

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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The President's Corner

Greetings Everyone!

We had a good virtual meeting in January with Bob Jaques speaking about Colonial Coins & Currency. It was a very informative presentation. Bob shared images of currency from his own collection which included a note signed by a Declaration of Independence author! That's a neat piece of history! Thanks Bob! We continue to meet virtually, so if you would like to join us, please send me an email and I will send a link to the meeting (dmg4792@hotmail.com).

Stay Safe!

Doug

Ghana's First Anniversary of Independence Commemorative

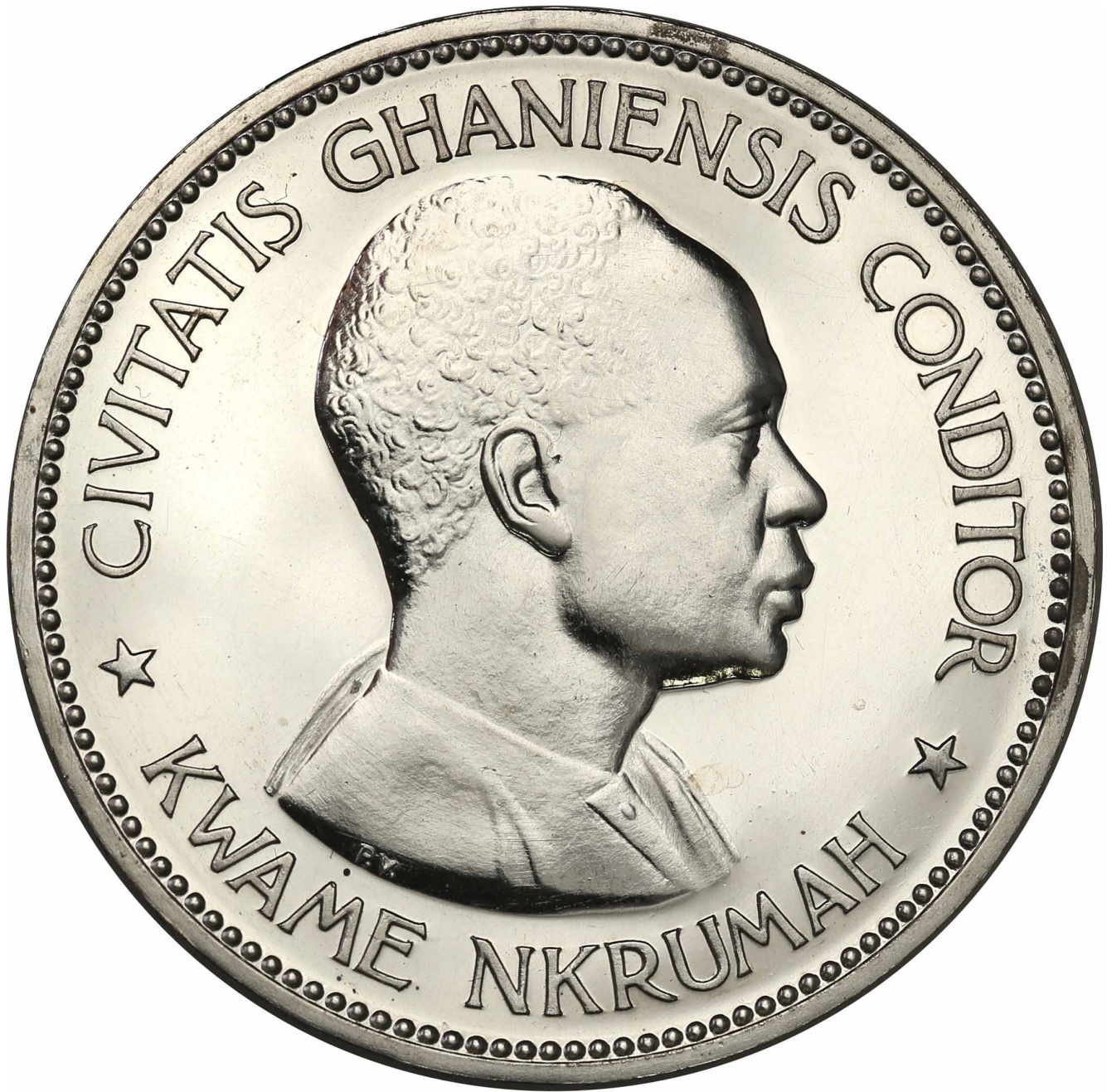
Formerly known as the Gold Coast, Ghana gained independence from Britain in 1957, becoming the first sub-Saharan nation to break free from colonial rule. Gold, cocoa and more recently oil form the cornerstone of Ghana's economy and have helped fuel an economic boom.

The country is named after the great medieval trading empire that was located northwest of the modern-day state until its demise in the 13th century.

