

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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The President's Corner

Greetings Everyone,

I hope everyone is returning to some level of normalcy!

The Club is experiencing the same! Due to COVID restrictions at the Senior Center, we have moved our meeting location to the Sandra Moon Community Complex. The Complex is located at the old Grissom High School campus on Bailey Cove Rd. We will be meeting in the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society building [rectangular-shaped building] next Tuesday evening, June 22, at 6:30.

Come join us!
Doug

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Our Meeting Location has Changed!

We now meet at:

Sandra Moon Community
Complex
(Huntsville Gem & Mineral
Society building)
7901 Bailey Cove Rd,
Huntsville, AL 35802

The 1879 J. Henry Numismatist Token

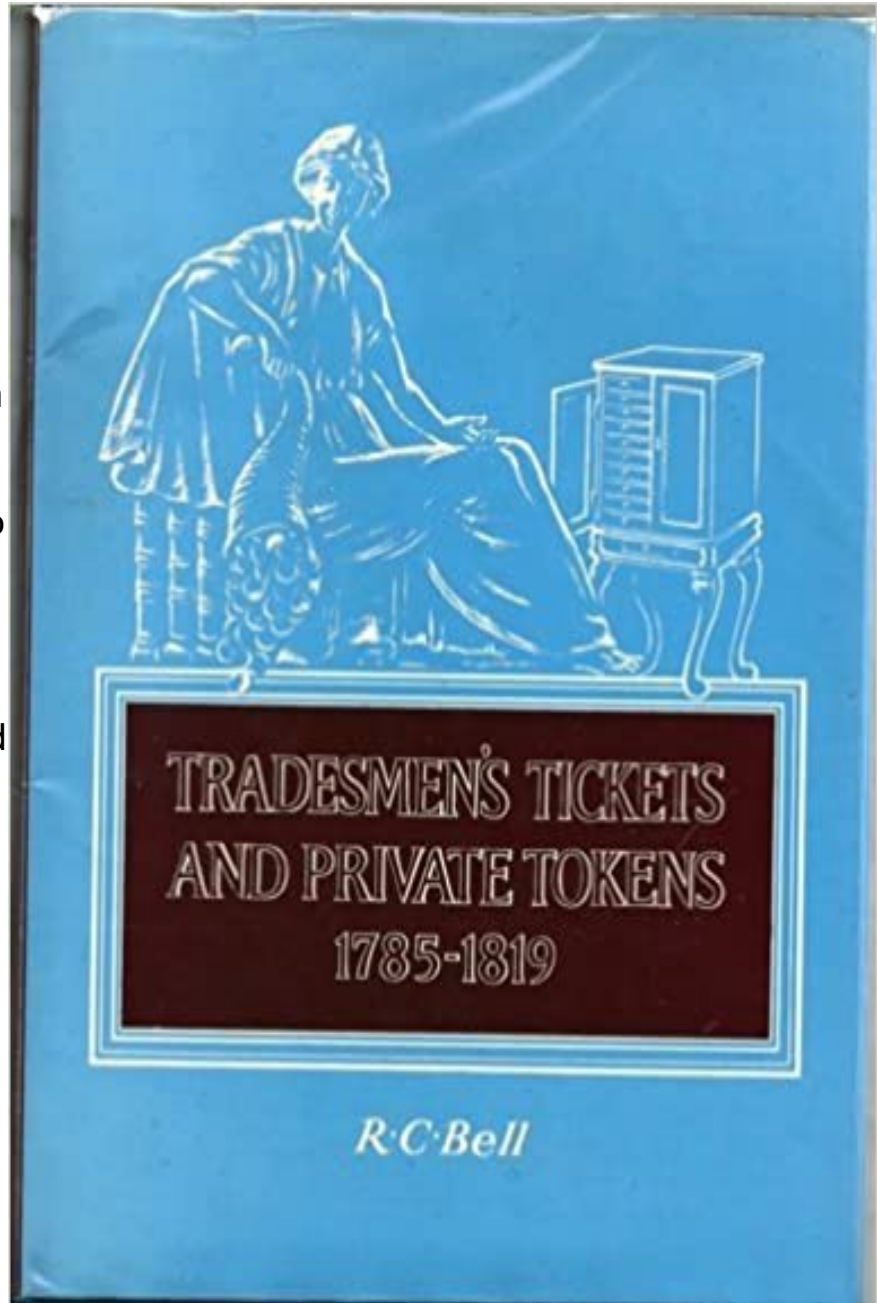
by H.K. Fears

Since the mid 1960s, Robert Bell's name has been synonymous with a generation of collectors of British trade tokens. For me his three books, *Commercial Coins 1787-1804*, *Unofficial Farthings 1820-1870* and *Tradesmen's Tickets and Private Tokens 1785-1819* are a must for any collector of this genre. When I recently purchased the Tradesmen's book, I was very eager to read it and see what I could learn.

