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The President's Corner

We had a great meeting in April. Aaron Wales gave a wonderful presentation on the history of the Lincoln penny - past and present. We were very impressed, especially since you are nine years old! Exceelent job Aaron! We also had several guests, as well as, a nice group of members. A very lively group! We are also planning to have a virtual meeting in May. The agenda will be informal and open to any club and coin related topics. Email me and I will send you a link to the meeting

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Doug

Newsletter Articles

I always encourage and welcome new articles for *our* Newsletter. They can be on any numismatic topic. Articles can be of a research nature, or a simple "show and tell". They can be fun, or they can be serious. It's up to you! Here's a few ideas:

- Finds at recent coin shows
- Error and die varieties
- Some kind of a numismatic game, riddle, brain teaser, crossword, sudoku, etc.
- Research notes
- New issues from around the world
- A series on a particular issue
- An interesting experienced on eBay

Ideally, articles should be at least 1/2 page in length, and images are always helpful.

If you are interested in submitting an article, you can email me. You can also discuss ideas for regular feature columns with our board memebbers.

Thank you, [Harold Fears](#)

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The Guernsey 1805 Five Shillings

(by H.K. Fears compiled from multiple source on the web)

The 1809 Bank of Guernsey 5 Shilling Token (or Crown) issued by Bishop, de Jersey & Co. is considered to be one of the rarest crowns in the world. An estimated six to seven examples are believed to still exist of this coin. It is thought that no more than six perhaps seven examples of the "Guernsey Crown" exist in private hand.

One neat thing about this coin is that it was struck by the Soho Mint entirely over a Mexico City Mint, Spanish Empire Eight Reales of Charles IV of Spain, which exhibits large portions of the undertype still visible, including the name of Charles IV and the year of original issue (1794). Such total overstriking of Spanish Eight Reales coins had been perfected by Matthew Boulton's Soho Mint in Birmingham using the massive steam powered machinery of James Watt, the most technologically advanced method at that time.

With reference to the heraldry of these tokens, the Arms of Guernsey show the three spotted leopards standing left with the right forepaw raised upwards. This is in deference to the Arms of Jersey as depicted on Jersey's 1813 three shillings and eighteen pence tokens where their leopards with the raised forepaw extended straight out in front perpendicular to the other front leg and parallel to the ground.

These bank tokens were the first coins ever issued under the jurisdiction of Guernsey and pre-date the smaller Jersey pieces mentioned above. Though the Guernsey pieces of Bishop, de Jersey and Co. were one of the few that completely over-stamped the Dollar host coin like the 1804 Bank of England Dollars which were still being struck by the Soho Mint up to this time. Five Shillings was a large denomination at that time being a quarter of a pound and would have been used very sparingly.

The origins of the bank of Bishop, de Jersey starts in 1800 with the partnership formed between the linen draper Charles Bishop and the Seigneur de St Jacques Mr Henry de Jersey, along with Mr Phillip Tyson Le Gros, at Carrefour House in the High Street of St Peter Port, the linen shop of the Bishop family. The Bishop and de Jersey families had also inter-married with each other in that Charles Bishop had married Henry De Jersey's daughter Mary Bishop also known as Mollie, and they had a son Abraham Bishop in 1804 who later carried on the drapery and linen business from 1820 onwards. On the 1st June 1805 notice was given that Charles

Bishop and Henry de Jersey were the only partners their partnership with Mr Tyson Le Gros having expired on the 7th November 1804, and from that point on the name of the business was Bishop de Jersey and Co. to who all debts due from the previous incarnation of the firm were to be paid. The banking partnership also styled themselves as "The Bank of Guernsey" as depicted on the reverse of these coins.



The Shield from the Reverse of a Jersey 18 Pence token

Note that the leopards with the raised forepaw extended straight out in front perpendicular to the other front leg and parallel to the ground.



The obverse of the 1809 Guernsey Crown.

This coin is featured in an article on the NGC website

<https://www.ngccoin.com/news/article/5046/NGC-Certifies-Extremely-Rare-Crown/> .



