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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
- Seaby's Coin & Medal Bulletin: e.g. Oct.1981 {article by D.G.Vorley}

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“Unpublished Tokens of the Church of Scotland”, by R.Kerr and J.R.Lockie {1940-41}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 {1952-53}

Note that most of the above are online; see App.B for details

- “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 {Old}

- “Collection de Plombs Historiés trouvés dans la Seine”, by Arthur Forgeais. In French.
 - Vol.1: “Corporations de Métiers {Paris, 1862}
 - Vol.3: “Variétés Numismatiques” {Paris 1864}
 - Vol.5: “Numismatique Populaire” {Paris 1866}
- “Numismatique des Corporations Parisiennes, Métiers etc. d’après les Plombs Historiés trouvés dans la Seine”, by Arthur Forgeais {Paris 1874}. In French; effectively, vol.6 of the above. Vols.2,4 relate to religious lead artefacts other than tokens, and are hence not listed here.
- “Méreaux de Bienfaisance Ecclésiastiques et Religieux de la Ville de Bruges”, by Alphonse de Schodt {Brussels 1875-78}. In French.
- “Essai d’un Dictionnaire Descriptif General des Méreaux Belges”, by Jean Justice {1907/13}, reprinted by Jean de Mey as part of his Numismatic Pocket {NP} book series.
 - Vol.1, NP29: A-L {Brussels, late 1970s?}
 - Vol.2, NP33: M-Z {Brussels, 1982}

The main Belgian numismatic journal, *Revue Belge de Numismatique* {RBN}, contains a large number of articles on méreaux, the most sizeable of which are listed in App.A; as yet I have not investigated them in any depth, and cannot say how many of them (i) refer to lead or (ii) cover the type of material normally referred to in LTT. Some of them certainly do, but not all. A number of them are online; RBN also contains a large number of smaller articles and items of correspondence referring to méreaux, often individual pieces.

EUROPEAN BOOKS ON LEAD AND RELATED MATTERS {Modern}

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

TESSERAE {Numismatic works}

- “De Plumbeis Antiquorum Numismatibus”, by F.Ficoroni {Rome, 1750}. In Latin; excellent line drawings of 695 pieces, although some have queried the degree of realism, and wondered whether Ficorini was sometimes allowing himself artistic licence to amuse his audience.
- “Étude sur les Plombs Antiques”, combined with “Catalogue des Plombs de l’Antiquité”, by M.Rostovtsev in conjunction with M.Prou {Paris 1900, bringing together a set of articles previously published in the “Revue Numismatique”, the journal of the French Numismatic Society, between 1897

and 1900. The catalogue relates to the collection of the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

- "Tesserarum Urbis Romae et Suburbi", by M.Rostovtsev {St.Petersburg, 1903}. Partly in Russian, partly in Latin. Modern reprint {Italian} available in Latin only. List 3600+ pieces, of which a small proportion are illustrated.
- "Römische Bleimarken in der Staatlichen Münzsammlung München. Eine Quelle zur Sozial und Wirtschaftsgeschichte Roms", by M.Overbeck {Munich 1995}. In German; illustrates 710 pieces.
- "Römische Bleimarken im Civiche Raccolte Numismatiche di Milano", by M.Overbeck {Milan 2001}. In German; illustrates 625 pieces, and contains some useful further bibliography.

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}

"Lead Seals of Russian Origin in Fife", by John Sullivan {Tayside and Fife Arch.Journal Vol.6, 2000, p.211-227}

"The Sealing of Cloth in Europe", by Walter Endrei & Geoff Egan {Textile History Vol.13, 1982, p.47-75}

"Russian Lead Bale Seals" by Dr.John Sullivan {Heritage, to be published shortly}.

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 {3 vols}. 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

Vol. VII: City of London

One or two further volumes, including Middlesex, are expected later.