When reading the book, I was pleasantly surprised to learn about a piece that was minted in 1879 from a die obtain from Matthew Young, a leading collector and dealer of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. (A little research about Mr Young revealed that the 1838 auction sale by Sotheby's of his numismatic library lasted for four days and had 39 pages to list all of the numismatic literature items! Now, that's what I call a library.)

The token of interest is referred to as a J. Henry token.

James Henry was a London dealer in coins and medals during the later part of the 19th century. He had acquired Young's die for the obverse and had it modified to include his legend. The obverse design portrays Moneta, the Goddess of Money, leaning against a pile of books, the source of knowledge. She is holding a cornucopia from



which falls a shower of coins. On the right is a coin cabinet belonging to Matthew Young. This design is on the cover of Bell's book.



The obverse of the token

The token is considered to be a rare, with one hundred struck in bronze and another twelve in silver. Henry sold his bronze tokens for 5/- (five shillings) and the silver for one guinea (twenty one shillings.) One thing to note is that this is the first token bearing the letters of a postal district of London (W.C.)

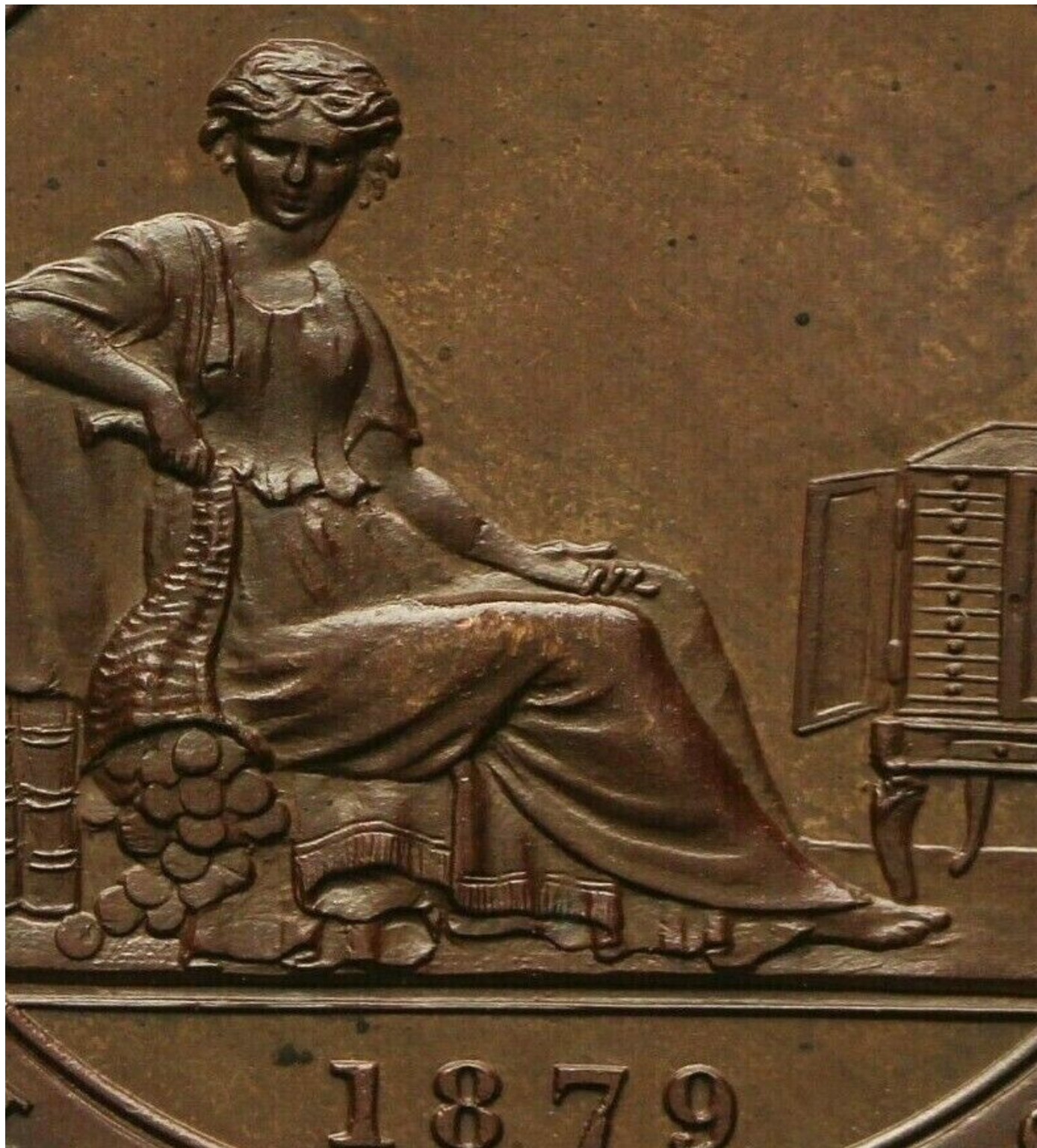
Today the tokens are being sold for about \$125 in uncirculated condition.



