The many faces of Duchess Matilda: matronage, motherhood and mediation in the twelfth century
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Appendix:
Twelfth-century coins depicting husbands and wives
Prince Pribislav Henry of Brandenburg (r. 1127-† 1150) & Petrisa — no children
(Pribislav made Albrecht the Bear his heir)

1 Silver, 0.82 g, + HEIN . . . . .  + PETRISSA
Issued before 1150, at the end of Pribislav Henry’s life. Both portrayed half-length, Pribislav Henry with sword and cross-topped banner and Petrisa with sceptre (?). Deutsches Historisches Museum Berlin, Inv. Nr. N 496/48 (MfDG)

Frederick Barbarossa (r. 1152-† 1190) & Adelaide of Vohburg (* 1128-† 1187) — Married 1147, annulled in 1153, no children

2a Silver, 42 mm, 0.77 g, + FRIDERICVS REX
Issued at Erfurt? / Tilleda?, 1152-1155. Found at Anusin (Poland). Both seated on arches, heads in three-quarter profile. Frederick in the middle at half length, wearing a crown and holding a sceptre in his right hand and globe with a cross in his left. Left is a secular man with a sword. Right Adelaide (seated?) wearing a crown. Over their heads are three arches and architecture.

2b Silver, 34 mm, 0.71 g, + FRIDERICVS REX
Issued at Erfurt? / Tilleda?, 1152-1155. Found at Hemleben. Three people are depicted under arches. Frederick in the middle at half length, wearing a crown and holding a sceptre in his right hand and globe with a cross in his left. Left is a secular man with a sword. Right Adelaide (seated?) wearing a crown. Over their heads are three arches and architecture.

3a Silver, 27 mm, 0.69 g, FRIDERIC
Issued at Gelnhausen, ca. 1170/80. Found at Lichtenberg. Frederick (left) wearing a crown, holding a globe (?) in his right hand and a sceptre in his left. Beatrice (right) with crown and pointing her hand towards Frederick, perhaps also holding the sceptre. Both portrayed standing, half length behind a balustrade that bears the legend.

3b Silver, 26 mm, 0.78 g, FRIDERICVS I-M
Issued at Frankfurt am Main? / Gelnhausen?, ca. 1170. Frederick (right) wearing a crown and holding a globe and holding a topped cross rod. Beatrice (left) wearing a crown and holding a lily sceptre in her left hand.

Frederick Barbarossa (r. 1152-† 1190) & Beatrice of Burgundy (* 1145-† 1184) — Married 1156, eleven children

2c Silver, 40 mm, 0.75 g, + FRIDERICVS REX
 Issued at Erfurt? / Tilleda?, 1152-1155. Found at Hemleben. Three people are depicted under arches. Frederick in the middle at half length, wearing a crown and holding a sceptre in his right hand and globe with a cross in his left. Left is a secular man with a sword. Right Adelaide (seated?) wearing a crown. Over their heads are three arches and architecture.

 Frederic, Barbarossa
 (r. 1152-† 1190) & Adelaide of Vohburg (* 1128-† 1187) — Married 1147, annulled in 1153, no children

3a Silver, 42 mm, 0.77 g, FRIDERIC
Issued at Gelnhausen, ca. 1170/80. Found at Lichtenberg. Frederick (left) wearing a crown, holding a sceptre and a cross in his right hand. Both seated on an open book in front of him and holding a crown in their left hand.

3b Silver, 34 mm, 0.71 g, FRIDERICVS REX
Issued in Hagen, 1154-1155. Found at Amritz (Poland). Frederick in the middle at half length, wearing a crown and holding a sceptre in his right hand and globe with a cross in his left. Beatrice (right) with crown and holding a sceptre in her left hand.

3c Silver, 26 mm, 0.78 g, FRIDERICVS I-M
Issued at Frankfurt am Main? / Gelnhausen?, ca. 1170. Frederick (right) wearing a crown and holding a globe and holding a topped cross rod. Beatrice (left) wearing a crown and holding a lily sceptre in her left hand.
Margrave Albrecht the Bear of Brandenburg (r. 1123-† 1170) & Sophie of Formbach-Winzenburg (1105-† 1160) — Married 1124, thirteen children

4a
Silver, 33 mm, 0.83 g, ADELBERT MARCHI-O
Issued in region Anhalt, 1160-61, found at Freckleben (Anhalt)
Both portrayed in full-length. Albrecht, dressed in armor, is holding a shield. Together with Sophie he holds the banner.
Münzkabinett SMB, acc. 1860/464; obj. nr. 18201080.

4b
Silver, 32 mm, 0.92 g, ADELBERT MARCHI-O
Issued in region Anhalt, 1160-61
Both portrayed in full-length. Albrecht, dressed in armor, is holding a shield. Together with Sophie he holds the banner.
Münzkabinett SMB, acc. 1842 Rühle; obj. nr. 18217719.

