Pre-Treaty, series G. London mint. *Obv.* EDWARD D DEI GRA REX ANGL FRANC D HYB *Rev.* IhC AVTEM TRANCIENS P MEDIVM ILLORVM IBAT (But Jesus, passing through the midst of them, went His way — Luke iv.30) A lis near the lion in the second quarter and an annulet by the top lis. 7.70/118.8  $\nearrow$  Sir

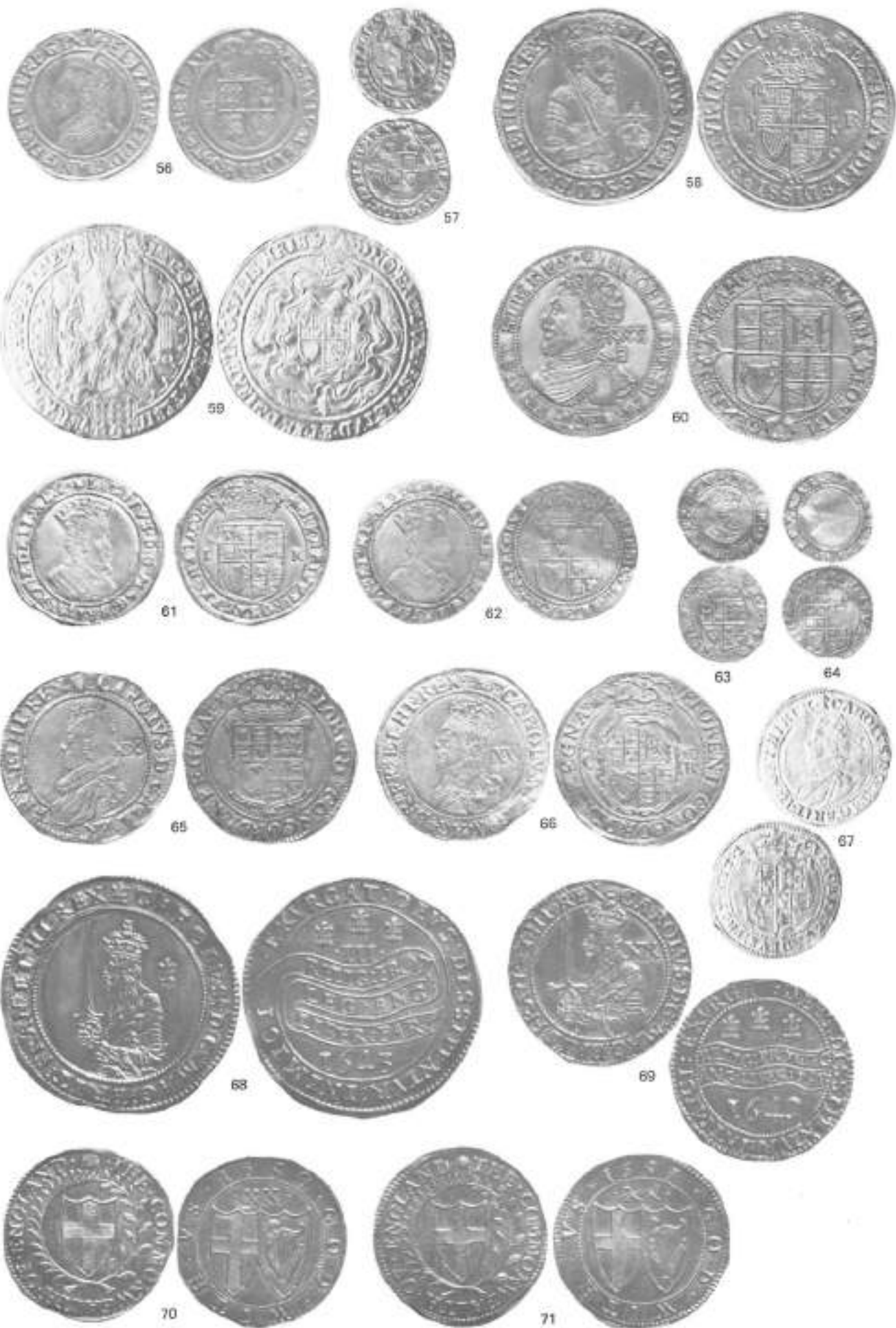
- Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2000).
- 37 *Noble*. Fourth coinage. Treaty. London mint. *Obv.* EDWARD DEI G REX ANG FRA DNS HYB AQT *Rev.* IhC AVTEM TRANCIENS PER MEDIV ILLORVM IBAT 7.69/118.6 ↘ Bought from Mr. J. Walker, Wainfleet, 1959; found at Wainfleet St. Mary, Lincs. (*Lincs. Architectural and Archaeological Society* vol. 9, 1961, pp. 24-5). (LCC 69.59).
- 38 *Half noble*. Fourth coinage. Pre-Treaty, series B/A mule. London mint. *Rev.* DOMINE NE IN FVRORE TVO ARGVAS ME (O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation - Psalm vi. 1). 3.33/51.2 ↗ Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-16).
- 39 *Half noble*. Fourth coinage: Treaty. Treaty series. London mint. *Obv.* EDWARD DEI G REX ANGL D HYB Z AQT *Rev.* as previous coin. 3.81/58.8 ↑ Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-15).
- 40 *Half noble*. Fourth coinage: Treaty. Treaty series. London mint. *Obv.* and *Rev.* as previous coin. 3.80/58.6 ← Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2001).
- 41 *Quarter noble*. Third coinage. *Obv.* EDWARD ANGL Z FRANC D HYB Tressure of six arches. *Rev.* EXALTABITVR IN GLORIA (He shall be exalted in glory - Psalm cxii.9). 2.04/31.5 ↑ Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-17).