The reverse

"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 obverse portrays Moneta, the Goddess of Money, holding a cornucopia from which falls a shower of coins.

Aaron's Non-Cents Word Scramble

By Aaron Wales

Unscramble the following words related to our favorite hobby. Don't be fooled by the spaces. They are meant to trick you. I hope you can figure them all out. Let the fun begin.

1. TERI BLY
2. LIVERS
3. LE AGE
4. DE RAG
5. CLAD UNIT CURE
6. TITAN SUM SIM
7. CAUTION
8. RUER QAT
9. NERVED
10. THEN CLAP
11. VERBOSE
12. HELIPAD PHIAL
13. ENCORE IF TUT
14. TINK MARM
15. LILO NUB
16. TROLL ECCO
17. LE READ
18. EVICT MOMMA ROE
19. AN EDITION MON
20. CRYER NUC



The answers will be in next month's edition.

Celebrating 20 Years of the Madison County Coin Club (Part 5) Guest Speakers Over the Years

By

Richard Jozefiak

Over the years, the club has had a number of guest speakers that came to the club to give a presentation and meet club members. Below are some of the guest speakers that visited the club and gave a presentation.

Carl Lester was the first guest speaker in October 2001. The first photo in the *MCCC Newsletter* was of his presentation, and was in the November 2001 issue. Carl gave his presentation on “Behind the Scenes at the Dahlonega Mint: Vignettes of the Mint and Her Men, Machinery and Money”. He was presented an ANA Educational Award.

First Guest Speaker



*Mr. Carl Lester (L) receiving ANA Educational Award from
Richard Jozefiak, MCCC President
October 22, 2001*

ANA Governor Visits Club in 2008



*Richard Jozefiak (L) and ANA Governor Radford Steans
Governor Steans gave a presentation at the April 28, 2008 club meeting*

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ANA President Visits Club in 2014



58th ANA President Walter Ostromecki (L) presenting ANA award to the club, accepted by MCCC President Kurt Springfield at the February 24, 2014 club meeting. President Ostromecki gave a presentation at the meeting.

ANA Governor and Future ANA President Visits Club in 2018



Governor Col. Steven Ellsworth (later 61st ANA President 2019-2021) gave presentation at the March 27, 2018 club meeting.

Since 2002, Charles Cataldo (President of Alabama Coin and Silver Company of Huntsville, AL) has given a yearly presentation to the club, normally at the February club meeting. Charles gives a yearly update on the numismatic market and provides insight into market activity.

