

Previously Unpublished Fractional *Leeuwengroten* of John II of Kuinre (1337 - c. 1360)

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To date, only 1 type of fractional *leeuwengroot*, struck for John II, Lord of Kuinre has been published; in this report we present an additional two types (or sub-types). Each is known from a sole specimen only. There were (at least) 3 types of fractional *leeuwengroot* struck for Herman (Lord of Kuinre c. 1360 - 1376) as well.

(Photographs are reproduced here at the largest size their original resolution would allow.)

• TYPE I

v.d. Chijs —^[2]

Meijer —^[8]

Op den Velde pp. 12-14^[12]

Grolle 4.3.3^[5]



op de Velde, De Beeldenaar, 1977-37^[12]

✠ IO[**h**AN**Ń**]E**ſ** DOM**Ń**
[MO]**Ń** E**T**A DE[C V**Ń**R]

This is the only John of Kuinre, fractional *leeuwengroot* that has been previously published (Op den Velde, ref. 12). According to Op den Velde, it was found somewhere in the Dutch

province of Groningen. The rest of his article is taken up with a general description of the coinage of the area at the time, and an attempt to date this particular type.

Op de Velde's drawing shows **DN**, but we suspect the obverse legend reads **ND**.

Grolle (ref. 5, p. 147) described this coin thusly:

“4.3.3 KWART LEEUWENGROOT

¼ groot, 6 mijt, 4 tournois, 2 d Holl; ca 0.43 g AG, doch snel dalend; 16 mm navolging van de Hollandse kwart leeuwengroot 1354-1358 (HOL 17.2.4A); eveneens gemunt door Reinoud III van Coevorden ca 1356 (COE 3.3.3) en Jan van Egmond op Wieringen ca 1360 (EGM 1.3)

vz klimmende leeuw naar links binnen parelrand en omschrift
kz lang gevoet kruis, omschrift tussen parelranden doorbrekend

a +IOHANNES DOMIN // MON/ETA/DEC/VNR

Op den Velde DB (1977-7) 12* (0.93 licht gesnoeid): MS 9 (0.83 g.) LS 6.552”

Grolle provides the drawing from Op den Velde's article:



Op den Velde, p. 12^[12]
Grolle 4.3.3^[5]

The first unique coin under discussion came to our attention when we were contacted by a numismatist regarding a coin that did not seem to him to be listed anywhere in the available literature. He had himself been contacted by the original finder of the coin.

• TYPE II

v.d. Chijs — [2]
Meijer — [8]
Op den Velde — [12]
Grolle — [5]



Kuinre / 0.78 g. / 17 mm.

✠ I[OHANDES...] DE CON
MON ETÆ DÆC [VRÆ]

Although this piece is similar to the previously published $\frac{1}{4}$ *groot* (?) of John of Kuinre shown above, this coin has a different obverse legend.

Note the use of only gothic **Ɔ**'s on the reverse, where Roman **E**'s were used on the previous type.

Another John of Kuinre coin has appeared on the BONA TIELE website for quite some time, and as far as we can see from the photograph, it seems to be yet another variant sub-type:

• **TYPE III**

v.d. Chijs — [2]

Meijer — [8]

Op den Velde — [12]

Op den Velde pp. 12-14 var. ?

Grolle — [5]

Grolle 4.3.3 var. ?



BONA TIEL detmid174

✠ [IOHANNDE...] DOMICI
MOÑ ETÆ DEC [VÑE]

Our transcription is based upon what we think we can see in the photo. It is conceivable that the obverse legend might actually read: **DOMNI**. In any case, it does not seem to read **DOMIQ** as the *cat. Type I* coin (nor does it seem to read CVNR). Gothic **Œ**'s do not seem to have been used.



DOMNI ?

DOMICI ?

A Final Note

Within a few short months of publication, this note will have become completely irrelevant, but at the time of publication we can inform the reader that the **cat. Type II** coin will soon be making appearance in the upcoming coin auction of a major, European coin firm. The opportunity to purchase this coin will therefore present itself to those who may be interested.



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