- 42 *Quarter noble*. Fourth coinage. Treaty Period. Transitional series. London mint. *Obv.* Tressure of eight arches. Annulets on cusps. *Rev.* as previous coin. 1.78/27.4 → Bought 1958; found at Washway, Spalding, Lincs. (*Lincs. A. and A. Soc.*, vol. ix, pt. i, 1961, pp. 24-5). (LCC 44.58).
- 43 *Quarter noble*. Fourth coinage. Treaty Period. Transitional series. London mint. *Obv.* as previous coin but with trefoils on cusps. 1.80/27.8 ↘ Presented by Mr. G. Metham 1913; found in St. Martin's Lane, Lincoln. (LCC 977.13).
- 44 *Quarter noble*. Fourth coinage. Treaty Period. Treaty series. London mint. *Obv.* EDWARD DEI GRA REX ANGL No mark before Edward. 1.49/23 ↘ Presented by Mrs. E. Atkinson 1954; found at Marlborough House, Ermine Estate, Lincoln (*Lincs. A. and A. Soc.*, vol. 5, pt. ii, 1954, p.13). (LCC 47.54).
- HENRY IV (1399 - 1413)**
- 45 *Noble*. London mint. Light coinage. *Obv.* HENRIC DI GRA REX ANGL FRA. DNS HIB AQ *Rev.* IhC AVTEM TRANCIENS PER MEDIV ILLORV IBAT Trefoil in the first rev. quarter. 6.97/107.5 ↗ Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-18).
- HENRY V (1413 - 22)**
- 46 *Noble*. London mint. Class C. *Obv.* HENRIC DI GRA REX ANGL FRANC DNS HYB Mullet by sword arm and a broken annulet on ship's side. *Rev.* IhC AVTEM TRANCIENS PER MEDIV ILLORV IBAT Quatrefoil in the second rev. quarter. 6.96/107.4 ↑ Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-19).
- HENRY VI (1422 - 61)**
- 47 *Half noble*. London mint. Annulets issue (1422-7). *Obv.* HENRIC DI GRA REX ANGL Z FRA annulet by sword arm and a lis after Henric. *Rev.* DOMINE NE IN FVRORE TVO ARGVAS ME annulet in spandrel. mm. lis. 3.39/52.3 ↓ Bought in memory of Sir Francis Hill from Baldwin 1981 with a grant from the Victoria and Albert Museum Fund. (LCC 102.81).
