

Madison County Coin Club

of Huntsville, Alabama



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**Our next meeting
will be at the**

**South Huntsville Public
Library
7901-L Bailey Cove Rd Se
Huntsville, AL 35802**

**On
Monday 17, 2022
from 6:00 – 7:30**

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The President's Corner

Hey Everyone!

Wow, we had a great meeting in September! We had a nice crowd of members, new folks, and a great presentation from David Hollander. As always, David enlightens us on currency rarities from the state of Alabama. This year was no exception! He spoke about national banks notes from Geneva County, Alabama and their role in national currency starting in the mid-late 19th century up through the early 20th century. Many of the notes printed by these national institutions are extremely rare or unique! Amazingly, a few of these banks are still in operation today! Alabama can be proud for its role in supporting the national bank system. Thanks again, David, for another presentation full of Alabama history!

On another subject, the club is relocating to the South Huntsville Library, starting in October. Check our website for the details!

See you in October,

Doug

Some Scenes from our Last Meeting

By
Wayne Koger



Doug Glandon (L), Madison County Coin Club President, presents David Hollander an ANA Educational Award for his 20SEP22 Club meeting presentation on "Bank Notes of Geneva County, Alabama."

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



Kurt Springfield (L), Madison County Coin Board Member at Large, presents David Hollander a long-overdue* ANA Educational Award for his 23OCT18 Club meeting presentation on a long-time local institution, "The Henderson National Bank of Huntsville, AL."