President of Alabama Coin and Silver Company



Charles Cataldo giving presentation at the February 26, 2019 club meeting

Alabama banknotes specialist David Hollander has spoken to the club many times over the years. He has given different presentations on Alabama banknotes from his research into this paper money field.

Alabama Banknotes Specialist



At the October 23, 2018 meeting, MCCC President Kurt Springfield (L) presents David Hollander with an ANA Educational Award for his presentation to the club

Alfa Romeo and the Silver Testone of the Duchy of Milan

by H.K. Fears

Galeazzo Maria Sforza reigned as the Duke of Milan, Italy from 1466 to 1476. Around 1474 he introduced the first testone in all of Italy. It was engraved by Italian sculptor Cristoforo Foppa (1445 to 1527), commonly known by the pseudonym Caradosso. Like many Milanese coins of the time period, it is non-dated. A right-

facing depiction of Galeazzo Maria Sforza wearing a breastplate is featured in the center of the obverse, and behind his likeness is a small point in a circle. Both the portrait and the circle are enclosed within a circular boundary. At the top of the coin, outside the boundary, is a small bishop's head. Inscribed around the rim is a Latin legend that normally reads "GALEAZ • M • SF • VICECO • DVX • MLI • QIT", although alternate lettering is common. It is an abbreviated form of Galeazzo Maria Sforza Vicecomitis Ducis Mediolani Quintus, which roughly translates to English as "Galeazzo Maria Sforza Visconti, Fifth Duke of Milan". The coat of arms of the House of Visconti in Milan – which consists of a Biscione, a heraldic charge showing a serpent in the process of devouring a human, in the center of an escutcheon – is featured at the bottom of the coin, slanted and surmounted by a large Biscione and two burning branches with two buckets hanging from them. The illustration of the Biscione separates the writing "G3 M", which likely signifies "Galeazzo Maria". The legend around the rim, reads "PP • ANGLE • Q3 • CO • AC • IANVE • D •", is likely a shortened form of Papie Angleriae Que Comes ac Ianuae Dominus, which translates as "Count of Pavia and Angera and Lord of Genoa". Each of the three cities mentioned in the legend were at one point controlled by the House of Visconti, the rulers of Milan before the Sforzas.



Galeazzo Maria Sforza

The Visconti coat of arms quite memorable in heraldry and adorns the historical buildings all around Milan. It depicts the so-called biscione, an animal variously interpreted as grass snake, viper or basilisk devouring a human, a male youth. The biscione remained associated with the Duchy of Milan even after the Visconti family line ceased to exist.



Depiction of the biscione swallowing a child, the coat of arms of the House of Visconti, on the Archbishop's palace in Piazza Duomo in Milan, Italy.



A right-facing depiction of Galeazzo Maria Sforza wearing a breastplate is featured in the center of the obverse.



The coat of arms of the House of Visconti in Milan is featured on the reverse.

Anonima Lombarda Fabbrica Automobili, or "Lombard Automobile Factory, Public Company" in Italian, (A.L.F.A. to us) was founded on June 24, 1910, and shortly thereafter selected a logo that looks a lot like the one in use today. The idea came from the several heraldic interpretations of the Biscione Visconteo, the coat of arms of the city of Milan and of the Visconti family that ruled it in medieval times located on the Filarete Tower in Milan.

The next time you see an Alfa Romeo with its snake logo, we can think about the numismatic connection with the silver testone of 1474.



In 1910 Alfa Romeo adopted a crest showing the Biscione dragon on one side, and the emblem of the City of Milan, a red cross on a white background, on the other.



Alfa Romeo's current crest

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, semi-transparent word "CHICAGO" is centered behind the skyline. On the left side of the skyline, there is a circular emblem of the 1893 World Columbian Exposition, showing the Statue of Liberty and the word "LIBERTY".

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2021 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance From Huntsville				
Jun 18-20 Aug 27-29 Oct 22-24	Gadsden, AL	72nd Annual Northeast Alabama Coin Show Gadsden Mall 1001 Rainbow Drive Gadsden, AL	Blaine Smith 256-820-9691 blainelsmith@cableone.net Rainbow City Coin Club	+
July 16-18	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- **+++**

The ANA eLearning Academy Courses

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!

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