

# 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  
Monday November 20, 2023  
from 6:00 – 7:30  
Doors Open at 5:30**

**It's Our Annual  
Potluck and Bourse Month**



The next meeting is our annual end of the year potluck supper. The club will provide drinks, paper products and utensils. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow club members. It is also our bourse night. Come see what treasure you can find! We will also vote for next year's officers.

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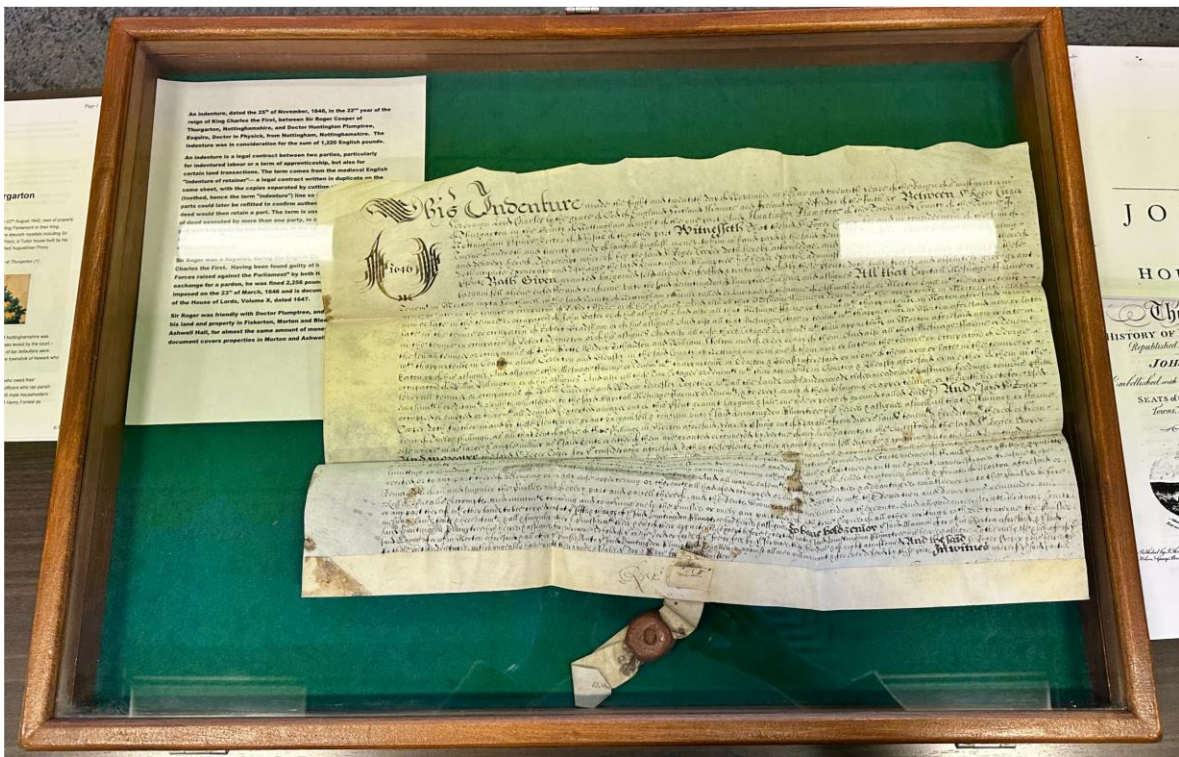
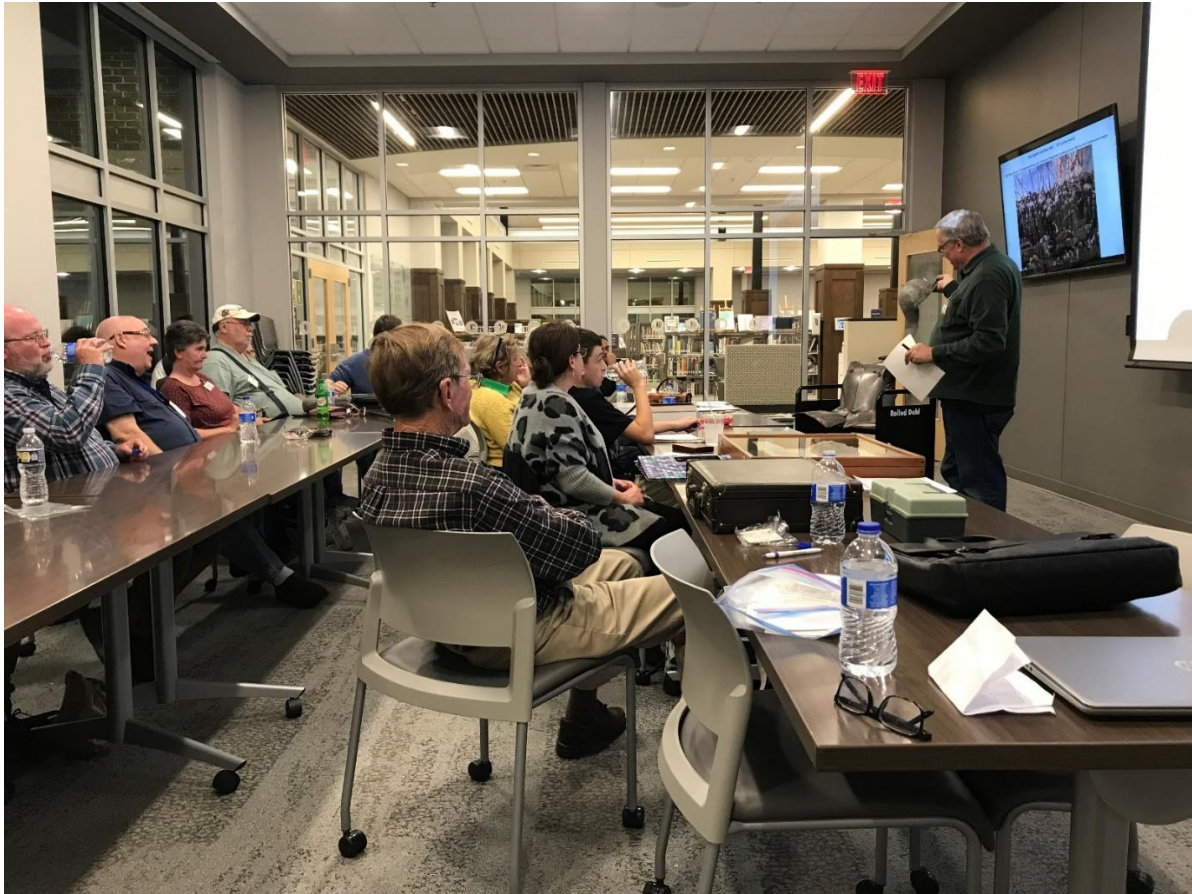
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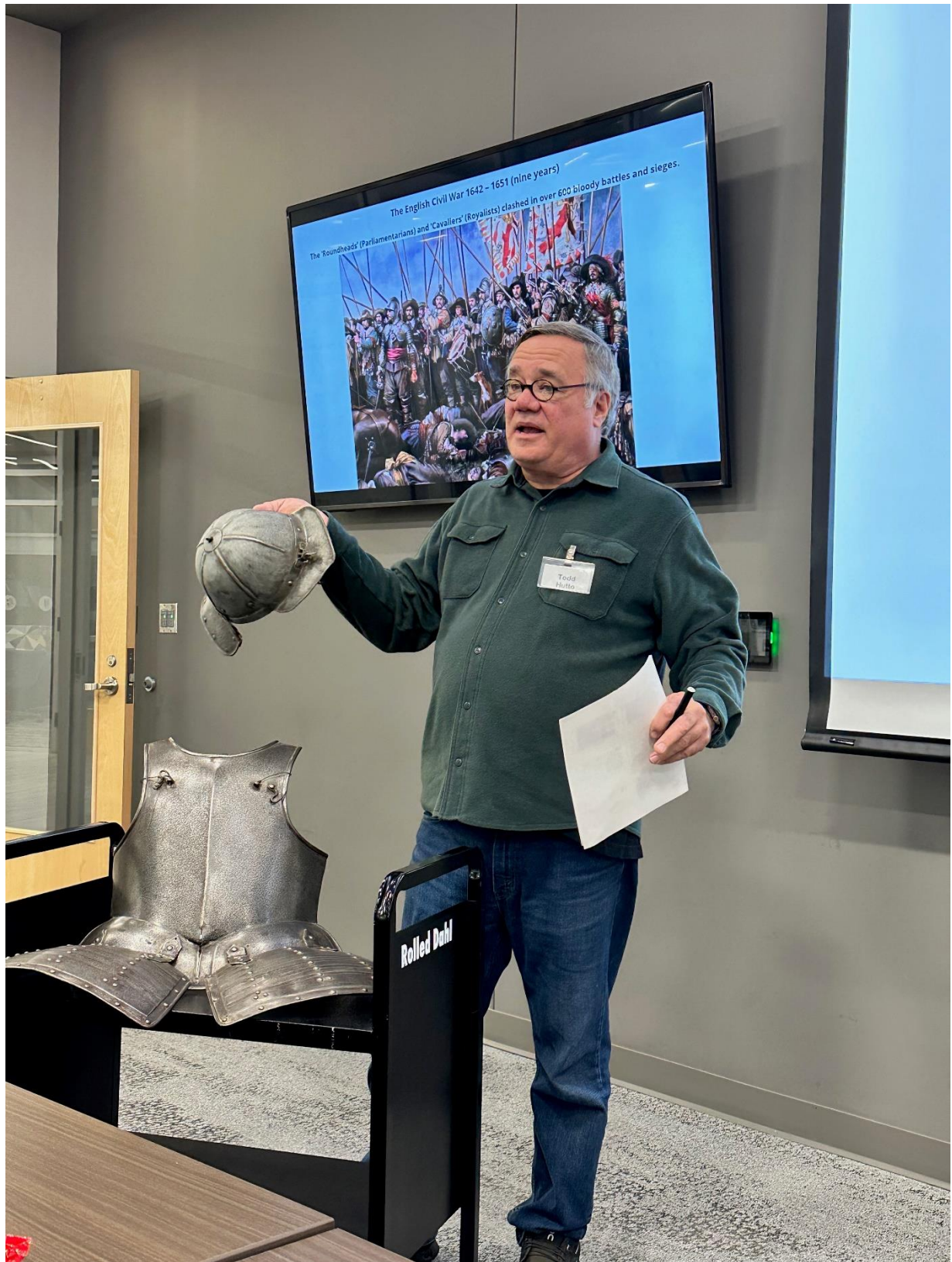
## Some Scenes from our Last Meeting





