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.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS CONTAINING REFERENCES TO LEAD TOKENS

“Mediaeval Waterforn Development at Trig Lane, London” by Gustav & Chrissie Milne {London & Middlesex Arch.Soc, 1982}

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}

PUB, SHOP AND OTHER SIGNS

“London Signs” ,by Bryant Lillywhite {George Allen & Unwin, 1971}

“Sign Boards of Old London Shops”, by Sir Ambrose Heal {Portman, 1957}

POOR LAW ADMINISTRATION

"On the Parish? the Micropolitics of Poor Relief in Rural England" by Steve Hindle. {Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2004}

"Almshouse: A Social & Architectural History" by Brian Howson. {History Press, 2008}

Whilst not covering the lead token period, “Life in the Victorian and Edwardian Workhouse” by Michelle Higgs {Tempus, 2007} contains some interesting material, a little of which may have its origins in an earlier period.

ECONOMIC HISTORY POTENTIALLY RELATED TO LEAD TOKENS

- “Six Centuries of Work and Wages: The History of English Labour” by J.E.Thorold Rogers {pub. 1884, frequently reprinted}. Describes the reasons for fluctuations in the cost of what money would buy and people would earn.
- “A History of Agriculture and Price in England”, by J.E.Thorold Rogers {pub. variously 1866-1902}. Long lists of statistical data on what cost what when.
- Vols.1-2: 1259-1400
- Vols.3-4: 1401-1582
- Vols.5-6: 1583-1702
- Vols.7a,7b: 1703-1793

OTHER SOCIAL HISTORY POTENTIALLY RELATED TO LEAD TOKENS

“Silent Fields” by Roger Lovegrove {Oxford Univ.Press, 2007}. A history of the deliberate killing of British wildlife, hinting at some of the possible reasons for issue of lead tokens of types 18 and 19.

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Appendix A: Articles on Lead Méreaux from Revue Belge de Numismatique

