

Amsterdam



Figure 1: The location of the city of Amsterdam plotted on the map of the Netherlands.

In the year 1662 the price of corn rose to such a height that the rulers of the city of Amsterdam decided that this situation was unacceptable for many population-groups in the city. The rulers of the city decided to give a discount of 1 or a half 'stuiver' on a rye bread with a regular price of 6 'stuivers'. For obtaining this discount a lead token was needed. These lead tokens were distributed by the administrator of the quarter.

The token has on one side between two standing lions the crowned coat of arms of the city of Amsterdam. On the other side is the letter W beneath a number. The letter W stands for 'Wijk' (=quarter) and the number is a reference to the relevant quarternumber.

Literature

Loon, G. van, 1731. Beschryving der Nederlandsche Historiepenningen.

Version	Reason of issue
1.0	Initial version

Catalogue

Catalogue number

- 1.
- 2.
3. 1662
4. 28 / 28 / 3 [mm]
- 5a. Lead
- 5b. Cast type
- 5c. Between two standing lions the coat of arms of the city of Amsterdam / W beneath number 28
- 6.
7. Token for getting discount on rye bread
8. Netherlands, Amsterdam, quarter 28
- 9.