In 1958 Ghana issued its first commemorative coin to honor its first anniversary of independence from Great Britain. The lettering on the edge bears an incuse inscription reading 6 MARCH 1957 – INDEPENDENCE OF GHANA. With a diameter of 38 millimeters, the coin has 0.841 ounces of silver. You should be able to purchase one for \$30. Approximately 11,000 proofs were minted.

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The obverse depicts Dr. Kwame Nkrumah

Lettering: CIVITATIS GHANIENSIS CONDITOR

* KWAME NKRUMAH *

Translation: Kwame Nkrumah, Leader of Ghana's Citizens



The Reverse has the date divided by star, denomination below

Lettering: GHANA 19 58 · TEN SHILLINGS ·

The star symbolizes the Black Star, or "Africa's Lode Star."

Celebrating 20 Years of the Madison County Coin Club (Part 2) A Numismatic Angel Helps the Club Start and Grow

By

Richard Jozefiak

About February 2001, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) mailed a welcome letter about a new coin club forming in north Alabama to all ANA members within about a 50-mile radius of Huntsville, AL. Shortly after the letter was mailed, my wife received a phone call from a secretary about arranging a lunch meeting with her boss and myself to talk about the new coin club. I was surprised since I did not recognize the name given, nor the company. I returned the call, and scheduled the meeting. The location was the old Landry's restaurant in Huntsville (the restaurant closed and was torn down in 2020, and a hotel is being built on the site). The name I was given was Mr. Anderson, and was told he is a coin collector.

I met Mr. Charles Anderson for the first time at our meeting at Landry's. I found that he was very involved with numismatics and was a long time ANA member. He also was a coin collector with many interests.

He asked me my plans for the new club, and I showed him my plans and goals. I went over my first year expected expenses. He asked me about my background and my involvement with the ANA and coin collecting. He said he wanted to help with the club, and he wrote me a check for a membership which also included a generous donation to the new club. He became a charter member, and has been a club member ever since.

After he treated me to a nice lunch, we went to his car, and he gave me two large boxes. These had Whitman Publishing albums, folders, books, and other items. For about the first two years of the club meetings, these items were used as the door prizes. The prizes were well received by the club members, and helped save the club from buying door prizes at the beginning.

I would see Mr. Charles Anderson at major ANA coin shows over the years, and give him a quick update on how the club was doing. He also read articles about MCCC in ANA publications and the numismatic press over the years and said he enjoyed knowing that the club was doing well.

Mr. Charles Anderson has been an MCCC member since 2001, and gives a yearly donation to the club, in addition to his yearly membership. He has never attended a club meeting, but he continues to support the club.

The club has been able to do a number of projects over the years with the donations he has made and this has greatly helped the club with growth and membership. I want to personally thank Mr. Charles Anderson for his continuing support of MCCC.



Mr. Charles Anderson

Florence, AL

Chairman Emeritus of Books-A-Million, Whitman Publishing
and Anderson companies

MCCC Member since 2001

(photo from CourierJournal.net)

LOOKING BACK TO 1940 COIN BUYERS GUIDE

BY

BOB JAQUES

One of my favorite past times, when there are no coin shows to attend, it to visit an Antique Mall to see if I can find anything of interest. And I usually find something.

Last Fall, I visited a large Antique Mall in Daphne, Alabama while in Mobile for a meeting. In one booth was a box of old envelopes, a few post cards, and some other paper items.

Going thru the box I came across an interesting item that quickly caught my eye. A small paper booklet with a tear in the right hand corner that said on the cover “1940 Buying Price of Old Coins” by the National Coin Corp. of Daytona Beach, FL. That’s cool.

I bought it, and later that night in my motel room I went through it page by page. I was amazed at how cheap rare coins could have been purchased. Of course, in 1940 money, the prices might seem high to encourage people to sell their coins.

I have reproduced a few of the pages for you to see the buying prices. Compare the rare coins to today’s high prices. Fortunes could have been made by today’s markets.

This little booklet is now part of my collection and it goes to show what historic things can be found in an Antique Mall.

Illustrated Informative
Book
1940
Buying Price
of
OLD COINS



Checks Waiting
for Your Old Coins

National Coin Corp.

[UNINCORPORATED]

8 So. Oleander Ave.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

Take a look at the contents of that old tin coin box that is hidden away in the old trunk, bureau drawer or other remote places. If it should be holding any or several genuine coins listed in this book do not dispose of them before you have consulted us.

All prices here listed are those that we pay for them, but of course the prices vary according to the state of preservation of the coin.