- 48 *Quarter noble*. London mint. Annulets issue (1422-7). *Obv.* HENRIC DI GRA REX ANGL lis above shield and after Henric. *Rev.* EXALTABITVR IN GLORIA. mm. lis 1.72/26.5 ← Bought in memory of Sir Francis Hill from Baldwin 1981 with a grant from the Victoria and Albert Museum Fund. (LCC 101.81).
- EDWARD IV (First reign 1461-70)**
- 49 *Ryal or Rose Noble*. London mint. Light coinage, class VI. *Obv.* EDWARD DI GRA REX ANGL FRANC DNS I B Rose on the side of ship and E on stern banner. *Rev.* IhC AVT TRANCIENS PER MEDIV ILLORV IBAT. mm. -/sun 7.69/118.6 ↗ Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2002).
- HENRY VII (1485 - 1509)**
- 50 *Angel*. Class III. *Obv.* St. Michael slaying the dragon HENRIC DI GRA REX AGL Z FRAN *Rev.* H and rose by mast, PER CRVCE TVA SALVA NOS XPE RE (By Thy cross, save us, O Christ, our Redeemer). mm. anchor (= 1490-1504) 5.17/79.8 ↗ Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2003).
- HENRY VIII (1509 - 47)**
- 51 *Crown*. Second coinage. *Obv.* Crowned Tudor rose with initials H.R. at sides, HENRIC VIII RVTILANS ROSA SINE SPIA. *Rev.* Crowned royal shield with crowned initials at sides DEI G R AGLIE Z FRANC DNS HIBERIE. mm. arrow (= 1532-42) 3.60/55.5 ↓ Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter 1951. (LCC 106.80-2004).
- EDWARD VI (1547 - 53)**
- 52 *Half Sovereign*. Second type. *Obv.* Crowned bust facing right EDWARD VI D G AGL FRA Z HIB REX *Rev.* Crowned oval

