

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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The President's Corner

We started our first meeting of the year with a good attendance. We had a total of 24 people in our meeting room, which included 9 guests. If you were one of our regular members who could not make it, we want you to know you were certainly missed.

As you know, the first of the year means it is time to pay our annual club dues. Our activities and raffle prizes are determined by our dues so please see Mike and pay for 2010. Many thanks.

The Georgia Numismatic Association, which hosts the big coin show in Dalton, Georgia in April, has given us the opportunity to buy some raffle tickets to win some gold coins. Our Club is a member of the GNA.

Our program this month is by Charles Cataldo, who will talk about the current state of the coin market. A longtime local coin dealer, Charles is very knowledgeable on this subject. Be sure to attend and hear what is hot and what is not in the coin market today. Mark your calendars for the next meeting **February 22nd.**

Sincerely,
Bob

Jersey Ship Building Pound Series

By Harold Fears

During the nineteenth century Jersey enjoyed great economic expansion, largely due to the important influence of the shipbuilding industry. To salute this age-old craft the Royal Mint was commissioned to strike a series of seven one Pound coins. Six of the coins depict locally built vessels while a seventh bears a representation of the official seal of the Bailiwick in use from 1844 to 1870. The choice of ships was determined to show the great diversity of ship building in the States.

They are:

1. the *Tickler* (a schooner),
2. the *Percy Douglas* (a vintage full rigged ship),
3. the *Hebe* (a brig),
4. the *Bailiwick Seal*,
5. the *Gemini* (a barque),
6. the *Century* (a brigantine), and
7. the *Resolute* (a top sail schooner)

Things to note about this series of coins:

- The reverse of each coin is the work of Royal Mint engraver Robert Evans.
- An edge inscription CAESAREA INSULA, the name given to the island by the Roman Antonius in AD 300, meaning "Island of Jersey" also features on all of these one pound coins.
- Gold, 22 carats 19.65grams, proof coins were

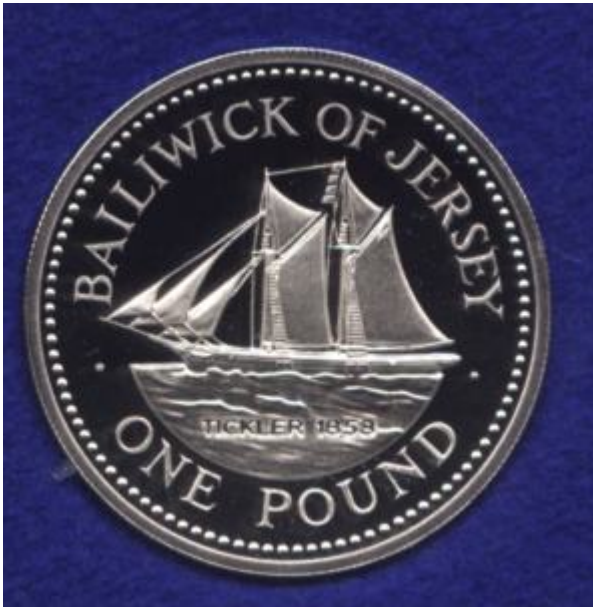
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authorized with a mintage of 250.

- Proof coins containing 11.68 grams of silver with a maximum mintage of 3,000 were also minted for each issue.
- Uncirculated coins were available in blister packs.
- Coins for circulation were also minted for each issue.



The Tickler Pound

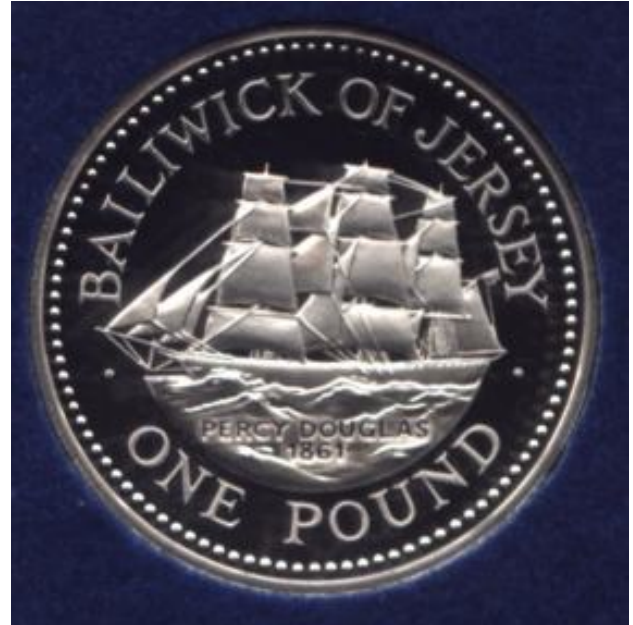
The first coin in the series depicts a schooner, the Tickler. This two masted schooner was built in Jersey in 1858 for the Le Boutilier Company. The Tickler with a weight of 93 tons, measured 93 feet long, had a beam of 19 feet and drew some 10 feet of water. She plied the trade routes of northern Europe and the Mediterranean, with occasional voyages to Newfoundland.