U. S. HALF CENTS



Coined from 1793 to 1857

1793	.....	\$ 2.00 to \$ 5.00	} 142,534
1794	.....	.25 to 2.00	
1795	.....	.25 to 2.00	} 115,480
1796	.....	40.00 to 275.00	
1797	.....	.25 to 4.50	107,048
1810	.....	.10 to 1.00	215,000
1811	.....	.20 to 3.00	63,140
1836	.....	7.00 to 20.00	
1841	.....	7.00 to 20.00	
1842	.....	8.00 to 20.00	
1843	.....	7.00 to 20.00	
1844	.....	7.00 to 20.00	
1845	.....	7.00 to 20.00	
1846	.....	7.00 to 20.00	

U. S. Half Cents, Cont.

1847	\$ 5.00 to \$ 20.00
1848	5.00 to 20.00
1848	5.00 to 20.00
1849 small date	5.00 to 30.00
1852	5.00 to 20.00

All other dates wanted

LARGE COPPER CENTS



Coined from 1793 to 1857 excepting 1815

1793 wreath cent, strawberry sprig over date	\$200.00 to \$350.00
1793 Liberty cap cent	7.00 to 50.00
1794 .....	.50 to 5.00
1795	1.00 to 5.00

Including all varieties, was only 1,066,033

1796 Fillet head cent .. \$.50 to \$ 5.00	Total coined
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1796 Liberty	\$ 2.00 to 20.00	974,700
179750 to 5.00	897,510
179825 to 3.00	879,700
1799	30.00 to 400.00	904,585
1799 over 1798 brilliant uncirculated red	2,000.00	
1800 .....	.25 to 2.00	2,822,175
1801 .....	.30 to 5.00	1,362,837
1802 .....	.10 to 1.00	3,435,100
1803 .....	.10 to 1.00	2,471,353
1804	5.00 to 50.00	756,838
1805 .....	.15 to 2.00	941,118
1806 .....	.30 to 3.00	348,000
1807 .....	.15 to 2.00	727,221

Large Copper Cents, Cont.

		Total Coined
1808 new type of money		
until 1914 .....	.25 to	3.00 1,109,000
1809	1.00 to	10.00 222,867
1810 .....	.15 to	1.00 1,458,500
1811 .....	.30 to	5.00 218,025
1812 .....	.07 to	1.00 1,075,500
1813 .....	.15 to	2.00 418,000
1814 .....	.05 to	.70 357,830
1816 .....	.02 to	.35 2,820,982
1817 13 stars .....	.02 to	.25 3,948,400
1817 15 stars .....	.05 to	.75
1818 .....	.02 to	.25 3,167,000
1819 .....	.02 to	.25 2,671,000
1820 .....	.02 to	.25 4,407,550
1821 .....	.25 to	5.00 389,000
1822 .....	.03 to	.50 2,072,339
1823 .....	.25 to	5.00
1824 .....	.03 to	.75 1,262,000
1825 .....	.03 to	.50 1,461,100
1826 .....	.02 to	.25 1,517,425
1827 .....	.02 to	.25 2,357,732
1828 .....	.02 to	.25 2,260,624
1829 .....	.02 to	.25 1,414,500
1830 .....	.05 to	.50 1,711,500
1831 .....	.02 to	.25 3,359,260
1832 .....	.02 to	.25 2,362,000
1833 .....	.02 to	.25 2,739,000
1834 .....	.02 to	.25 1,855,100
1835 .....	.02 to	.25 3,878,400
1836 .....	.03 to	.50 2,111,000
1837 .....	.02 to	.25 5,558,300
1838 .....	.05 to	.50 6,370,200
1839 over 1836 .....	.25 to	2.50 3,128,661
1840 .....	.02 to	.25 2,462,700
1841 .....	.03 to	.35 1,597,367
1842 .....	.02 to	.25 2,383,390
1843 .....	.02 to	.25 2,428,320
1844 .....	.02 to	.20 2,398,752
1845 .....	.02 to	.20 3,894,804
1846 .....	.02 to	.20 4,120,800
1847 .....	.02 to	.20 4,123,889

DIMES OR TEN CENTS SILVER



Coinage began in 1796

		Total	coined
1796	\$1.00 to \$ 5.00	22,135	
1797	2.50 to 10.00	25,265	
1798	2.50 to 12.00	27,550	
1800	2.50 to 12.00	21,780	
1801	2.50 to 12.00	34,640	
1802	2.50 to 12.00	10,975	
1803	2.50 to 12.00	33,040	
1804	5.00 to 25.00	8,265	
1807	.25 to 2.50	165,000	
1809	.25 to 2.50	44,710	
1811	.25 to 2.50	65,180	
1822	.50 to 3.00	100,000	
1860 O Mint	.25 to 3.00	40,000	
1885 S Mint	.25 to 2.00	43,690	
1894 S Mint	300.00 to 600.00	24	
Other dates wanted.			