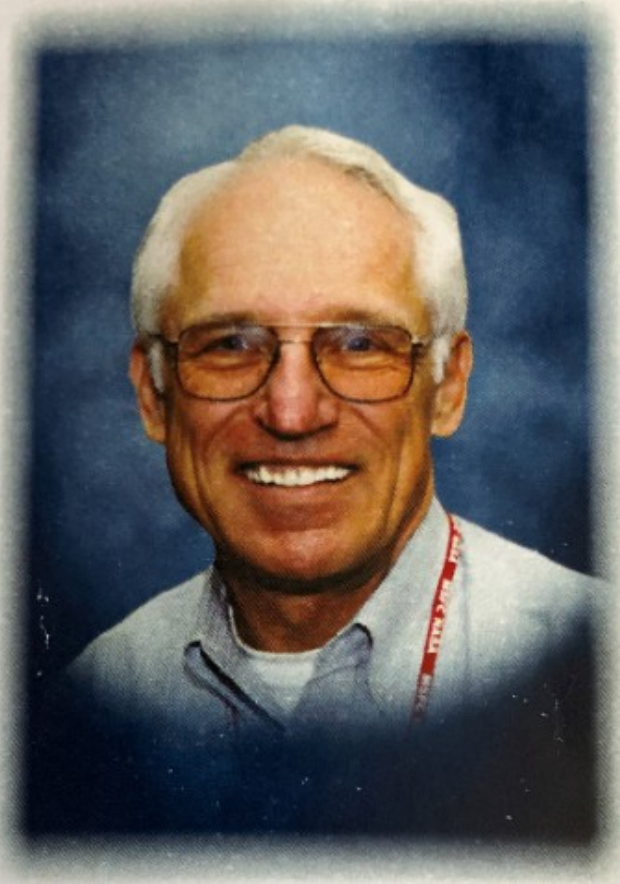
*The reverse of the 1809 Bishop de Jersey & Co
Five Shillings Token*

These five shilling tokens were issued to circulate during 1809, however they soon fell foul of the Guernsey legislature and an Ordinance was issued on 2nd October 1809 forbidding any tokens and specifically those from private individuals to circulate. The individual principles of the bank were those that were ultimately responsible for the issue so the ordinance was clearly aimed at Bishop and de Jersey. Presumably the majority of the issue was melted down with a few keepsake survivors only. During 1811 Henry de Jersey passed away and the bank was in financial trouble with a public meeting being held at Mr Rosetti's rooms (now the Assembly rooms in the Guille-Alles library) on June 15th 1811 with Charles Bishop to try and reassure concerned clientele. A notice was issued a week later on the 22nd June by: "Messrs. Bishop de Jersey & Co having reason to suppose that some imposition is intended to hurt their Bank, request every drawer or endorser of Bills that may be returned, having been negotiated through this medium, not to arrange or settle such bills without first having spoken to them. Richard le Lievre jnr. will take Bishop de Jersey & Co's Bank Notes and returned drafts for deals and iron at the Piette."

The problems continued into August with a subsequent notice on the 3rd now with name Charles Bishop & Co (presumably as Henry had passed by then) and another meeting on the 8th at the Banking office for the creditors who have taken action against Bishop, de Jersey & Co. By the 17th August 1811 it was more or less all over as the final debtors were called in to try and pay the creditors, with a subsequent notice on the 24th August from Charles Bishop now: "having decided to give up all his profits to help liquidate the demands on the Bank, begs of his friends and the Public to continue him the favour of their custom under the full persuasion that he will serve them as low and as punctually as he did heretofore." By the end of the month on the 31st August 1811 a notice was given of a public auction sale on 12th September to sell the house and garden and other grounds situated in the Falaises near Cornet Street, that had lately belonged to the heirs of Henry de Jersey Jnr. and then notice on 7th September for another auction on the 13th September to sell a stock of linen and drapery with some stoves, a liquidation sale post haste it would seem. Charles Bishop's own house in Rue Royale was advertised to rent on the 14th September 1811 either furnished or unfurnished. The final death knell of the bank was on the 21st September where notice was given from the trustees of Bishop de Jersey & Co to inform creditors that they may supply themselves with goods on account of a first dividend of a Halfcrown in the Pound by applying to the bank office between the 23rd and 28th September.

Perhaps some of the surviving token coins were passed at first down this family line before finding their way to collections. They are of the utmost rarity today.

