

Bijdragen aan de muntgeschiedenis van de heerlijkheid en het graafschap Horn (±1270 – 1567)

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Abstract:

*Apart from the 19th century encyclopaedic work by P.O. van der Chijs and the catalogue *Monnaies_seigneuriales_Mosanes* from 1982 by P. Lucas the coinage of the lordship and county of Horn has only been treated fragmentarily. Since then, the study of unknown and less-known sources and literature has revealed new and additional information. The first part of this article focuses on the Middle Ages. The outdated chronology of the lords is abandoned and four particular groups of coins are discussed in detail. It is shown that some coin types cannot be attributed to Horn. The attribution of currencies to either Dirk of Horne, lord of Perwijs, or to Dirk-Loef remains unresolved, as the source materials so far have not revealed anything conclusive. In any case, minting of coin during their government must have been substantial.*

The second part addresses the period of Philips of Montmorency, count of Horn (1541-1568). Authorized by the Roman-German emperor in 1562, he only minted for a short time. From the beginning in 1562 onward the output of the Mint did not comply with the mint ordinances of the Empire and suspension followed already in 1566. The details of this and the story of mint master Van Lommel are described, as are the issued coin types. Considering the emperor's attempts to resolve the prevailing monetary disorder, the fairly easy acquisition of the mint concession is remarkable. It is unclear whether the popular coins of Philips have been imitated elsewhere after his death in 1568 or not. Of new initiatives by the successors of Philips of Montmorency to resume mintage in the county nothing is known.

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