U. S. TWENTY CENT PIECES

Coined from 1875 to 1878

		Total	coined
1875 and 1876	\$.25 to \$.35	1,343,890	
1876 CC Mint	25.00 to 150.00	10,000	
1877	1.00 to 4.00	510	
1878	1.00 to 4.00	600	

U.S. Quarter Dollars



Coinage began in 1794

U. S. Quarters Dollars, Cont. Total coined

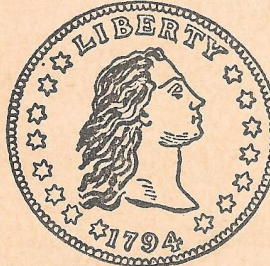
1796	\$ 2.00 to \$ 15.00	5,894
1804	1.50 to 10.00	6,738
1805 to 1807	.35 to 1.00	548,161
1818 to 1822	.30 to 1.00	913,549
1823	25.00 to 100.00	17,800
1824	.30 to 2.00	
1827	200.00 to 300.00	4,000
1853 without rays and arrows	2.00 to 10.00	15,254,220
1866 without "In We Trust"	1.00 to 7.00	17,525
Other dates wanted.		

U. S. HALF DOLLARS

First Coined in 1794

		Total	coined
1794	\$ 2.50 to \$ 6.00	5,300	
1795	1.00 to 6.00	317,836	
1796	20.00 to 100.00		
1797	10.00 to 35.00	3,918	
1801	1.00 to 35.00	30,289	
1815	1.00 to 5.00	47,150	
1838 New Orleans Mint (O between Bust and date) -	200.00 to 1000.00	20	
1853 without rays and arrows	100.00 to 250.00		
1866 without "In God We Trust"	2.00 to 10.00		
1878 San Francisco Mint (S. Under Eagle)	5.00 to 10.00		
1916 2nd type D. unc.		2.00	
1927 Bennington unc.		2.00	
1928 Cook, Hawaiian		5.00	
1933 Oregon Trail		4.00	
Other dates wanted.			

SILVER DOLLARS



First coined in 1794

Silver Dollars, Cont.

			Total coined
1794	\$ 25.00 to \$ 100.00		1,758
1795 to 1803	1.25 to 3.00		1,419,888
1804	1000.00 to 6000.00		23
1836	depending on variety		
	5.00 to 60.00		1,000
1838	25.00 to 100.00		20
1839	15.00 to 50.00		300
1851	20.00 to 40.00		1,300
1852	20.00 to 40.00		1,100
1858	15.00 to 20.00		60
1870	S S Mint (S under Eagle)	100.00 to 225.00	12,462
1873	S F Mint (S under Eagle)	100.00 to 225.00	2,300
1884	Trade Dollar	100.00 to 150.00	10
1885	Trade Dollar	150.00 to 250.00	10
1922	S. unc.	2.00	
1924	S. unc.	2.00	

Other dates wanted.

U. S. GOLD DOLLARS

Coined in 1839 to 1889 and Commemorative Gold Dollars in 1903, 1905, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1922.

1854	Charlotte, N. C. Mint (Letter C below Wreath)	\$500.00 to \$1500.00	4
1854	D	3.00 to 8.00	2,935
1855	D	10.00 to 25.00	1,811
1856	D	10.00 to 25.00	1,460
1860	D	25.00 to 75.00	1,566
1861	D	25.00 to 50.00	
1870	S	25.00 to 50.00	3,000
1875	S	25.00 to 75.00	420

All other dates wanted.

\$2.50 GOLD PIECES

QUARTER EAGLES



Coinage began in 1796; they were coined at New Orleans, Charlotte, N. C., Carson City, San Francisco, Dahlonega, Ga., and Philadelphia Mints.

\$2.50 Gold Pieces, Cont.

1796	\$ 20.00 to \$ 75.00		66
1797	20.00 to 75.00		1,756
1806	20.00 to 75.00		1,616
1807	5-15 (1798)		6,812
1808	10.00 to 30.00		2,710
1825	25.00 to 150.00		4,434
1826	25.00 to 100.00		760
1834	with "E Pluribus Unum"		
	50.00 to 250.00		117,370
1841	O Mint		7,380
1841	without any mint mark		
	50.00 to 500.00		
1842		5.00 to 30.00	33,953
1844		4.00 to 10.00	35,738
1845	"O"	7.00 to 25.00	
1848	with Cal.	10.00 to 100.00	8,886
1854	S. Mint	25.00 to 50.00	246
1856	"D"	5.00 to 10.00	874
1858	S Mint	50.00 to 100.00	1,200
1859	"D"	3.00 to 5.00	2,244
1863	without any mint mark	100.00 to 250.00	
1864	without any mint mark	10.00 to 25.00	
1875	without any mint mark	10.00 to 25.00	

All other dates wanted.