Count Walter II of Arnstein (r. 1135-† 1166) & Ermengard von Hecklingen († before 1194) — Walter III was their only child

5
Silver, 32 mm, 0.89 g, no legend.
Issued in region Anhalt, 1150-1166, found at Freckleben (Anhalt)
Both portrayed as busts under the arches (windows) of a two-towered building that is topped by an eagle.
Münzkabinett SMB, acc. 1860/464; obj. nr. 18201085.
Online cat. Münzkabinett; Die Zeit der Staufer 1977, vol. 1: 145 no. 189.71 and ill. 110.3.

Duke and King Vladislav II of Bohemia (r. 1140-† 1174) & Judith of Thuringia († after 1174) — Married 1153, two sons and a daughter

6
Silver, 0.75 g, unreadable Hebrew legend.
Issued in Bautzen or Görlitz.
Vladislav (right) wearing a crown. A lily-sceptre between Vladislav and Judith.
Other specimens are in Menadier 1891-1898, vol. 1: 123, ill. A and C. Double-sided coin in Dannenberg 1881: 204; Menadier 1891-1898, vol. 1: 127 with ill.; and Fiala 1880-1890: 37, nos. 497-[?].

Duke Henry the Lion of Saxony and Bavaria (r. 1145-† 1193) & Clementia of Zähringen († 1167) — Married 1147, annulled in 1162, one daughter and son (died during infancy)

7
Silver, 31 mm, 0.84 g.
Issued at Brunswick, ca. 1150.
Two heads flanking a tower. Probably Henry at the left and Clementia at the right. Under two arches a lion facing right is depicted.
DUKE HENRY THE LION OF SAXONY AND BAVARIA (r. 1145-† 1195) & MATILDA (* 1156-† 1189) — ENGAGED 1168, ONE DAUGHTER, FOUR SONS

Silver, 32 mm, 0.75 g, O[PIEO mirrored], L[EOEL mirrored].
DUX, HENRICUS, LEO, A[PIEO mirrored], A[DIOEL mirrored].
Issued at Brunswick, found at Aegidius monastery Brunswick.
Both portrayed at half-length and holding a sceptre. An arch flanked by two towers and topped with a third one. Under the arch a walking lion facing left.
Städtisches Museum Braunschweig, Inv.no. 400017.

DUKE SOBESLAV II OF BOHEMIA (r. 1173-1178, † 1180) & ELISABETH OF POLAND (* 1152-† 1209) — MARRIED 1173/1174, NO HEIRS

Silver, 31 mm, 1.05 g. COMES, OLRICVS DE TVRGOVE
Issued at Torgau (Upper Saxony), 1187-1206.
Obverse with two seated figures facing each other and in gesture of conversation. Left a woman (duchess) in long dress and right the duke (?) with crown and sceptre.

COUNT ULRICH OF WETTIN (r. 1187-† 1206) & FIRST WIFE (MARRIED IN 1184) OR SECOND WIFE HEDWIG OF BALLENSTEDT — MARRIED AFTER 1204, ONE SON WHO DIED AGED TWELVE

Silver, 32 mm, 0.75 g, COMES, OLRICVS DE TVRGOVE
Issued at Torgau (Upper Saxony), 1187-1206.
Both figures seated under an arch, resting one hand in the lap, raising the other towards each other. No attributes.
Minzkabinett, SMB, acc. 1892 Dannenberg, obj.nr. 1623778.
Online cat. Minzkabinett.
King Premysl Ottokar I of Bohemia (r. 1192–1193, 1197–† 1230) & Second Wife Constance of Hungary († 1240) — Married 1198/99, nine children

**12a**
Silver, 18 mm, 1.17 g. Obverse: a roaring lion with raised tail. Reverse: CV ... On the reverse behind a small wall with arches the king and queen are depicted next to each other in half-length. King raises right hand. 

**12b**
Silver, 19 mm, 1.33 g. Obverse: + ... ON ... enthroned and crowned king holding a lily-sceptre in his right. Reverse: ... NO ... EϽ ... behind a small wall with narrow tower the queen is depicted portrayed at half-length. Her right arm is stretched forward (holding a book?).
Fiala 1888–90: 58, no. 568. See also two other specimens are known in Fiala nos. 571 and 572.

Emperor Henry VI (* 1165, r. 1190–† 1197) & Constance of Sicily (* 1154–† 1198) — Married 1186, Constance was regent for her son Frederick II in 1198

**13a**
Silver, 30 mm, 0.81 g, HEINRICVS IMP. Issued at Frankfurt am Main?/Gelnhausen?, 1190–1197, found Odenwald. Both enthroned. Henry (left) is wearing a crown and holding a cross-scepter in his right hand and a orb with a cross in his left hand. Constance also wears a crown and holds a short lily-sceptre or flower in her right hand. Between their legs a small tower is depicted.

**13b**
Silver, 19 mm, 0.86 g, HE INPERATOR (obverse) + C INPER-ATRIX (reverse). Issued at Brindisi (Apulia), 1194–1196 (since 1194 Henry was king of Sicily). The obverse is decorated with a cross and two stars and the reverse is decorated with AR under an Omega arch.