**A Tribute to our Friend
Bob Jaques**



Robert T. (Bob) Jaques

October 17, 1940 – April 28, 2021

In Memory

Celebrating 20 Years of the Madison County Coin Club (Part 4)

The Passing of Long Time MCCC Member- Robert (Bob) Jaques

By

Richard Jozefiak

Madison County Coin Club held a regular virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm CT. At the meeting was long time member Robert (Bob) Jaques along with fourteen other members. Unknown to everyone, Bob would pass only a few hours after this meeting. Bob died in the morning of Wednesday, April 28, 2021. He passed after doing something he loved to do. He was 80 years old (October 17, 1940-April 28, 2021).

Bob was very active in numismatics. He belonged to many numismatic organizations including: American Numismatic Association (ANA), Florida United Numismatists (FUN), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA), Rainbow Coin Club, and Madison County Coin Club (MCCC). He was not only a member, but he served as a club officer and volunteer in many of the clubs.

For the MCCC, Bob considered it to be his “home” club, and he supported it since joining the club in 2004. Bob served the club as an officer in two positions during the following years:

President 2008-2012 (5 years)

Board Member 2013-2021 (9 years)

Bob was a speaker at a number of club meetings over the years and had a wide variety of topics he was interested in. He also wrote many articles for the MCCC

Newsletter and other numismatic publications. His last article “The Story Behind the MCCC 5th Anniversary Cover” was published in the March 2021 issue (Volume 21, Issue 3) of the *MCCC Newsletter*.

Bob enjoyed going to coin shows in the Southeast. He was a regular exhibitor at the FUN shows, GNA shows and ANA shows. He won a number of exhibitor awards over the years. He also gave a number of presentations at educational sessions.

Before many MCCC meetings during the past 15 years, Bob, fellow club member Kurt Springfield and I met for dinner at the Cracker Barrel restaurant on Drake Ave and Memorial Parkway in Huntsville, AL about 5:00 pm. Cracker Barrel was his favorite restaurant Bob told me. I looked forward to our dinners. We had interesting conversations and would share our latest numismatic finds.

Bob had many other interests also. He was a retired NASA historian and had a great interest in Space and aviation. He also enjoyed attending air shows and military shows. In 2014 I met Bob at an airshow at the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. He had a vendor table selling aviation items.

Bob was the 2021 treasurer of the Battleship Alabama Memorial in Mobile, AL, appointed by Alabama Governor Kay Ivy. He served in the United States Navy in the 1960's and was proud of his service.

Bob was a great friend to me, and I will miss him. I remember that Bob looked for items for me he thought I would like when he traveled to coin shows and other events. I bought many medals, tokens and elongated coins from Bob. We had dinner together at many of the coin shows we attended over the years. The last time was at the 57th GNA Banquet in Dalton, GA on Saturday, April 17.

I was able to attend his funeral on Saturday, May 1, 2021 in Hartselle, AL along with fellow club members President Doug Glandon, Vice-president Julian Olander and Stan Benedict. The club sent flowers for the service.

Bob will be missed by many people and the clubs and organizations he supported and worked for over many years. Bob will always be remembered by me as a gentleman and good friend.



Robert (Bob) Jaques at January 2019 FUN Show in Orlando, FL
(Photo by: Richard Jozefiak)

Remembering Bob

I met Bob back in 2017 at the first coin club meeting I attended. He was very cordial and introduced himself. He ask me what I collected and I told him "Barber Dimes" and he said "I see" and proceeded to go talk to Julian Olander, who was also attending his first club meeting. I thought wow; I must have said something wrong! We later talked some more after the meeting and he said, "Thanks for coming to the meeting, it was nice having you and Julian" The funny thing was Bob called me "Don" for the first six months after we met!

Over the past 4 years, Bob, Mike Campbell, and I went to several coin shows together. On these trips, I learned that Bob was an eclectic collector, who collected US and foreign coins, as well as, colonial currency cull notes. I really enjoyed his presentation on colonial currency notes he gave back in January. I was very impressed that he owned a note that was signed by one of Declaration of Independence signers!

Bob was also my go-to-guy when I needed Greysheet Bid on a coin. I could send him a text request and he would get back to me very promptly! I really think Bob enjoyed helping out other collectors anyway he could.