- garnished shield SCVTVM FIDEI PROTEGET EVM (The shield of faith shall protect him) mm. arrow (= 1547-9) 5.37/82.8 ↑ Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2005).
- MARY (1553 - 4)**
- 53 *Angel. Obv.* St. Michael slaying the dragon MARIA D G ANG FRA Z HIB REGI *Rev.* A DNO FACTV EST ISTVD Z EST MIRABI. (This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous (in our eyes) - Psalm lxxviii.23) M and rose beside mast. 5.2/80.2 mm. pomegranate. ↑ Bought in memory of Sir Francis Hill from Baldwin 1981 with a grant from the Victoria and Albert Museum Fund. (LCC 104.81).
- ELIZABETH I (1558 - 1602)**
- 54 *Pound. Obv.* Crowned bust facing left with long hair and richly ornamented dress, ELIZABETH D G ANG FRA ET HIB REGINA *Rev.* Crowned square garnished shield SCVTVM FIDEI PROTEGET EAM mm. woolpack (= 1594-95/6) ↑ 11.17/172.4 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2006).
- 55 *Pound.* Similar to last. mm. 2 (= 1602) → 11.27/173.9 Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-20).
- 56 *Half pound. Obv.* Crowned bust facing left with long hair richly decorated dress, ELIZABETH D G ANG FR ET HI REGINA *Rev.* Crowned square shield E R at sides SCVTVM FIDEI PROTEGET EAM mm. lion (= 1566/7-67) ↓ 5.74/88.6 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2007).
- 57 *Half angel. Obv.* St. Michael slaying the dragon, ELIZABETH D G ANG FR ET HI REGINA *Rev.* E and rose beside mast, A DNO FACTVM EST ISTVD ET EST MIRA mm. eglantine (= 1574-8) ↓ 2.54/39.2 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2008).
- JAMES I (1603 - 25)**
- 58 *Sovereign.* First coinage. *Obv.* Crowned bust right holding orb and sceptre, IACOBVS D G ANG SCO FRAN ET HIB REX *Rev.* Crowned square shield with garniture, I R at sides, EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENTVR INIMICI (Let God arise (and) let His enemies be scattered - Psalm lxxviii.1). mm. thistle (= 1603-4) ↘ 11.07/170.8 Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-21).
- 59 *Rose ryal.* Second coinage. *Obv.* King enthroned holding orb and sceptre with a portcullis at his feet IACOBVS D G MAG BRIT FRAN ET HIBER REX *Rev.* Square shield within a Tudor rose A DNO FACTVM EST ISTVD ET EST MIRAB IN OCVLIS NBIS. 13.44/207.4 mm. muller (= 1611-2) →
- Bought in memory of Sir Francis Hill from Baldwin 1981 with a grant from the Victoria and Albert Museum Fund. (LCC 105.81).
- 60 *Laurel.* Third coinage, second bust. *Obv.* Bust laureate facing left, with XX behind, IACOBVS D G MAG BRI FRA ET HIB REX *Rev.* Crowned square shield with a long cross fleury over FACIAM EOS IN GENTEM VNAM (reversed N's) (I will make them one nation - Ezek. xxxvii.22). mm. spur rowel (= 1619-20) ↘ 9.05/139.6 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2010).
- 61 *Double crown.* Second coinage, fifth bust. *Obv.* Crowned bust right IACOBVS D G MAG BRIT FRA ET HIB REX *Rev.* Crowned square shield with I R at sides, HENRICVS ROSAS REGNA IACOBVS (Henry (united) the roses, James the kingdoms). mm. mullet (= 1611-2) ↗ 5.01/77.3 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2009).
- 62 *Double crown.* Second coinage, fifth bust. Similar to last. mm. trefoil (= 1613) ↗ 4.85/74.8 Bought from Mr. C.J. Murden; from the Harlaxton, Lincs., Treasure Trove 1968 (*BNJ* xxxviii, 1969, pp. 165.6). (LCC 10.69).
- 63 *Half crown.* Second coinage, fifth bust. *Obv.* Crowned bust right I D G ROSA SINE SPINA *Rev.* Crowned square shield TVEATVR VNITA DEVS (May God guard these (kingdoms) united). mm. key (= 1609-10) → 1.31/20.2 Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-22).
- 64 *Half crown.* Second coinage, fifth bust. Similar to last. mm. crescent (= 1617-8) ↗ 1.21/18.6 Mr. L. W. Pye bequest 1954; bought from Mr. E. Camplin, Cleethorpes, 1948; found by Mr. Moses Camplin at Swaby, Lincs., 1930. (LCC 117.54).
- CHARLES I (1625-49)**
- 65 *Unite.* Tower mint. Group B. *Obv.* Crowned bust left XX behind, CAROLVS D G MA BR FRA ET HI REX *Rev.* Crowned square shield FLORENT CONCORDIA REGNA (United kingdoms flourish). mm. heart over anchor/heart (= 1629-30) ↘ 9.05/139.16 Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-23).
- 66 *Unite.* Tower mint. Group D. Similar to last coin except for the crowned oval shield on the reverse. mm. crown (= 1635-6) ↑ 9.08/140.1 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2011).
- 67 *Double crown.* Tower mint. Group B. *Obv.* Crowned bust left, X behind, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FRA ET HI REX *Rev.* Crowned square shield CVLTORES SVI DEVS PROTEGIT (God protects His worshippers). mm. cross calvary (= 1625-6) ↘ 70/4.53