"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

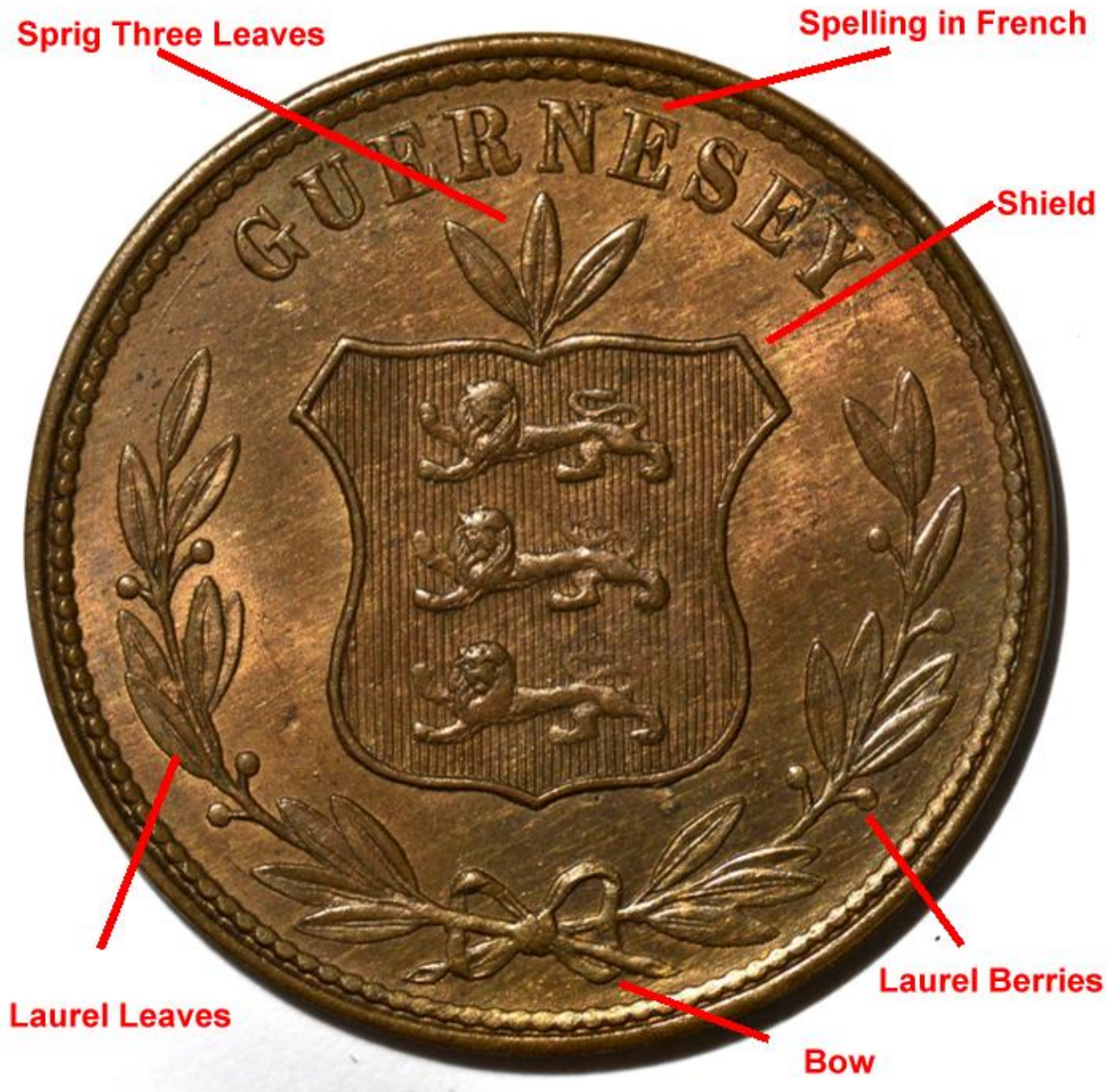


First-time MCCC meeting attendee Dale Holcomb proudly shows his 1947 “Walker” door prize. Dale also joined the Club—before winning the Walker!

Collecting the 1864 Guernsey Eight Doubles

By H. K. Fears

The Guernsey 1864 eight doubles coin has a mintage of 284,736 and were struck by the firm of Henry Jay & Co., of Birmingham. The coin is bronze with a diameter of 31.4 mm. The obverse consists of the Guernsey Shield (three lions with a spring of three leaves at the top). The shield is surrounded by a wreath of laurel, with a bow at its base. The name of the island is in French.



The reverse of the coin has a similar wreath along with the denomination and date.

Denomination

Date

**Three
Leaves
(Triad)**

Laurel Leaves

Laurel Berries

Bow



The neat thing about this coin is that there are 5 different obverse and 5 different reverse dies. A couple of the dies can be found in a noticeable deteriorated state. They form a series of ten varieties for the numismatist to collect. The coins illustrated below are from my collection, which I have worked on for several years. Even with the help of a fellow collector, I am missing one variety, the pairing of 3*-C. By the way, the pairing of 5 and E is considered common.

Obverse Die 1



No berries at bow.

Wreath arranged - leaves 3-4-4, berries 2-2 both sides;
three leaves at top of shield spring from single stalk.

Obverse Die 2



Wreath and berries as 1.
Three leaves at top of shield have separate stalks.

Obverse Die 3



Two berries at right, one at left of bow, extra left in wreath at left.
Wreath arranged left – leaves 3-5-4, berries 2-2-1;
right – leaves 3-4-4 berries 2-2-2.

Note: The variety 3* has berries 2-2 due to die filling.

Obverse Die 4



One berry each side of bow, twelve leaves in left half of wreath.
Wreath arranged left – leaves 3-5-4, berries 2-2-1;
right – leaves 3-4-4 berries 2-2-1.

Obverse Die 5



As 4 but eleven leaves in left half of wreath.
Wreath arranged – leaves 3-4-4,
berries 2-2-1 both sides.

Reverse Die A



Center leaf of the triad at right nearest S of DOUBLES
on top of the three leaves.
Bar of 8 in date weak.

Reverse Die A*



Deteriorated state of Die A.

Reverse Die B



Similar to Die A
but left leaf of triad on top of the three leaves.
Bar of 8 in date weak.
Base of 4 is doubled.

Reverse Die C



Right leaf of triad on top of the three leaves.
Triad is irregular with the tip of the right leaf out of alignment.