U. S. THREE DOLLAR GOLD PIECES



Coined from 1854 to 1889 at Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and Dahlonega, Ga. Mints.

1854	D Mint (letter D under wreath)	\$ 5.00 to \$ 15.00	1,120
1865		4.00 to 10.00	1,165
1870	S Mint	600.00 to 2000.00	2
1873		10.00 to 50.00	26
1875		110.00 to 500.00	20
1876		35.00 to 100.00	45
1877		12.00 to 50.00	1,488

All other dates wanted.

Continental Experimental Coins, and Tokens

1776	Continental dollar, sun shining on dial, Fugio to left, Mind Your Business, Silver	\$ 25.00 to \$125.00
1776	Continental dollar, same as above, brass	5.00 to 20.00
1776	Continental dollar, same as above, pewter	2.00 to 10.00
1783	Nova Constellatio Dollar or 1000 mils silver	75.00 to 300.00

U.S. SMALL CENTS

1856	Flying eagle, copper nickel	\$ 2.00 to \$ 6.00
1856	Flying eagle, pure nickel...	3.00 to 7.00
1858	Indian head, copper.....	.25 to 1.50
1859	Indian head pure copper	.25 to 1.50
1860	Indian head, pure copper	1.00 to 3.00
1864	Indian head, silver	50.00 to 100.00
1865	Indian head, pure nickel	50.00 to 100.00
1877	Indian head	4.00
1909	in copper nickel	10.00 to 15.00
1909	S. V. D. B.	\$1.00
1911	S.	1.00
1911	D. ....	.50
1912	D.	1.00
1913	S.	1.25
1914	D.	2.00
1919	S. ....	.75
1921	S.	1.00
1922	Plain .....	.35
1922	D. ....	.35
1923	S.	1.25
1924	D.	1.25
1926	S.	1.25
1927	S. ....	.35
1928	S. ....	.35
1931	S. ....	.35
1931	D. ....	.35

We buy all other dates small Indian head cents and certain other dates of Lincoln cents.

B. Lask, Huntsville, Alabama, 1862

By David Hollander

To Date, The B. Lask Alabama Store Scrip Is Unique.

The Huntsville, Alabama, B. Lask Store Scrip issue is different, very different, from any other Huntsville scrip. Only a single survivor exists and little is known about its history. The piece was Lot 18442 of the Heritage Auctions Sale 3541, January 6-12, 2016, and sold for \$1,762.50 (including buyer's fee) from the estate of Robert Cochran to a Huntsville collector.