To end on a funny note, Kurt, Bob, and I met for lunch at Beauregard's. Since Bob was from Hartselle, he had never been there before and thought the food was really good. As we were eating lunch, Bob said, "I've got a joke to tell you" and Kurt and I said, "OK". So Bob told this long joke and then delivered the punch line with that "Bob" smile. Kurt and I looked at each other with some confusion, I told Bob, "That was a terrible joke...you need to retire that one". Kurt agreed!

Lastly, I would like to say that Bob was a scholar of history and a gentleman. He loved talking about history to all, but was also a good listener as well. He would take the time to ask you about your interests and if you had acquired anything new and exciting.

We will miss Bob!

Doug Glandon

Remembering Bob

I attended my first Madison County Coin Club meeting on 28NOV17. Bob Jaques was, from the beginning, an integral part of the experience of the meetings: friendly, welcoming and enthusiastic about the hobby. I've attended most meetings over the last three and a half years and I don't recall Bob being absent from any of them. The "Fellowship" piece of the Club's motto was right down Bob's alley.

He had a broad interest in coins and bills and wrote articles for the newsletter regularly. At every meeting, he generally had a newly-acquired "show and tell" and something to sell, too, with good stories about both.

I purchased a 1965 circulating commemorative Churchill Crown from Bob for \$4 a couple of years ago. Bob's story about this coin was that it was the only British coin with the bust of a commoner on it. As is the way of collected coins and with those who save them from the ravages of circulation to pass on to future generations, this coin has become far more special because it passed through the hands of the coin collector Bob Jaques--and I have my own personal story to tell about it and him.

It's people like Bob who make coin collecting the pleasure that it is. Just from the little time I was around Bob, I came to appreciate him and will miss him; I'm sure that many others in his life will feel his absence greatly.

Wayne Koger

A Partial List of the Articles Bob Wrote for our Newsletter:

King Edward the VIII Coins
Japanese Invasion Money
Hartselle, Alabama Banknotes
Why Do We Collect Coins?
Having "FUN" in Orlando
The Historic Past of the Denver Mint
To Slab or not to Slab
Victor D. Brenner, The Man Who Designed the Famous Lincoln Penny
Rare Kuwait Currency Stolen By Iray in 1990
Coins of Hawaii
Bronze Medallion Reminder of Ship's Historic past
The Role of the Spanish Dollar in the United States
Collecting Hawaiian Currency
Young Astronaut Program Medals made by the U.S. Mint
The Red-Lettered Dollar Bills
First Commemorative Pennies are Coming!
The Mint's First Steam Press
Rare Banknote Found in Tennessee Estate
Arrows by Date on Seated Liberty Cions Tell Silver Story
Club member Neil Cocker Wins Award at FUN
The Gobrecht Dollar: A Very Rare Collectable Type Coin
The Strange Story of the 1964-D Peace Dollar
Nation Coin Week Honors 50 Years of the Kennedy hHalf Dollar
Counterfeit Coin Detection Class at Summer Seminar
MCCC Member Attends Gold Medal Presentation
My First Coin Show Robbery
Money without a Country!
The Coins of the Ship El Cazador!
Seeking Rare Coin over Ten Years Finally Found!
The Great 1970'S Italian Coin Shortage
Pearl Harbor Theme on British Coin
Historic Medal Found At Military Show
How I Became a Coin Collector
Rare North Korean Note found at Gun Show
Finding a Rare Coin at the FUN Show!
Neil Cocker Remembered

“Starker and Sons” Rare Confederate Notes
How the Allies Changed German WW II Coins
Apollo 11 Insignia on Reverse of Two U.S. Coins
Coin from Lundy Re-Kindled Childhood Memories
Yes! I Found One
Historic New Orleans Mint Visited
The Manila Mint Centennial 1920-2020
Looking Back to 1940 Coin Buyers Guide
MCCC Collectable Items over the Years
Those Beautiful British Gold Sovereigns!
Historical 1567 Scotland Coin Found In North Alabama Collection
The United Nations’ Coin that Failed!
Assay Medal Bought at Coin Show
Rare 1867 Barbour County Currency Found in Collection
What are Giori Press Test Notes?
What is “Movie Money”?
The Greatest Human Adventure in my Lifetime - Man on the Moon!

