

LH93 (E)

Civil War Coin Hoard – Found 1972

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A substantial number of silver coins were found by a Mr. R. C. Tricker during May 1972. They were buried at a depth of 1'6" (450mm) in a trench just outside the wall of his front garden, at no.3 Old School Lane. The find was declared treasure trove at an inquest held at Warwick on the 21st October 1972 and as none of the coins were required for the national collection it was acquired by Warwick Museum and the proceeds paid to Mr. Tricker.

The hoard of 93 coins with a face value of £4.15s.3d were from the reigns of Edward VI, Elizabeth I, James I and Charles I, with dates spanning the period 1551 to 1646. The greatest face value was in coins of Charles I. The hoard contained two oddities one James I. Irish shilling of 1603 and a Scottish shilling of Charles I (1637-42).

The coins are typical of a civil war hoard and the date of the most recent coins indicates that it was probably buried at about the time of the attempted disbandment of the army and seizure of the King in 1648.

The house which is now known as the Old School House is opposite the site of the find and may have been the farmhouse of the Rous, Roos or Rose family at the time. A study of recorded wills of the time could identify the possible original owner.

The coins are currently held in Warwick Museum, but are not on display.
A list of the coins is attached below.

LH93 (E) Lighthorne coin hoard - found 1972 in Old School Lane. Declared treasure trove at inquest at Warwick 21/8/72

	Monarch	Denomination	Date	Obverse	Reverse	Weight (grains)
1	Edward VI	Shilling	1551-3	Tun		93.5
2		Shilling	1551-3	Tun		78.5
3	Elizabeth 1	Shilling	1558-60	Lis		74.2
4		Shilling	1560-1	Cross crosslet		70.7
5		Shilling	1560-1	Cross crosslet		79.2
6		Shilling	1584-7	Escallop		87.4
7		Shilling	1589-92	Hand		89.1
8		Shilling	1589-92	Hand		75.3
9		Shilling	1589-92	Hand		84.1
10		Shilling	1591-4	Tun		83.1
11		Shilling	1591-4	Tun		88.1
12		Shilling	1591-4	Tun		88.9
13		Sixpence	1562	Pheon		42.5
14		Sixpence	1562	Pheon		30.8

15		Sixpence	1567	Lion		39.8
16		Sixpence	1567	Coronet		32.3
17		Sixpence	1567	Coronet		39.5
18		Sixpence	1569	Coronet		41.6
19		Sixpence	1574	Eglantine		41.1
20		Sixpence	1575	Eglantine		38.2
21		Sixpence	1579	Plain Cross		36.9
22		Sixpence	1580	Long Cross		40.2
23		Sixpence	1580	?Long Cross		39.2
24		Sixpence	1582	Bell		41.6
25		Sixpence	1586	Escallop		41.1
26		Sixpence	1591	Hand		43.5
27		Sixpence	1602-3	?		38.9
28		Milled Sixpence	1562	Star		42.9
29	James 1	Shilling	1603-4	Thistle	1st Bust	91.5
30		Shilling	1603-4	Thistle	2nd Bust	78.6
31		Shilling	1604-5	Lys	2nd Bust	88
32		Shilling	1604-5	Lys	3rd Bust	94.3
33		Shilling	1605-6	Rose	4th Bust	90.6
34		Shilling	1605-6	Rose	4th Bust	88.3
35		Shilling	1605-6	Rose	4th Bust	90.2
36		Shilling	1605-6	Rose	4th Bust	86.4
37		Shilling	1605-6	Rose	4th Bust	88.8
38		Shilling	1606-7	Escallop	4th Bust	90.9
39		Shilling	1607-9	Coronet	4th Bust	77.5
40		Shilling	1621-3	Thistle	6th Bust	89.7
41		Shilling	1623-4	Lys	6th Bust	80.7
42		Sixpence	1603	Thistle	1st.Bust	42.6
43		Irish Shilling	1603-4	Bell		63.5
44	Charles 1	Half Crown	1632-3	Harp	Horse 2	226.2
45		Half Crown	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Horse 4	235.1
46		Half Crown	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Horse 4	200.6
47		Half Crown	1643-4	(P)	Horse 3	230.8
48		Half Crown	1643-5	(P) or (R)	Horse 3	221.6
49		Half Crown	1644-5	(R)	Horse 3	241.2
50		Half Crown	1644-5	(R)	Horse 3	228.9
51		Half Crown	1645	Eye	Horse 3	222.1
52		Half Crown	1645-6	Sun	Horse 5	230.2
53		Shilling	1632-3	Harp	Bust D	77.8
54		Shilling	1632-3	Portcullis	Bust D	99.9
55		Shilling	1634-5	Bell	Bust D	84.1
56		Shilling	1635-6	Crown	Bust D	91.3
57		Shilling	1635-6	Crown	Bust D	88.8
58		Shilling	1635-6	Crown	Bust D	91.7
59		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust E	92.6
60		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust D	85.5
61		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust D	83.1
62		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust D	87.3
63		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust D	90.1
64		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust D	93.8
65		Shilling	1636-8	Tun	Bust E	88.6
66		Shilling	1639-40	Triangle over Anchor	Bust F	89.9

67	Shilling	1639-40	Triangle	Bust F	91.6
68	Shilling	1639-40	Triangle	Bust F	94.6
69	Shilling	1639-40	Triangle	Bust F	91.1
70	Shilling	1640-1	Star	Bust F	93.4
71	Shilling	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Bust F	90.7
72	Shilling	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Bust F	91.3
73	Shilling	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Bust F	74.4
74	Shilling	1641-3	Triangle in Circle	Bust F	97.1
75	Shilling	1643-4	(P)	Bust F	97.1
76	Shilling	1643-4	(P)	Bust F	93.4
77	Shilling	1643-4	(P)	Bust F	100.2
78	Shilling	1643-4	(P)	Bust F	90.4
79	Shilling	1643-4	(P)	Bust F	91.5
80	Shilling	1644-5	(R)	Bust F	91.2
81	Shilling	1644-5	(R)	Bust F	91.4
82	Shilling	1644-5	(R)	Bust F	83.5
83	Shilling	1645	Eye	Bust F	94.6
84	Shilling	1645	Eye	Bust F	86.4
85	Shilling	1645-6	Sun	Bust F	91.1
86	Shilling	1645-6	?	Bust F	67.1
87	Shilling	1645-6	Sun	Bust G	92.8
88	Scottish Shilling	1637-42	Third Coinage	Thistle	89.2
89	Sixpence	1634-5	Bell	Bust D	44.6
90	Sixpence	1635-6	Crown	Bust D	43.6
91	Sixpence	1638-9	Anchor	Bust E	43.3
92	Sixpence	1639-40	Triangle	Bust F	43.7
93	Sixpence	1640-1	Star	Bust F	46.6