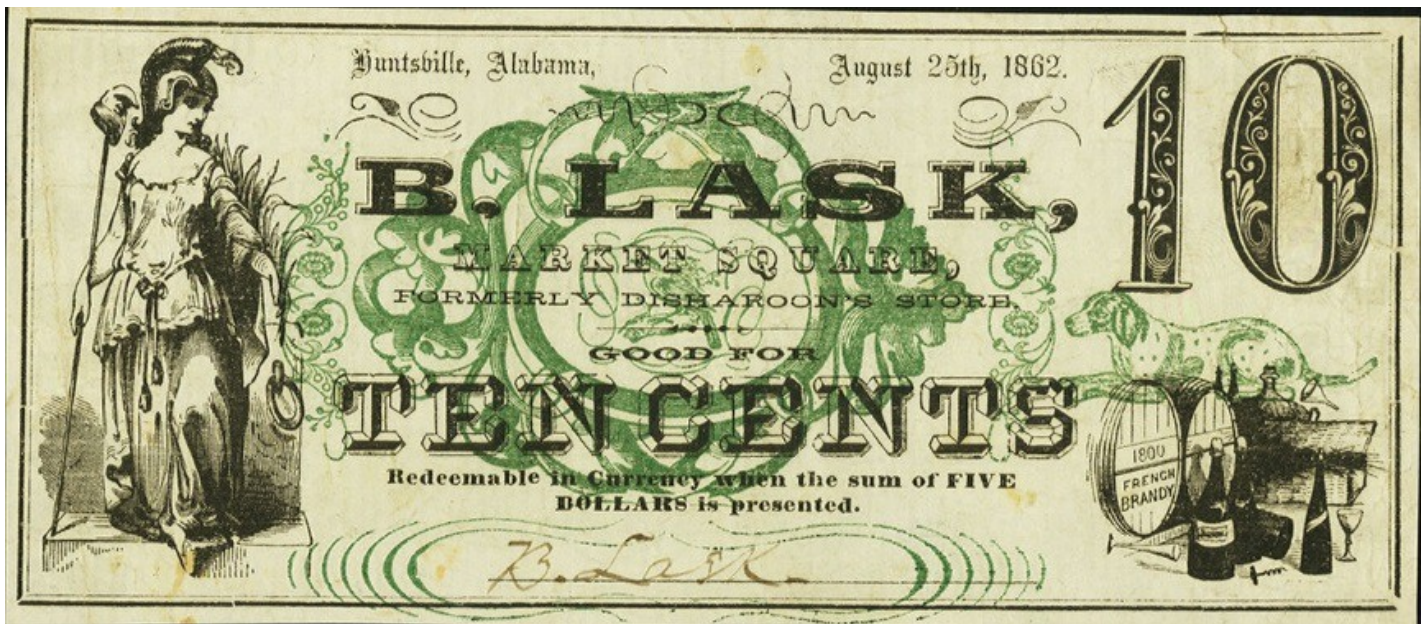


Figure 1: The front of the ONLY Known Surviving B. Lask Huntsville Note is an eye-catcher.

The paper is finer, the printing has different fonts, the green color is unusual, and the fact that the back is printed is scarce for Alabama scrip. Because Mr. Lask worked out of Cincinnati, Ohio, one may assume that it was printed in that area. The barrel of "French Brandy" on the right is incompatible with a Dry Goods Store and may have represented his subconscious aspirations.

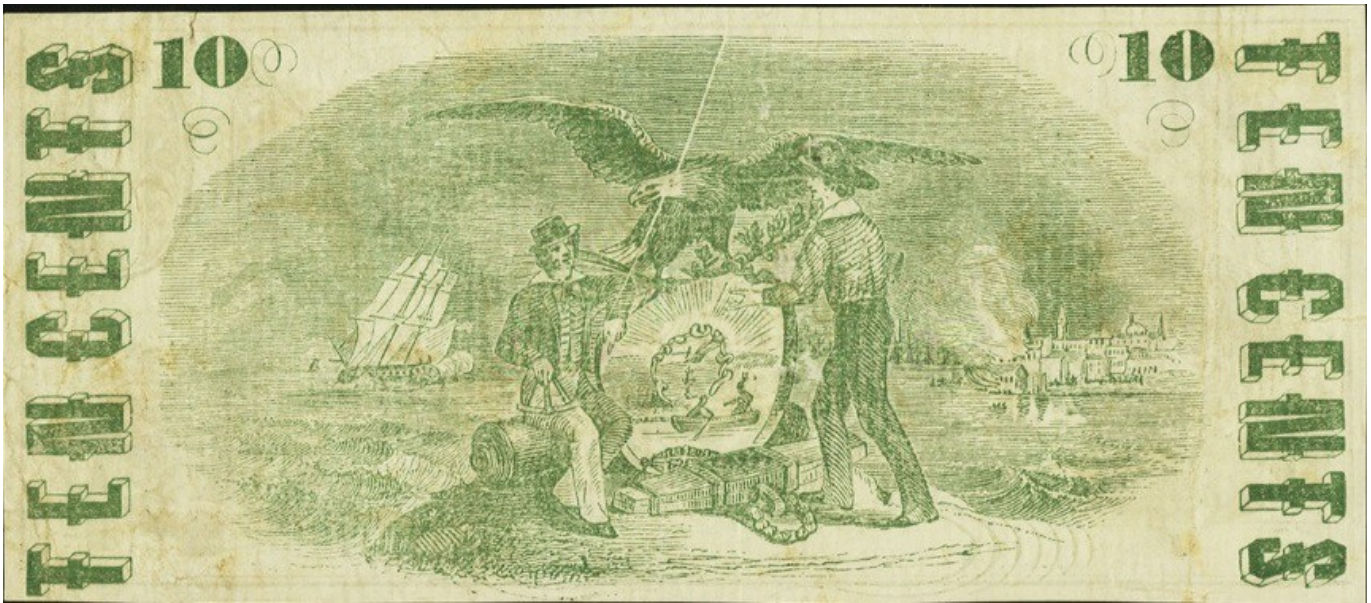


Figure 2: The Back of the B. Lask note Is Finely Engraved.

Who was B. Lask? Did he have a dry goods business in Huntsville called “Market Square”?

Facts about B. Lask Are Based on Existing Documentation.

Mr. Benno Lask was born in Czempin, Prussia (now Poland, between Berlin and Warsaw) on April 30, 1834. His father was Louis; his mother, Charlotte. Records indicate that he arrived in New York City aboard the ship Hermann (Ocean Steam Navigation Co.) from Bremen, Germany, on August 30, 1855ⁱ. Apparently, he returned home for a visit because he left Hamburg, Germany, on November 14, 1860, and arrived again in New York City via Southampton, England, aboard the ship Saxonia (Hamburg-American) on December 7, 1860ⁱⁱ.

