

WESEL

Some two-disc Wesel seals have been published (Wesel 1991, frontispiece, 260-1 D3a and 265 D12). The town's bombasines appear in seventeenth-century books listing the duty payable on goods imported into England; 'wezell fustians' are rated at £2 in the book of (?)1609, and at £8 under Charles II (James 1857, 155). Dating to the end of the sixteenth/seventeenth century seems appropriate for the following seals.

The textile imprint on a two-part Wesel seal is of a regular tabby-woven fabric, with a group of floated threads in the warp direction, some Z-spun, and bound by the weft; c.14 warp and c.15 weft threads per 10mm. The town's four-part seals may well be of slightly later date, but the fabric(s) could have remained the same.

Seals very similar to Nos. 316-8, but with double Bs, are known for the neighbouring town of Bocholt (Fig. 42).

The following inner discs have integrally cast devices.

No. 316 Fig. 42

Inner disc from four-part seal; d.34mm; traces of gilding (see Appendix 3).

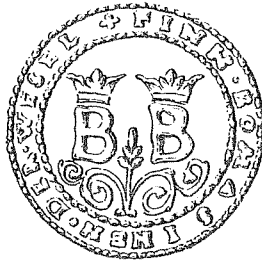
two crowned Bs, scrolling below, (FINN) ..OMASI(I)..N· DER WESEL around

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Parallels show the legend would be *finn bomasinen der Wesel* - 'fine bombasine of Wesel'.



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Fig.42 German seals - 315 Mansfeld, 316 and 319 Wesel (with parallel from Bocholt), 320 unidentified German town