The Tickler

After ten years in service, the *Tickler* was mortgaged

with the Jersey Joint Stock Bank and was subsequently sold to Charles Robin and Company. Some three years later Robin and Company, a principal ship owning company on the island took control of the *Tickler*. Because of financial difficulties the schooner, along with other vessels, was sold to France in 1888. She was last mentioned in the Lloyd's List in 1864.

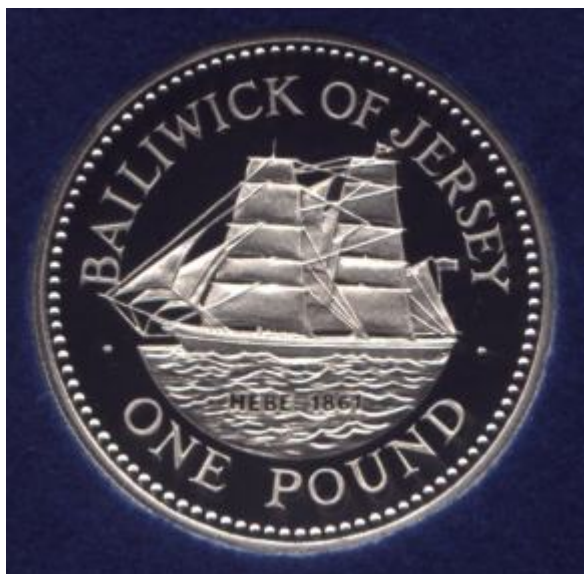


The Percy Douglas Pound

This coin, the second in the series, features the Percy Douglas, a three-masted ship named after Major General Sir Robert Percy Douglas, then Lieutenant Governor of Jersey. Although the Percy Douglas was built in Beaumont, Jersey by Edward Allen, it was registered in Liverpool to Thomas Hayley to whom the ship was awarded when Edward Allen went bankrupt. Registered as 781 tons and launched on 8 August 1861, the Percy Douglas worked the China routes until 14 December 1871 when it was finally wrecked after running aground off Rangoon, India.



The Percy Douglas



The Hebe Pound

The third coin in the series depicts a two masted brig, the Hebe. The Hebe was built by Daniel Le Vesconte of First Tower and owned by the Le Boutilier Company. This brig, launched in January 1861, weighed 236 tons, measured 119 feet long with a beam of 24 feet and had a draft of 13 feet. She plied her trade on the North Sea and the North Atlantic. She was also used to ferry emigrant workers from Europe to Canada. She was wrecked in October 1887 on Bryon Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. And by the way, Hebe was the daughter of Hera and Zeus and the sister of Ares and Eleithyia. She is the goddess of youthful beauty and the cupbearer of the Olympus, later to be replaced by Ganymedes. She married Herakles after he won immortality.



The Hebe



The Jersey Shield Pound

The reverse of this coin, the fourth in series, features the Bailiwick Seal, a square shield Coat of Arms originating from those granted to the Island of Jersey by Edward I in 1279.

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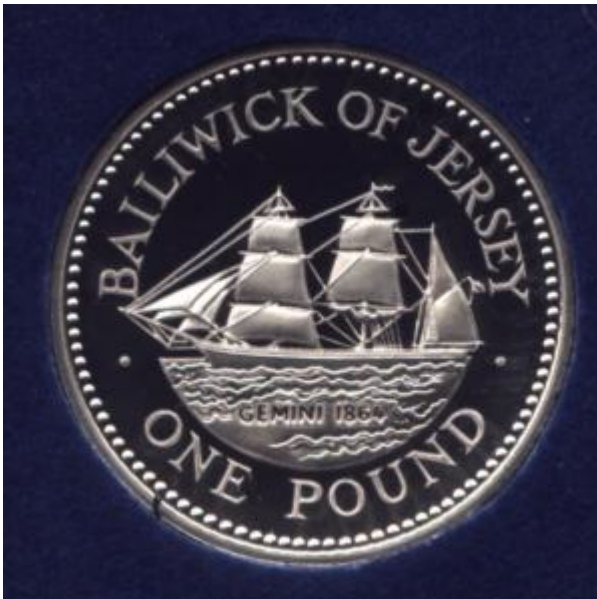
Membership Dues

Your 2010 dues can be paid at the next meeting, or if you wish, you can send in your check to:

Mike Campbell
801 Randall Road
Huntsville, AL 35802

Membership	Amount Due
Regular	\$15.00
	Senior Rate
	\$12.00
Spouse (same address as Regular member)	\$5.00
Young Numismatist (YN)- Persons 17 years or younger.	\$5.00
Young Numismatist	\$5.00
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Family (all members of a family with the same address)	\$25.00

Please make check payable to Madison County Coin Club. Please support MCCC by promptly renewing you membership.