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vol.</u>		<u>Pages</u>
1845-46	2	Recherches sur les méreaux capitulaires de l'ancienne cathédrale d'Arras, par M. L. Dancoisne	11
1847	3	Recherches sur les corporations des métiers de la ville de Maestricht et sur leurs méreaux, par M. A. Perreau	61
1848	4	Méreaux d'Ypres, par M. C.P. Serrure	7
1851	7	Recherches sur les méreaux d'Audenarde et d'Eyne, par M. Edmond Vanderstraeten	21
1856	12	Méreaux d'Audenarde — Notes supplémentaires, par M. Ed. Vanderstraeten	11
1857	13	Anciens jetons et méreaux, par M. R. Chalon	17
1858	14	Essai de monographie des méreaux des corporations de métiers des Pays-Bas, par M. A. Perreau	51
1859	15	Deux cents méreaux des corporations de métiers des Pays-Bas, par M. J. Dirks	58
1860	16	Lettre à M. L. De Coster sur quelques jetons et méreaux, par M. Preux	17
1862	18	Quelques observations sur les méreaux d'Arras et de Saint-Omer, par M. Adolphe Dewismes	11
1863	19	Curiosités numismatiques — Monnaies, méreaux et jetons rares ou inédits, par M. R. Chalon (cinquième article)	22
1866	22	Essai d'une monographie des médailles et méreaux des corporations armées des Pays-Bas (1530-1800), par M. J. Dirks	44
1867	23	Quelques méreaux et plombs de marque relatifs à l'Artois, par M. Deschamps de Pas	18
1867	23	Méreaux de Tournay, par M. R. Chalon	8
1867	23	Second supplément à l'essai d'une monographie des médailles et méreaux des corporations armées des Pays-Bas (1559-1800), par M. J. Dirks	6
1871	27	Notice descriptive des méreaux trouvés à Théroouanne, et que l'on peut attribuer à cette ville, par M. Deschamps de Pas	98
1872	28	Notice descriptive des méreaux trouvés à Théroouanne, et que l'on peut attribuer à cette ville (3e article), par M. Deschamps de Pas	29
1873	29	Méreaux de bienfaisance, ecclésiastiques et religieux de la ville de Bruges, par M. De Schodt	64
1873	29	Supplément aux notices sur les méreaux des corporations des métiers des Pays-Bas, par M. J. Dirks	31
1875	31	Le chapitre de Saint-Lambert à Liège et ses méreaux ou jetons de présence, par M. Alph. De Schodt	125
1877	33	Méreaux de bienfaisance, ecclésiastiques et religieux de la ville de Bruges (troisième article), par M. De Schodt	85
1879	35	Numismatique bruxelloise — Essai sur les jetons et méreaux du XIVE siècle au type de Saint-Michel, par Ed. Vanden Broeck	23
1880	36	Quelques mots sur les méreaux des corporations, à propos d'un ouvrage de M. Dirks, par M. Alph. De Schodt	9
1884	40	Quelques anciens méreaux de Tournai et souvenirs qui s'y rattachent, par J. Rouyer	25
1884	40	Les petits méreaux de plomb d'Arras aux types de mailles, par L. Dancoisne	11
1885	41	Méreaux du chapitre de l'église de Saint-Aubain à Namur, par M. Alph. De Schodt	21
1887	43	Jetons et méreaux de charbonnages, par M. Edmond Peny	16
1887	43	Petits méreaux de plomb d'Arras, par L. Dancoisne	9
1887	43	Méreaux de la collégiale de Saint-Jean l'Evangéliste à Liège, par M. Alph. De Schodt	5
1888	44	Méreaux du XIVE siècle et autres concernant la dévotion au Saint-Sacrement de Miracle de Bruxelles, par M. J. Rouyer	30
1888	44	Méreau inédit du chapitre de la collégiale de Saint-Etienne à Dreux, par M. Ch. Préau	14
1890	46	Méreaux inédits du chapitre d'Evreux, par M. Ch. Préau	15
1890	46	Méreaux communaux d'Arras, par M. Dancoisne	7
1890	46	Trois méreaux canusiens, par M. G. Vallier	7
1902	58	Les méreaux des brasseurs d'Anvers, par M. Fernand Donnet	41
1905	61	Jetons et méreaux de charbonnages — Hainaut, IIe partie, par M. Ed. Peny	40
1906	62	Jetons et méreaux du Franc de Bruges, par M. Albert Visart de Bocarmé	53
1909	65	Méreau de l'archiconfrérie du Saint-Sacrement, à Lembeke (Flandre orientale), par M. J. Justice	5
1929	81	Jos. de Beer, Méreaux anversoïis; essai descriptif. Première partie	122
1930	82	Joseph de Beer, Méreaux anversoïis (IIe partie)	232
1933	85	Ch. Gilleman, Méreaux gantoïis. Deuxième série	8
1935	87	G. Baunin (†) et Ch. Gilleman, Troisième série de méreaux gantoïis	8
1937	89	Marcel Hoc, Les méreaux de la Chambre des Pauvres de Courtrai	16

Appendix B: On-line references

B.1. Items referenced on previous pages:

COMMUNION TOKENS:

http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_041/41_453_604.pdf {Brook, 1907}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_075/75_144_150.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1940-41}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_077/77_049_146.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1942-43}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_079/79_026_080.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1944-45}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_081/81_118_133.pdf {Kerr/Lamb, 1946-48}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_084/84_038_056.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1949-50}
http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/adsdata/PSAS_2002/pdf/vol_087/87_118_126.pdf {Kerr/Lockie, 1952-53}

EUROPEAN ARTICLES ON LEAD AND RELATED MATTERS

The Revue Belge de Numismatique {RBN} website is at <http://www.numisbel.be/inhoudstafel.htm>. The index follows the main page and most, but not all, volumes can be obtained via hyperlink {although download times may be a concern}. There are also a number of smaller articles, apart from those listed in App.A