- Bought from Mr. and Mrs. Fisk 1980; found at Reepham, Lincs., 1980. (LCC 139.80).
- 68 *Triple unite*. Oxford mint. 1643 *Obv.* Half length figure of the King facing left and holding sword, plume behind, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FRAN ET HI REX *Rev.* At the centre the 'Declaration' on a continuous scroll in three lines RELIG PROT / LEG ANG / LIBER PAR (The religion of the Protestants, the laws of England, the liberty of Parliament) with three plumes and III above and 1643 below. Around the legend EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENTVR INIMICI (Let God arise (and) let His enemies be scattered - Psalm lxxviii.1). ← 35.81/398.2 Beresford Jones (*BNJ* 1955, pp. 334-44), III/12. The obverse of this coin has been extensively tooled. The bust has been improved and drapery added in the space between the arm and the inner circle. The sword blade and the hilt have been redesigned. Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1950-24).
- 69 *Unite*. Oxford mint. 1642 *Obv.* Half length figure of the King facing left, with XX behind, CAROLVS D G MAG BRIT FRAN ET HI REX *Rev.* At the centre the 'Declaration' on two wavy lines RELIG PROT LEG / ANG LIBER PAR with three plumes above. Around the legend EXVRGAT DEVS DISSIPENTVR INIMICI → 9.08/140.1 Beresford Jones (*BNJ* 1958, pp. 604-19) IV-3. Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2012).
- COMMONWEALTH (1649 - 80)**
- 70 *Unite*. 1650 *Obv.* Shield of St. George within wreath of laurel and palm. THE COMMONWEALTH OF ENGLAND *Rev.* Conjoined shields of England and Ireland, XX above, GOD WITH VS 1650 mm. sun (= 1649-57) ✓ 9.12/140.7 Sir Francis Hill bequest 1980; bought Baldwin 1951; ex Dr. E. Carter coll. 1951. (LCC 106.80-2013).
- 71 *Unite*. 1651 Similar type to last, mm. sun (= 1649-57) ✗ 9.07/139.9 Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-31).
- CHARLES II (1660-85)**
- 72 *Touch piece*. *Obv.* Ship in full sail CAR II D G M B FR ET HI REX *Rev.* St. Michael and dragon SOLI DEO GLORIA (To God alone the glory). Given when the King performed the ceremony of 'touching' those who suffered from scrofulous complaints. The angel coin was originally used but when they ceased to be coined these medalets were made for the purpose. A. W. Franks and H. A. Grueber *Medallic Illustrations* vol. I, p. 477, no. 86. † 3.54/54.4 pierced. Presented by Mr. H. Ruth 1945. (LCC 44.46).
- 73 *Guinea*. 1668, third bust type. *Obv.* CAROLVS II DEI GRATIA *Rev.* cruciform shields and crossed sceptres MAG BR FRA ET HIB REX (*MCE* 62). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-32).
- 74 *Guinea*. 1683? third bust type. Same type as last (*MCE* 887). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-33).
- JAMES II (1685 - 88)**
- 75 *Guinea*. 1687, second bust type. *Obv.* IACOBVS II DEI GRATIA *Rev.* Cruciform shield and crossed sceptres MAG BR FRA ET HIB REX (*MCE* 129). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-36).
- WILLIAM AND MARY (1688 - 94)**
- 76 *Guinea*. 1690 *Obv.* Conjoined busts GVLIELMVS ET MARIA DEI GRATIA *Rev.* Crowned royal shield MAG BR FR ET HIB REX ET REGINA (*MCE* 150) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-37).
- ANNE (1702-14)**
- 77 *Guinea*. 1713, second bust type. *Obv.* ANNA DEI GRATIA *Rev.* Cruciform shields and crossed sceptres, garter in centre, MAG BRI FR ET HIB REG (*MCE* 225). Purchased 1953. (LCC 20.53).
- GEORGE II (1727 - 60)**
- 78 *Half guinea*. 1760, older bust type. *Obv.* GEORGIUS II DEI GRATIA *Rev.* M B F ET H REX F D B ET L D S R I A T E T E (*MCE* 366). Revd. V.O. Massingberd gift 1909. (LCC 850.09).
- GEORGE III (1760 - 1820)**
- 79 *Guinea*. 1761, first bust type. *Obv.* GEORGIVS III DEI GRATIA *Rev.* elaborate crowned shield (*MCE* 367). No recorded provenance. (LCC no no.).
- 80 *Guinea*. 1776, fourth bust type. *Rev.* Crowned shield (*MCE* 381). Revd. V.O. Massingberd gift 1909. (LCC 851.09).
- 81 *Guinea*. 1777. Similar to last. (*MCE* 382). Mr. J.H. Smith gift 1950. (LCC 27.50).
- 82 *Guinea*. 1788, fifth bust type. *Rev.* Spade-shaped shield (*MCE* 392) Mr. J.H. Smith gift 1950. (LCC 30.50).
- 83 *Guinea*. 1789 Similar to last. (*MCE* 393) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-52).
- 84 *Guinea*. 1794 Similar to last (*MCE* 398) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-53).
- 85 *Guinea*. 1795 Similar to last. (*MCE* 399) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-54).
- 86 *Guinea*. 1798 Similar to last. (*MCE* 402) Mr. J.H. Smith gift 1950. (LCC 31.50).
- 87 *Half guinea*. 1801, sixth bust type. *Rev.* Crowned shield within garter (*MCE* 439). Mr. J.H. Smith gift 1950. (LCC 32.50).