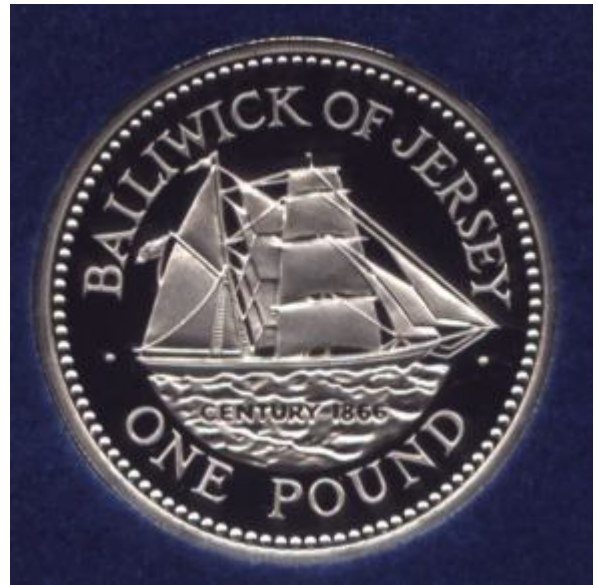


The Gemini Pound

This coin, the fifth in the series, features the Gemini, a three-masted barque built by Daniel Le Vesconte of First Tower for Messrs. Deslandes and Pallot. The Gemini was registered as 430 tons and launched on 7 May 1864, making voyages to China, South America, the West Indies and New York. Records indicate that the crew was paid 2.5 pounds per month and the mate received no less than 5 pounds. She was eventually broken up in Singapore in 1880 after being declared unseaworthy. However, some experts believe that after a name change, it sailed for many more years.



The Gemini



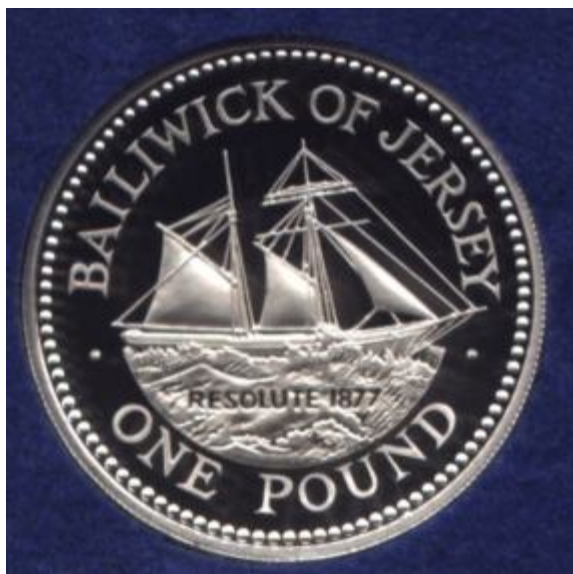
The Century Pound

This coin, the sixth in the shipbuilding series, features the *Century*, a 186 ton, two-masted brigantine built by Daniel Le Vesconte of First Tower. Launched on 14 April 1866, the *Century* was so named to commemorate the centenary of the founding of C. Robin and Co. Whilst bound from Gaspé, Canada, for Rio de Janeiro on her maiden voyage she was caught in a hurricane and dismasted. After repairs she continued to work on the triangle run of South America, Jersey, and Gaspé Bay. The *Century* was finally lost in October 1898 after becoming stranded at Val Bay, Gaspé.



The Century

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The Resolute Pound

The final ship in the series is the 63 ton topsail schooner Resolute which was built by Thomas Le Houquet at St. Catherine's and owned by George Noel, father and son. They used it for trade before the ship was wrecked during a hurricane on 29 August 1905 at the entrance to Harbour Briton, Newfoundland, losing one of her five crew members. ■



A Gold Set of the Pound Coins

“Beautiful Places: Landmarks and Mintmarks” Chosen as Theme for 2010 National Coin Week

“Beautiful Places: Landmarks and Mintmarks” is the theme of 2010 National Coin Week, April 18-24. The theme celebrates the many landmarks and scenic places that have inspired the designs on coins and paper money. It was chosen by a panel of American Numismatic Association staff and club members active in the annual celebration.

