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## The President's Corner

I am saddened to report that Dr. Radford Stearns, a Director of the ANA, passed away August 31 after a long illness fighting Leukemia. As you recall, Dr. Stearns was our guest speaker at our April meeting, and he gave a fine program on "History of the Western World in 28 Coins". As a longtime numismatic enthusiast and supporter, his many collecting friends will miss Dr. Stearns.

We had a fine program last month presented by Harold Fears on "1813 Jersey Tokens". This month Mike Ford on "Seated Dollars", who has specialized on collecting these beautiful coins, will bring our program. Be sure to attend.

Don't forget to bring something from your collection for our "Show and Tell" portion of our meeting.

See you on September 22.

Sincerely,

Bob Jaques

President

## Collecting Hawaiian Currency

*By Bob Jaques*

Several months ago I wrote an article about collecting the coins of Hawaii struck in 1883 at the San Francisco mint, but not about their currency. That is because they did not have their own paper money at that time.

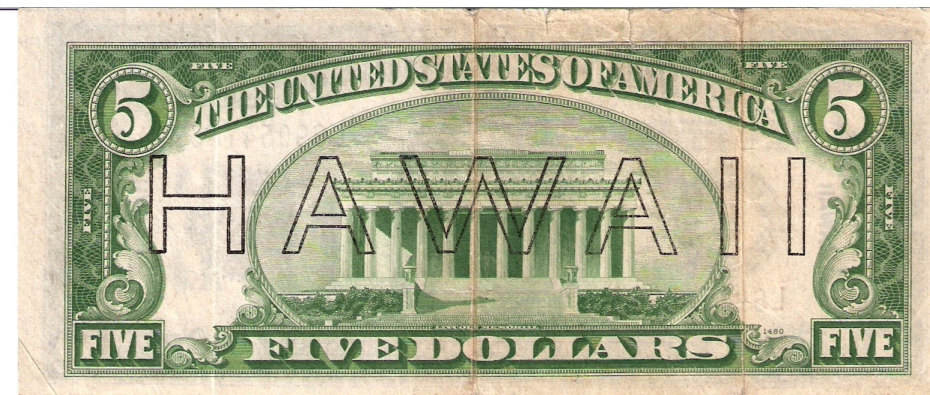
It was not until shortly after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii that the Islands had any currency with the overprint "**HAWAII**" on them. These bills, commonly referred to as WW II Emergency Notes, were issued in July, 1942, and were printed in four denominations: one, five, ten, and twenty dollars. These were the only notes allowed into the country unless personally approved by the Governor of Hawaii for a special reason.

The one dollar note was a silver certificate, but was printed with a brown seal and serial numbers instead of the customary blue seal and blue serial numbers common for silver certificates. The five, ten, and twenty dollar notes were Federal Reserve notes, and they also had brown seals and serial numbers. On the obverse of each of the four denominations was the word "**HAWAII**" in large bold letters, and on the reverse was the word "**HAWAII**" in large block letters.

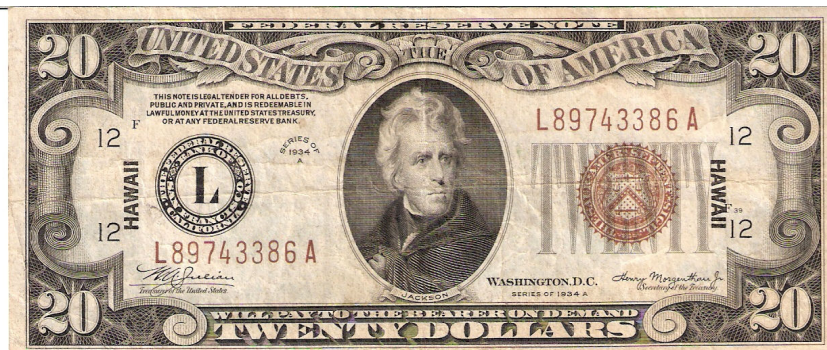
Why were these bills printed? Simply as a precaution against inflation, counterfeiting, and economic disaster in case the Japanese were to advance and occupy the Islands. By having the words "**HAWAII**" on the currency then the residents would know which bills were genuine to use. Also, in case large quantities were captured, then the U.S. Government could easily declare them useless.