- 88 *Half guinea*. 1813, seventh bust type. (MCE 448) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-61).
- 89 *Third guinea*. 1802, first bust type. *Rev.* Large crown. (MCE 454) *Revd.* V.O. Massingberd gift 1909. (LCC 852.09).
- 90 *Third guinea*. 1804, second bust type. (MCE 456) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-59).
- 91 *Third guinea*. 1810 Similar to last. (MCE 460) Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-60).
- 92 *Quarter guinea*. 1762 *Rev.* Crowned shield (MCE 463). Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-45).
- 93 *Quarter guinea*. 1762 Similar to last. Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-46).
- 94 *Quarter guinea*. 1762 Similar to last. *Revd.* V.O. Massingberd gift 1909. (LCC 853.09).
- 95 *Half sovereign*. 1817 *Obv.* Laureate bust right, date below *Rev.* Crowned shield (MCE 467) Mr. J. H. Smith gift 1950. (LCC 33.50).
- VICTORIA (1837 – 1901)**
- 96-9 *Five pounds, two pounds, sovereign and half sovereign*. From the 1887 proof set.

The coins share a common design with a left facing bust wearing a small crown and on the reverse St. George and the dragon. (Not illustrated). Mr. J. W. Usher bequest 1921. (LUG 1590-91-4).

**EDWARD VII (1901-10)**

- 100 *Sovereign*. 1902 (MCE 621) No recorded provenance. (LCC no no.).
- 101 *Half sovereign*. 1902 (MCE 630) No recorded provenance. (LCC no no.).

**GEORGE V (1910 – 35)**

- 102 *Half sovereign*. 1911 (MCE 639) Miss F.E.T. Maddison gift 1950. (LCC 85.50).

**SCOTLAND**

**JAMES V (1513 – 42)**

- 103 *Bonnet piece*. 1540 *Obv.* Bearded bust of King right wearing bonnet IACOBVS 5 DEI GRA R SCOTOR *Rev.* HONOR REGIS IVDICIVM DILIGIT (The King's power loveth judgement - Psalm xcix.4). ← 5.63/86.9 Mr. J.W. Usher bequest 1921; ex Alexander Mann sale (Sotheby, 29/31 October 1917) lot 437. (LUG 1590-107).

**DISPLAY**

All the coin collections in the Lincolnshire Museums Service have now been concentrated in the Usher Gallery, Lincoln. A special gallery was open in 1976 and most of the coins included in this catalogue are on display there.

**ARRANGEMENTS**

The coins are arranged in chronological order. All except the most recent issues are illustrated. Each entry contains a basic description of the coin together with details of the weight in grains and grammes, the die axis, identification according to a standard reference work, details of previous publication, the names of previous owners and any find spot. The museum accession number is given at the end of each entry. A translation of the Latin legend is given.

**Abbreviations**

- GM Lincolnshire Museums: Grantham Museum, Grantham.
- LCC Lincolnshire Museums: City and County Museum, Lincoln.
- LUG Lincolnshire Museums: Usher Gallery, Lincoln.
- Obv.* Obverse.
- mm Mintmark or initial mark.
- Rev.* Reverse.



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