Reverse Die D



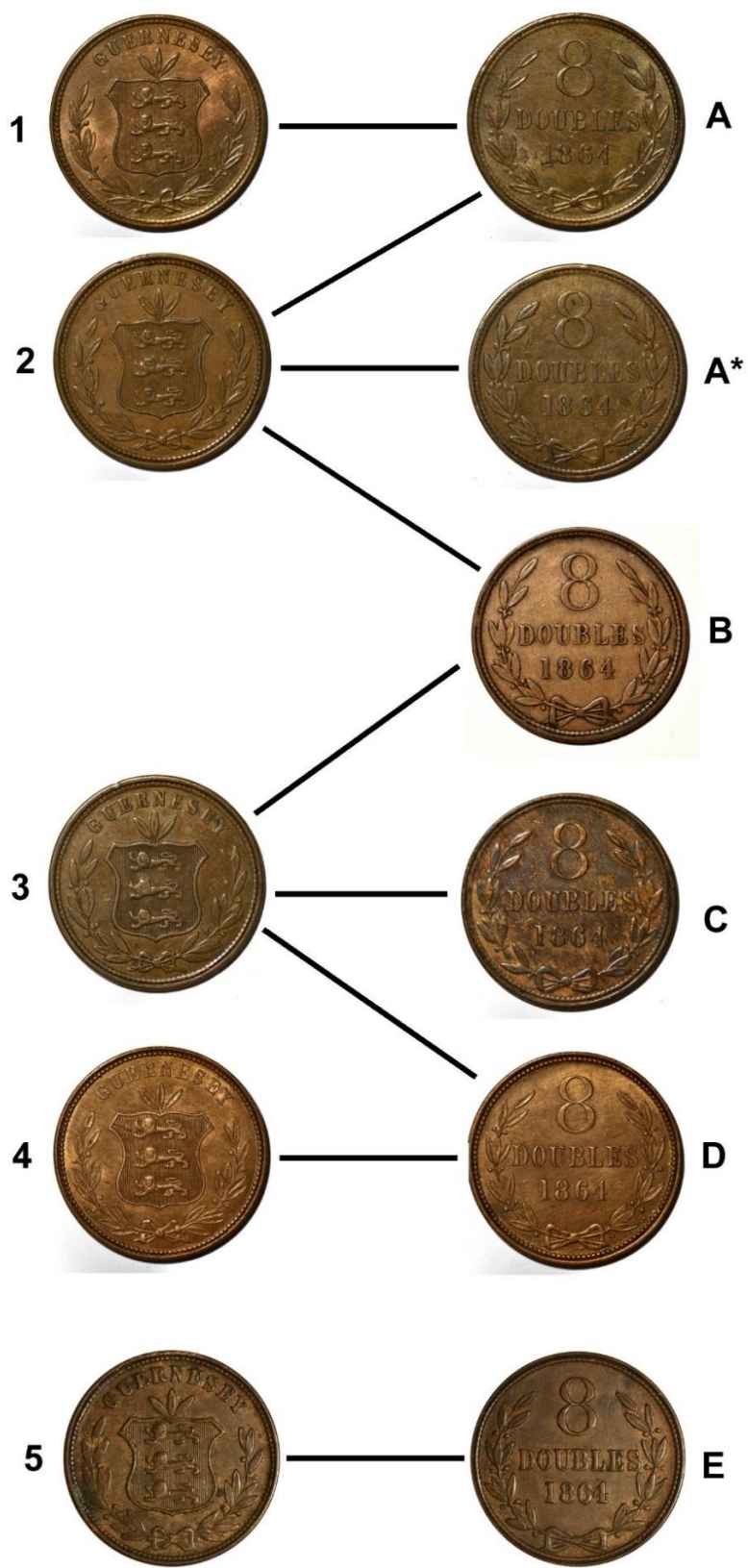
Right leaf of triad on top of the three leaves.
Leaves are in nice alignment.
Leaf immediately below S is well spaced from it.

Reverse Die E



Like Die D but
leaf immediately below S is almost touching it.