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By late October 1944, the emergency monetary conditions were officially declared ended, and normal currency returned for everyday transactions. These "HAWAII" bills continued to circulate freely long after the war as they were still legal currency.

Today examples can be fairly easy to obtain in circulated condition for a nominal amount. However, uncirculated examples command a higher price due to their scarcity.

If you want to take an interesting numismatic path then try assembling a set of these four WW II Emergency Notes with the "HAWAII" overprint on them.

## Why not bring a friend to the next meeting?

### Inclement Weather Notice

If the Huntsville City Schools are closed due to inclement weather, then the Huntsville Senior Center is closed. There will be no club meeting if the Huntsville Senior Center is closed. Local TV and radio stations will give notice of any Huntsville school closure. ■

### Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter (see back page for address). Notices will be limited to a maximum of 8 lines, including the name and contact information. The person entering the notice must answer all responses to notices. Preference will be given in the following order to notices when the page is oversubscribed in a single month:

1. Research Notices
2. Wanted Items
3. Trades Offered
4. For Sale Items

**Looking for world coins or tokens with sailing ships, or dragons.** Interested in crowns, and smaller denominations. Silver, Cupero-Nickel, bronze, Aluminum and the like. Contact Mark at [TheLarsens@bellsouth.net](mailto:TheLarsens@bellsouth.net)

**Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens.** Contact: Richard at [ANALMRJ@gmail.com](mailto:ANALMRJ@gmail.com) or 256-337-5092

**Looking for numismatic information concerning the Island of Jersey, Channel Islands.** Especially interested in magazine or newspaper articles. Contact: Harold at [hkfears@knology.net](mailto:hkfears@knology.net) or 256-881-6268.

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## Jersey 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a Shilling

By Harold Fears

The first coin listed in *The Standard Catalog of World Coins* for Jersey is the 1841 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling or the Jersey farthing. This coin has a mintage of 116,000. The only other 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling coin is the very rare proof only issue of 1861.



*The obverse of the 1841 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling*



*The reverse of the 1841 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling*

The 1861 coin was not minted for circulation, but only for collectors. Because of die clashing, striations are

visible on the obverse. The reverse also has markings of the obverse die.

The 1841 coin is hard to locate in decent grades, while the 1861 proof is next to impossible to find anywhere.



*The obverse of the proof only 1861 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling*



*The reverse of the proof only 1861 1/52<sup>nd</sup> of a shilling*

Next month, we will take a look at the copper 1/26<sup>th</sup> of a shilling series. ■

## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Senior Center in Huntsville in the Ceramics Room. We meet on the fourth Monday each month except for May and December. Meetings start at 6:30 and typically end around 8:30. The Thomas W. Davidson, Sr. Senior Center is located at 2200 Drake Ave. SW, Huntsville, AL 35803.

### JANUARY 28

Speaker: Bob Jaques

### FEBRUARY 25

Charles Cataldo presents "*The State of the Coin Market*"

### MARCH 24

Speaker: Dennis Schafluetzel, President of Georgia Numismatic Association, presents "*Carpenter Promotes, Combines and Rebuilds and Bankrupts AL & Chattanooga Railroad*"

### APRIL 28

Speaker American Numismatic Association (ANA) Governor Radford Stearns presents "*The History of the Western World in 28 Coins*"

### JUNE 23

Annual potluck and bourse night.

### JULY 28

Speaker Richard Jozefiak presents "*The Modern Sovereign and Half-Sovereign: Gold Coins of the British Empire From 1817 to Today*"

### AUGUST 25

Speaker Harold Fears presents "*The 1813 Jersey Tokens*"

### SEPTEMBER 22

Speaker Mike Ford talk is "*Seated Dollars*"

### OCTOBER 27

Speaker: Robert Patrick

### NOVEMBER 24

Annual Thanksgiving Celebration.

## September is Dime Month

September is dime month. So whether you wish to trade, sell, or buy some key dates, the coin club's August meeting is the place to be!



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