The 1860 United States Census reports Mr. Lask as a resident of 744 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, and lists his occupation as a merchant. (There is some inconsistency in the census data.)

Mr. Lask may have learned of Huntsville opportunities from Solomon Schiffman, who lived in Cincinnati for several years prior to going to Huntsville and opening a dry goods and clothing store on the north side of the downtown square. He formed a partnership with his brother, Daniel, in 1860, “S. Schiffman and Co.”ⁱⁱⁱ However, it is not clear what the name of Mr. Schiffman’s store was because the 1859-1860 Huntsville Directory does not contain his name. (Doris Kirschtein and Marsha Kass Marks note that Jews moved from Cincinnati to Huntsville **after** the Civil War.^{iv})

There is no mention of “Disharoon’s Store” (indicated on the scrip) although a number of Clothing and Dry Good’s stores are listed^v

Huntsville succumbed to the Union Forces on April 11, 1862.^{vi} The citizens were very likely devastated that it happened so early in the war. (On the other hand, the current population is pleased that there was little destruction because today’s Huntsville has more antebellum houses than Alexandria, Virginia.)

Naturally, the situation set the stage for the entry of the Yankee Carpetbaggers, who hoped to capitalize on the basic shortages, panic, and high prices caused by the northern interlopers. On July 3, 1862, while staying at the Huntsville Hotel, Mr. Lask petitioned (Figure 3) the Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. S. W. Burke, of the Union Army in Huntsville to be allowed to open a dry goods store in Huntsville.^{vii}

It is unknown if the petition was successful. The only known surviving note related to Mr. Lask’s Huntsville business ideas [shown in Figures 1 (the front) and 2 (the back)] is dated August 25, 1862, not two months after the petition. Maybe this note was a printer’s proof or a customer sample. Possibly it was ordered while the petition was being considered. The rarity of the note and the high grade of this specimen lead one to believe it was never produced in quantity and never used in trade.

Our next coin club meeting is a virtual meeting and will be hosted on Zoom. Use the information below to join:

Time: February 23, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Contact Doug for details at: dmg4792@hotmail.com

MCCC is now on Facebook



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. Navigate to:
<http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

Huntsville July 3rd 1862.

St. Col. J. W. Burke, Provost Marshal, Huntsville.

Dear Sir:

By advice of Major Genl. Buell, I take the liberty of making application to you, for permission of selling, dry goods & Ladies shoes in Huntsville. Col. Fry requested me to inform you, to send the application to Maj. Genl. Bull's Headquarters.

Hoping my application will meet your approval, I remain Respectfully

Your obedient

B. Lask of Cincinnati
care Huntsville, Hotel.

P.S. I have a letter of recommendation to Major Genl. Mitchell, by Thomas S. Mitchell from Cincinnati, & hold Major Genl. Mitchell's permit to buy cotton. I enclose a letter of Mr. List Clerk of the Superior Court of Cincinnati, to his Brother Adj. of the 7th R. V. M. I also have a letter of recommendation of Major Bradford 7th R. V. M. to Col. St. Matthews Provost Marshal Nashville, Tenn, & have Col. Matthews permission to ship goods to Huntsville. If you should require any more evidence of my loyalty, I can furnish you Judge, Storers, & General Cateys letters of recommendation from Cincinnati.

Figure 3: Mr. Lask petitioned the Union Provost Marshal to open a dry goods and ladies' shoe store in Huntsville.

In any case, because of the withdrawal of the Union troops August 31, 1862^{viii}, Mr. Lask's plans may have been thwarted, and he may have been forced to seek his fortunes elsewhere. Without protection none of the Yankee Carpetbaggers would have enjoyed staring at the faces of unhospitable Southerners.

The 1865 and 1866 Directories of Nashville, Tennessee, list Mr. Lask's business address as 8 South Union. His merchandise included "Dry Goods, Boots, Notions, etc."^{ix}

During the same period (October 1865 and October 1866) there are two IRS Tax Assessments for Mr. Lask originating in Rome, GA. Most likely, these were for his Nashville inventory.^x

On September 6, 1864, Mr. Lask was naturalized and became an American citizen. On June 4, 1867, Mr. Lask married Ellen Falk (born in Pennsylvania on January 1, 1842, and died May 15, 1914) in Manhattan, New York.^{xi} They lived at various addresses in New York City (including 322 East 67th Street) with their seven children (Louis, Moses, Charles, Lottie, Bertha, Albert, and Fredrick), other relatives, and a servant.^{xii}

Mr. Lask filed an application for a United States Passport on September 24, 1869 (Figure 4), in which it was noted that he was 5' 2" tall, had gray eyes, black hair and a dark complexion.^{xiii}

When comparing the signature on the Application (Figure 4) with that on the Petition (Figure 3) with that on the Store Scrip (Figure 1), it is apparent that the signature on the Store Scrip is very different from the other two. Therefore, the Store Scrip was signed probably by someone other than Mr. Benno Lask.