The Die Pairings



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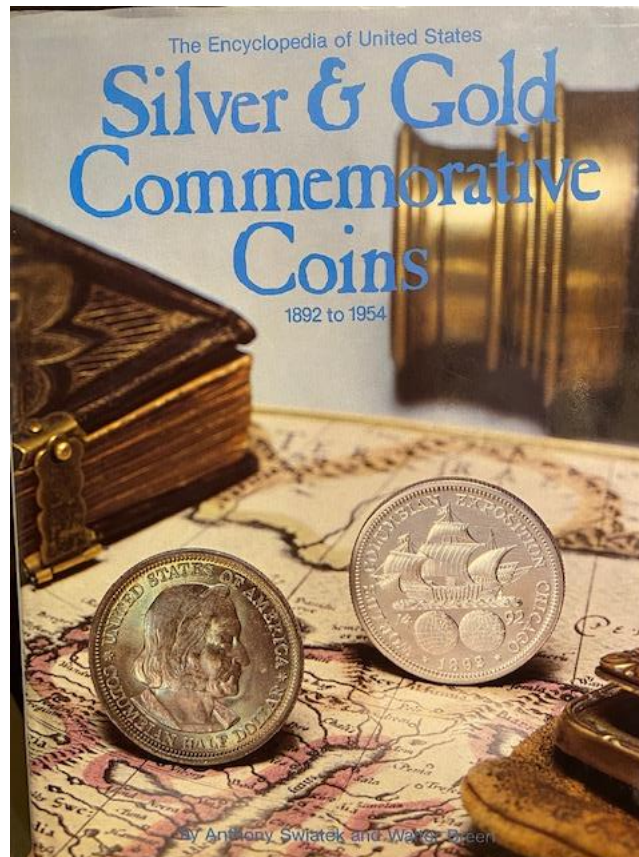
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CLUB LIBRARY!

By
Wayne Koger



The Club has a library of dozens of books that focus on coins, medals, paper money, and other numismatic objects and exonomia. One example is shown above, "The Encyclopedia of United States Silver & Gold Commemorative Coins 1892-1954." I'm currently reviewing the book and will provide a brief review at the November 2022 Club Meeting.

If you've ever had an interest in a particular coin and went looking for well-researched information regarding it, you know how valuable these kinds of books can be—and how difficult they can be to locate. Even with the internet and all of its offering, there is still a place for actual books written by your fellow collectors!

We intend to catalogue the library online and make books available to members. This is a work in process! Anyone interested in assisting in the cataloguing, please give me a call at 256-684-1038.

MCCC is now on Facebook



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The newly created Facebook page has pictures of recent meetings, schedules of upcoming events like the Huntsville Coin show, and post from members. Navigate to: <http://www.facebook.com/MadisonCountyCoinClub> .

Post comments - Visit the page and don't forget to "Like" us.

Members' Notices

Rules for users of the member notice page: All notices are free and should be directed to the editor, hkfears@gmail.com, of the Madison County Coin Club newsletter. 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
- 5.

World Coins, Tokens, Jade, Relics, etc. for sale. Contact: Steve Young, P.O. Box 8031, Huntsville, AL 35808, 334-300-5409 taegu_steve@hotmail.com .

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Nomination for Officer Positions

The nomination for club officers will be held at the October meeting. For our club to continue to be a successful club, members are needed to fill the following positions: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. If you are interested in learning what an officer does, please feel free to talk to one at the meeting. All positions are for a one-year term.



A Couple of Volunteers

The club is looking for a volunteer to be our Webmaster. The Webmaster would be responsible for maintaining and enhancing our website.

The club is also looking for a person to be our librarian. Duties would include maintaining a list of our books and handle the occasional request for a book.

If you are interested in helping the club, please email Harold Fears at hkfears@gmail.com



2022 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
March 15	Kurt Bellman	Hal Pullum
April 19	Don Adams	Aaron Wales
May 17	Wayne Koger	Mike Campbell
June 21	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 19	Harold Fears	Doug Glandon
August 16	Monica Couch	Ben Crow
September 20	TBD	David Hollander
Monday October 17	TBD Nomination of 2018 Officers	Kurt Springfield
Monday November 21	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

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:
<http://mccc.anacclubs.org/programs/>

Club Officers

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