

Another Previously Unpublished, Short-Cross, Fractional *Leeuwengroot* of the County of Holland

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Fractional *leeuwengroten* struck for William V, Count of Holland (1354 - 1389) are fairly rare, and those with a short cross on the reverse (as opposed to a long cross) are even more rare. They are known from a meager handful of specimens.

A new and previously unpublished type of fractional *leeuwengroot* has recently come up for auction.

v.d. Chijs — ^[1]

Van Gelder — ^[2] ^[3]

Grolle — ^[4]

Torongo / van Oosterhout — ^[6]

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Heritage / MPO, May 2021 auction, lot 4858 / 0.55 g.

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This coin has legends and interpunction that are not listed in Grolle's *De Muntslag van de Graven van Holland* book (ref. 3) nor in van der Chijs' *De munten der voormalige graafschappen Holland en Zeeland* (ref. 1). Furthermore, we have never seen such a type ourselves nor published any report on such a coin.

Grolle (ref. 3) lists 2 sorts of short-cross "1/4 *leeuwengroten*" (with a third sort added by van Herwijnen & v.d. Koppel, i.e. **Grolle** —):

17.2.4 B a

17.2.4 B b

[**17.2.4 B c** – added by van Herwijnen & v.d. Koppel, ref. 5]

The new coin under discussion is not a **Grolle 17.2.4 B a** because the obverse legend reads HOLLANDIE and not HOLLAN, and the reverse legend reads GVILELM and not GVILLELMVS. Furthermore, the 8 interpunction on the coin does not technically match any coin reported by Grolle (who does not distinguish between ♂ and 8, and gives only ♂).

The new coin is not a **Grolle 17.2.4 B b** because the obverse legend begins with MONETA and not some form of GVILELM(VS).

The new coin is not a "**Grolle 17.2.4 B c**" (added to Grolle's catalog by van Herwijnen & v.d. Koppel, ref. 5) because the obverse legend begins with MONETA and not some form of GVILELM(VS).

Whether or not the coin is a half *groot*, or a quarter *groot* is up for discussion. In any case, we were unable to find any previous reports of any fractional, short-cross *leeuwengroot* coin struck for William V of Holland with these legends.

According to Grolle (ref. 3):

William V

17.2.4 1/4 *leeuwengroot*

A no coins known

B

a	♣MONETA . HOLLAN ♂	♣GVILLELMVS ♂ DVX ♂ COMES ♂	vdCh IX,13
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b	♣GVILLELMVS ♂ DVX ♂ COM	♣MONETA ♂ HOLLANDIE	vdCh IX,14
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c	♣GVILLELMVS ♂ DVX ♂ COM	♣MONETA ♂ DE H'LANDI[E]	vdCh —
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(Grolle — ^[3] ; Herwijnen / v.d. Koppel ^[5])

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