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King Edward the VIII Coins
A Trip to the Denver Mint
British Night
Japanese Invasion Money
Military Payment Certificates
Coins of the British Commonwealth
Flying Eagle Cents
Norfed Money
A Fabulous Fun 2013
Examples of WWII Philippine Guerilla Currency
Detecting Counterfeit Coins
Young Astronaut Coin Program
Early American Coins and Currency
The Gold Mint at Dahlonega, GA
Norfed Money, Legal or Illegal?
Medals for Apollo 11
Colonial Coins and Currency

HOW I BECAME A COIN COLLECTOR!

By Bob Jaques

It was a beautiful warm spring day as I walked on the sidewalk in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota. The year was 1949 and my age at the time was a ripe 9 years old.

In today's world, it is hard to believe parents would allow their 9 year olds to walk downtown in any city alone and spend the afternoon browsing at all the city sights. However, the time then was different and I certainly did not feel threatened by anyone.

I vividly recall that walk on the sidewalk. I looked down at a dirty round object in front of my foot. But I walked past it. Then my curiosity overtook me and I stopped and returned to the round object.

I bent over and picked up the object and found to my surprise it was a dark colored penny. I turned it over in my hand but did not recognize the portrait on the front. Instead of Lincoln being on the obverse, I saw an Indian in full headdress and the date below the Indian profile was "1898".

Seeing that old date, I remember how excited I was to find something with a date beginning with "18". Wow! A real treasure in my hand. I placed it securely in my pants pocket and continued walking.



An 1898 Indian Head penny started it all!

One of the stores on that street was a small coin shop. As I looked in the front window I saw a folder with several pennies looking just like the one I found. I went inside. For a few cents I could buy another penny with an Indian on the front and a date in the 1800's.

When I returned to downtown visits, I also made it a point to stop and enter that coin shop. Within a short time I got to know the dealers. They were my mentors in helping me understand coin collecting.

My coin collecting interest continued for the rest of my life, but after I retired, I became a "numismatist" rather than being just a "coin collector". A "numismatist" is one who not only collects coins, but studies and learns the history about them.

Collecting coins has been educational, exciting to find a needed coin to fill that album space, and making many friends with the same interest. Numismatics has become one of the joys of my life.

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

Topic: Madison County Coin Club's Zoom Meeting

Time: May 25, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5598354632?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5598354632?pwd=MUx0cmo5dDFkdmxuRTVRNW52R1o3Zz09)

[pwd=MUx0cmo5dDFkdmxuRTVRNW52R1o3Zz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5598354632?pwd=MUx0cmo5dDFkdmxuRTVRNW52R1o3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 559 835 4632

Contact Doug for the pass code at: dmg4792@hotmail.com

Bargain Bin or Treasure Chest?

Part I of IV: Like a Moth to the Flame 21MAY21

or

Is He Bona Fide?

by

Odas Wayne Koger

(This series of articles asks four questions. Admittedly, only the answer to the fourth question is significant to you, Dear Reader, but you're apt to appreciate it more if you will bear with me through the answers to the first three!)

Face it, for many of us, the draw of a "bargain bin" at a coin show is, well, . . . magnetic.

When I was a kid, a huge annual event (#4 behind #1 Christmas, getting out of school for the Summer (#2), and my birthday (#3), was in early fall when the county fair came to Huntsville. Perhaps you too can remember the "carney" people (the hawkers who traveled with the show from county to county) who enticed you to "just get three rings on the bottles" to win the biggest stuffed (fill in the blank) ever!

Okay, so I must be pretty slow: I never got three rings on the bottles, but at 69, I'm still thinking I'm gonna do it!

However, I don't go to the county fair any more, I go to coin shows—and there are no hawkers, but there are those mostly plastic containers, peppered here and there on vendor's tables, that silently entice you to "come on over here and take a dive in me and you'll find the coolest coin ever for the lowest price ever!

At my first coin show I purchased 21 foreign coins from 11 countries and 16 US coins, all for a little more than \$200. Of those 37 coins, 11 came from "bargain bins."