There is one Tennessee Supreme Court Case involving Mr. Lask: 1881, A. & J. Trounstine et als vs B. Lask et als, Debt Dispute.

Mr. Lask moved to Manhattan, New York, probably in the late 1860's. He spent the last 25+ years of his life in the liquor business, thereby achieving his possible subliminal dream indicated in the note's barrel of "French Brandy" (Figure 1). There are a number of New York City directory listings for him:^{xiv}

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1. 1875, Liquors, 99 Liberty Street; home 874 Lexington Avenue
2. 1876, Liquors, 92 Liberty Street; home 160 E 66th Street
3. 1879, Wine, 92 Liberty Street; home 160 E 66th Street
4. 1883, Liquors, 92 Liberty Street; home 318 E 69th Street
5. 1886, Liquors, 92 Liberty Street; home 318 E 69th Street
6. 1888, Liquors, 92 Liberty Street; home 318 E 69th Street
7. 1890, Clerk, 318 E 69th Street and Berthold Lask, Clerk; home 327 E 68th Street
8. 1894, home 318 E 69th Street; living with Anna Lask and Pauline Lask
9. 1899, home 318 E 69th Street; Louis Lask, Jeweler, home 114 E 107th Street and Men's Furnishings, 1934 3rd Avenue
10. 1900, Clerk; home 318 E 69th Street (listed as Bernhard Lask).

Mr. Lask appears in the Report of Delinquent Jurors (Number 10631) for the Quarter ending March 31, 1901, showing that his \$100.00 fine was "Remitted" on February 4, 1901.^{xv}

"Numismatics, like some aspects of astronomy and natural history, remains a branch of learning in which the amateur can still do valuable work, and it is on the great collecting public, or rather on that part of which is interested in the subject at a scientific level, that the progress of numismatic science largely depends."

Philip Grierson - Professor of Numismatics, University of Cambridge

The Club's Mailing Address:

Madison County Coin Club
P.O. Box 12242
Huntsville, AL 35815

No. 3137

Issued Sep 25, 1869

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of New York)
County of New York) ss.

I, Benno Lask do swear that I was born in Caenpina, Prussia on or about the 30th day of April 1834, that I am a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and about to travel abroad; and further, that I am the IDENTICAL PERSON described in the Certificate of Naturalization herewith presented

Sworn to before me, this 24th day of September, 1869.



Handwritten notes:
Ohio,
Hamilton Co.,
Sept. 6, 1869
Benno Lask.

Friedrich Hinkel
Notary Public,
in and for the City and County of New York.

Description of Benno Lask

Age: 35 years.
Stature: 5 feet 2 inches, Eng.
Forehead: high
Eyes: gray
Nose: plain
Hair: small
Echin: heavy
Hair: black
Complexion: dark
Face: full

I, Benno Lask, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law of any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and further, that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by law: So help me God.

Sworn to before me, this 24th day of September, 1869.

Benno Lask.

Friedrich Hinkel
Notary Public in and for N. Y. City and County.



Passport tax, as imposed by law, will be required, in United States Currency, with each application.
The husband, wife, minor children, and servants expect to travel together, a single passport for the whole will suffice.
For every person in the party a separate passport will be required.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PASSPORT BUREAU.



Figure 4: Benno Lask was short and had a dark complexion.

Mr. Benno Lask died in Manhattan on July 6, 1904 and was buried in Washington Cemetery, the largest Jewish cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.^{xvi}

There are several conclusions about B. Lask.

Mr. Benno Lask was a Jewish, Prussian, immigrant to the United States, who lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nashville, Tennessee, and New York City, New York. He became a naturalized American citizen, married, and had seven children. He operated a liquor store in Manhattan.

Mr. Lask intended to open a Dry Goods store in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1862. Not only is it unknown if more than a single note of the B. Lask Store Scrip was printed or used, but also there is no evidence that the store ever existed.

The Club's 20th Anniversary Medal

The club has decided to strike a medal for our 20th anniversary. In order to make the medal as affordable as possible, the club is contributing \$750 toward the cost of minting. We are initially targeting 20 medals to be minted. If 20 are minted, the cost is estimated to be \$110 each. In addition, if we reach our goal of 20 silver medals, club members will also be able to buy a three metal set (bronze, brass, and either nickel or tin) for approximately \$12 per set.

For every 5 additional silver medals we have minted, the unit price is reduced.

If you are planning to participate in the purchase of medals for our 20th anniversary, please send your money (checks are recommended) to the club's mailing address below:

**MCCC
P.O. Box 12242
Huntsville, AL 35815**

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