

*SUMMARY***PRIVATE HUNGARIAN COINAGE FROM SIGISMUND
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The paper describes coins issued, with royal approval, by magnates and some institutions in medieval Hungary. These special editions of gold guldens, denars (and its factions), obols and pennies (pfennigs) differed from regular royal coins only in the marks identifying the persons (and institutions) they were minted for, and the chamberlains and minters who struck them, and who otherwise also struck regular royal money. These were private editions that numismatists define as “coins minted for” and not “coins minted by”. They were not produced on the basis of the right to issue coins, nor did the person (institution) to which they belonged necessarily have its own mint. They were struck in existing royal mints which they leased, to pay for war expenses or other debts. The author separates this material from the total body of Hungarian numismatics and systematizes it chronologically, according to monetary types, categories of persons and institutions for which it was minted, as well as markings. This method of coinage throws a light on the historical-social-monetary-political context and its participants, and has enabled separating this material into a completely distinct entity within the overall numismatic corpus. Several earlier approaches, judged here as obvious and major errors, have undergone corrections.