Two coins, from a small bin, were Chinese, with holes in the center; and from another dealer, out of a bin so small that it was more like a tray, I bought nine US coins for about \$50:

1853 Seated Liberty Half Dime with Arrows (\$7.33) (F)

1853 Seated Liberty Dime, with Arrows (\$5.33) (F)

1853 Seated Liberty Quarter with Arrows (\$10.66) (VG)

1865 Two Cents (\$6) (G)

1867 Three Cents (\$4) (G)

1887S Seated Liberty Dime (\$6) (F)

1911S Dime (\$4.63) (F)

While I might be convinced (wink) at this point to part with some of the above seven, below are the other two that I am definitely hanging onto:



A favorite out of the batch, an 1852 Three Cents (\$4.63) (Holed, otherwise a VG) shown next to a Mercury Dime for size comparison. At 14mm, this silver (0.75) coin is the next smallest in diameter coin to be minted by the US Mint and circulated in the US, second behind a \$1 gold coin. It is also amazingly thin—much thinner than the gold coin—about the thickness of a fingernail; a feature that won for it in its day the tag (sans hash!) “Fish Scale.”



Another favorite, an 1886 US Seated Liberty “Love Token” Dime (\$5.33) (VF, if it was unaltered) shown next to a Mercury Dime for size comparison. Love tokens were popular around the time these silver (0.90) coins were produced and they were a perfect size to be attached (note hole) to a delicate silver bracelet and presented by an admirer to the young lady whose initials appeared on one side.

I had lead a very sheltered coin-collecting life up until this show, with no exposure to foreign coins (a hole in the middle with Chinese characters that I can’t read?) and little exposure to most older US coins (two cent and three cent coins?; half-dimes—wait, don’t you mean a nickel?) and what in the heck is a “love token?,” so finding all of these interesting, mostly silver coins definitely reinforced for me that digging through bargain bins could be worthwhile. From that experience, a seed was planted in my wee brain: bargain bin = treasure chest!

Not long after I began collecting foreign coins, I knew I was a Bona Fide Bargain Bin Junkie when I realized that I had spent six hours—without a bathroom break and with only a bottle of water for sustenance—glued to a seat in front of one dealer’s table going through a good-sized bin of mixed-country coins.

From that bin I ended up with 109 coins from 45 foreign countries (plus the German city-state, Baden) for \$181 (average: \$1.66 ea.). Was I happy? Yep!

But.

Why does there always seem to be a “but”? Answer: in this case, because “you go overboard on everything, Wayne.” My wife originated and regularly repeats that phrase. While I tend to agree from time to time, I don’t see myself as going overboard nearly as often as she calls me on it. For example, to me, going through a bin for six hours was not going overboard; it was a treasure chest for goodness sake!

But, . . . over time my bargain bin hunting began to have two negative effects.

First, I recognized that far too many of the coins I acquired, once put into my lovely Lighthouse albums, lacked the eye appeal that I was looking for in the overall collection. Too dark, not a good enough grade to see the detail of the artwork that made a coin special, not enough silver with attractive tones, etc.

Secondly, this approach sucked up far too much time. After purchasing 268 coins at one show, including 31 five-for-\$1 loose coins *and* 18 12-for-\$1 loose coins, it was time to stop and relook my approach to collecting. Acquiring a large number of coins of any quality, inexpensive or not, requires a huge consumption of time for me to inventory and write up interesting aspects about each coin. And loose coins take more time than usual—and require a tabbed Lighthouse 2x2 that costs me about \$0.25. (Yes, indeed I do have some tendencies that border on being obsessive-compulsive about lists and details, *and* I am fascinated about just about everything —*and* I do like to write.)

To put it simply, I was drowning in too many less-than-desirable coins that took far too much of my “coin time.”

By the way, although you may find this hard to believe, there were some coins in that \$0.0834 batch that I would buy again today (perhaps even at a slightly higher price!):



Belgium (KM#89) 1 Franc, 1923 (VG)



Spain (KM#775) 1 Peseta, 1947 (F) (Left)
Austria (KM#2886) 1 Schilling, 1961 (F) (Right)



Spain (KM#896) 1 Peseta, 1975 (MS)



Spain (KM#807) 50 Pesetas, 1975 (AU)



Bahamas (KM#51) 10 Cents, 2000 (XF)

I realized that I had to get my Bargain Bin Junkie habit under control. I needed to change my focus and acquire smaller quantities of higher grade coins, albeit at a higher price.

I did make significant progress, going through entire shows without so much as looking twice in the direction of a bargain bin. Even my coin-show/road-trip buddy, Jimbo, who had expressed serious doubts about my ability to resist temptation, was beginning to believe that I had gotten a grip on myself.