Clubs are invited to help the ANA celebrate the week by participating in a number of fun and educational events involving geography on coins. A scavenger hunt will be held in the form of a “road trip” visiting beautiful places that have inspired designs on currency, and a program will be available for clubs to hold at their April meetings. Prizes will be awarded for individuals and clubs.

A wealth of resources will be available on www.money.org, including a sample press release and proclamation, interactive flier, lesson plans for teachers, and online games for kids and adults. The Edward C. Rochette Money Museum will be creating a traveling exhibit available to clubs and offering fun activities and coins for youth who visit the museum.

Each year during the third full week of April, collectors celebrate National Coin Week with exhibits, presentations and other activities promoting the fun of collecting and studying coins and other forms of money. To get involved in the 87th annual National Coin Week, call 719-482-9814, e-mail ncw@money.org, or visit www.money.org (select “National Coin Week page” from the “Numismatic Events” dropdown menu).

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.

Some Scenes from the Last Meeting



Visit us on the web at <http://mccc.anaclubs.org/>

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

Looking for Alaskan Medals and Tokens. Contact: Richard at 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 or 256-881-6268.



2 Dollar Coin
"Toonie"

Looking for circulated contemporary Canadian coins. Also have a few available, including some older items. Contact: Mike at mcampbell7@juno.com

February is British Commonwealth Month

February is British Commonwealth coin month. So whether if you wish to trade, sell, or buy some shillings, florins, or half crowns, the coin club's February meeting is the place to be!



A 1936 1/10th of a penny from British West Africa

Please bring a coin, medal, note, or something for Show-and-Tell.

2010 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 25

FYLING EAGLE CENTS 1856-1858 BY BOB JAQUES

FEBRUARY 22

STATE OF THE COIN MARKET BY CHARLES CATALDO

MARCH 22

GSA CARSON CITY DOLLAR SALE BY MIKE FORD

APRIL 26

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL: ALASKA BY RICHARD JOZEFIAK

JUNE 28

ANNUAL POTLUCK AND BOURSE NIGHT

JULY 26

THE 1887 COINAGE FROM ENGLAND BY HAROLD FEARS

AUGUST 23

Open.

SEPTEMBER 27

Open.

OCTOBER 25

COMMEMORATIVE HALVES BY ROBERT PATRICK

NOVEMBER 22

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AND BOURSE NIGHT

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. ■

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Can You Identify this Coin?



This is crown size coin has a Takahē on the reverse. Can you identify it? The solution will be published next month in the newsletter.

Solution to last month's quiz: A 1985 \$1 coin from the British Virgin Islands.

2010 Coin Shows Around Huntsville, AL Area

Date(s)	Area	Location	Contact Info	Richard's Rating
Feb 13-14 <i>Sept 18-19</i> (tentative)	Pelham (Birmingham), AL	Central AL Coin Show Civic Center 500 Amphitheater Road Pelham, AL Sa 10 am – 6 pm Su 10 am – 3 pm	Dr. Carl Shory 205-620-0560	★
Mar 5-7 Nov 5-7	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75 Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN	Gayle Pike 901-327-1703 901-210-7669 (cell) pikegk@aol.com www.tsns.org	★★
April 16-18	Dalton, GA	46 th Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri- Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Chip Cutcliff 770-421-8387 chascoins06@yahoo.com www.gamoney.org	★★★
May 7-8 (tentative) Oct 22-23 (tentative)	Huntsville, AL	Rocket City Coin Show Knights of Columbus Hall 3053 Leeman Ferry Road Huntsville, AL	Charles Cataldo AL Coin & Silver Co. 256-536-0262	★
May 20-22	Nashville, TN	Whitman Coin and Collectibles Nashville Convention Center 601 Commerce Street Nashville, TN 45644	David Crenshaw info@whitmanexpo.com 404-214-4322	TBD- This is a new Whitman show, and will be large
July 16-18 (tentative)	Bessemer, AL	Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-939-1178 corbitchandler@bellsouth .net	★★
Aug 20-22	Dalton, GA	51 th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show Northwest Trade Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Su 10 am – 3 pm	Bob Hurst 321-383-1742 forvm@cfl.rr.com www.brna.org	★★★

Richard's Rating:



Small coin show, no educational programs



Medium/Large coin show, no educational programs



Large coin show, educational programs and/or exhibits. Worth the drive