But, . . . in March of 2021 an exciting opportunity arose. During a conversation with a buddy of mine who was preparing to begin business as a coin dealer, he offered to let me have first pick of a bin of coins that was so heavy *he couldn't lift it*.

Continued in next month's newsletter: Part II: What is a Hoard, Anyway?

[In regard to the content of this article, I invite you to advise me of corrections, to share your experiences and thoughts, to provide references to related articles in publications and on web sites, etc. My email is ode2joyboytoy@gmail.com. Thanks! Wayne]

COIN FROM *LUNDY* RE-KINDLED CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

By
Bob Jaques

Last April 13th thru the 15th, I attended the Georgia Numismatic Association annual Coin Show in Dalton, Georgia. It was a well-attended Show. Like all coin shows, I enjoy walking from dealer table to dealer table looking over the selection of coins for sale. Sometimes I do not look for anything in particular, but end up purchasing a coin that catches my eye. I am sure most collectors understand this buying method.

Foreign coins intrigue me and I like looking through foreign coin boxes and albums. While looking at some assorted foreign coins at my dealer friend Joe Messervy's table, I spotted a familiar coin that I had not seen since my teens. The coin was a "One Puffin" from Lundy and was in XF condition.

Most people have never heard of *LUNDY* or the Puffin denomination, so here is the story. Coins of *LUNDY* are unofficial issues from the Island of *Lundy*, which is located in the Bristol Channel off the West Coast of England. The Island was owned by a self-declared "King of Lundy" by the name of Martin Coles Harman. He issued two bronze coins the "half Puffin" and the "one Puffin", which circulated on the Island. The coins are dated 1929 and a portrait of Harman is on the obverse. These two coins had the same nominal value as the British half-penny and penny.

The coins were called the Puffin because it was the Island's main bird. Islanders traded Puffin feathers for food and other commodities. As you might guess, these coins landed Harman in trouble with the British authorities for "minting unauthorized money". Harman lost his case, was fined, and told to stop minting the coins. However, the coins were struck again in 1965, 1977, and 2011 as commemorative tokens and did not circulate. Harman died in 1954.

When I was a teenager and starting to collect coins, I sent off for advertised coins. Coin companies always sent coins on approval with my order and there was usually a coin from *LUNDY* included in the approvals.

I purchased my One Puffin *LUNDY* coin from Joe, and remembered my days of collecting many years ago. It is the only *LUNDY* coin in my collection.



The Half Puffin



The One Puffin

The top half of the poster features a teal background. Four spotlights in yellow, orange, yellow, and teal shine down from the top. Below them is a dark teal silhouette of the Chicago skyline, including the Willis Tower and a Ferris wheel. A large, detailed image of a 1909 Lincoln Cent is positioned on the left side of the skyline.

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Nov 12-14	Chattanooga, TN	Tennessee State Numismatic Society Camp Jordan Arena I-75, Exit 1 Chattanooga, TN Fri & Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Bob Hurst 321-427-6474 forum@comcast.net www.tsns.org	++
Jun 26-27 Aug 28-29 Oct 30-31	Gadsden, AL	72nd Annual Northeast Alabama Coin Show Gadsden Mall 1001 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL Sat-Sun 10 am- 9 pm	Blaine Smith 256-820-9691 blainelsmith@cableone.net Rainbow City Coin Club	+
July 15-18	Bessemer, AL	Alabama State Coin Show 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	++
Aug 20-22	Dalton, GA	62nd Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show Dalton Convention Center I-75 exit 333 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road Dalton, GA Fri-Sat 10 am – 6 pm Sun 10 am – 3 pm	Jacob Hall 865-607-9645 Jacob@HallmarkRareCoins.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- **+++**

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Enjoy online courses and lectures from fellow collectors and experienced numismatists. The courses are free and open to the public. See <https://info.money.org/elearning> for details.

Madison County Coin Club Website Update

Our Madison County Coin Club website (<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/>) has two links that will give you access to all our previous newsletters dating back to 2005! We also have a link to programs that are presented at club meetings! This gives you an opportunity to read previous articles posted in our newsletters, as well as, review recent programs. These resources can be very useful in increasing your knowledge on specific coins, a series, types, and other coin-related topics. Go check it out!

Read our previous newsletters at:
<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/newsletters/>

Read our previous programs at:
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