## The 2024 Madison County Coin Club Medal

If you are interested in acquiring these medals, please let us know by sending an email to [madisoncountycoinclub2020@gmail.com](mailto:madisoncountycoinclub2020@gmail.com) . Deadline for ordering is 30 November 2023. Please state the types and the quantity desired. If you pre-order a silver medal and include payment, the club will waive one year's membership dues. You can pay at a club meeting or send your check to the club's mailing address:

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*The Club's 2024 Club Medal*

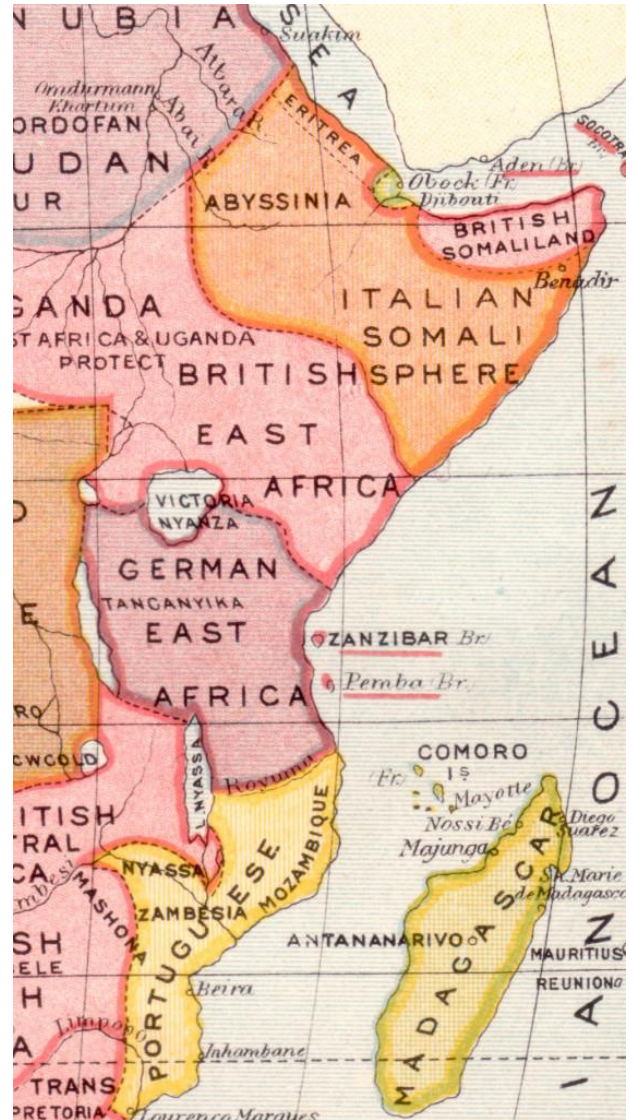
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# German Rupees in Africa

## Part 1: 1890-1902

By H.K. Fears

As most students of history know, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Africa was carved up by various European countries, especially Britain and France. But because Germany wasn't founded until 1871, Germany was late in game for the "Scramble for Africa." Finally, in April 1884, Chancellor Otto von Bismarck reluctantly consented to a German colonial effort to protect trade routes and to not lose out on securing a source for valuable resources for the German Empire. With his blessing, Germany quickly claimed various territories in Africa and the Pacific. In November 1884, a conference was held by the major European colonial powers that carved up Africa for colonization. From this agreement, German East Africa Protectorate (today Tanzania, Burundi, and Rwanda) was established. Initially, the territory was administered by charter to the German East African Company. By 1891, Germany ended company control by buying back the charter and establishing the German East Africa Colony.



During the initial phase of German colonial rule in the region, the German East African Company (*Deutsch Ostafrikanische Gesellschaft*, DOAG) administered the protectorate on behalf of the German Reich. In 1890, the Reich granted the DOAG the right to issue coins. Since this region of East Africa had used the Indian rupee for decades, the DOAG decided to issue rupees and pice (*pesa*), with the inscription of its name and symbols (its coat of arms) and those of the Reich (the German eagle with crown or the effigy of the emperor). The DOAG one-rupee coin had the same size and silver content as the Indian one-rupee coin.



In 1891, the DOAG ceased to exist, and the German state created the colony of German East Africa. However, DOAG rupees and pesa continued to be issued until 1902, when the German state regained its right to mint coins. Beginning in 1904, the German government issued a new coin for this region, which we will discuss in a later issue.



*German East Africa One Pesa  
where 64 Pesa = 1 Rupee*

*Minted in 1890, 1891, and 1892.*



*Arabic writing includes date surrounded  
by a wreath.*

*The lettering translates to "Germany  
Partnership" followed by the Anno  
Hegirae date. This example reads as  
١ one ٣ three • zero ٧ seven or  
1307 AH which corresponds to 1890  
AD.*



*The Coat of arms of the German Empire of German East Africa is found on the obverse of the One Pesa coin.*





*Wilhelm II with crowned eagle on helmet is on the obverse of the silver coins.*



*Wilhelm II was the last German Emperor.*



*The ¼ Rupee was minted in 3 years:*

1891

1898

1901

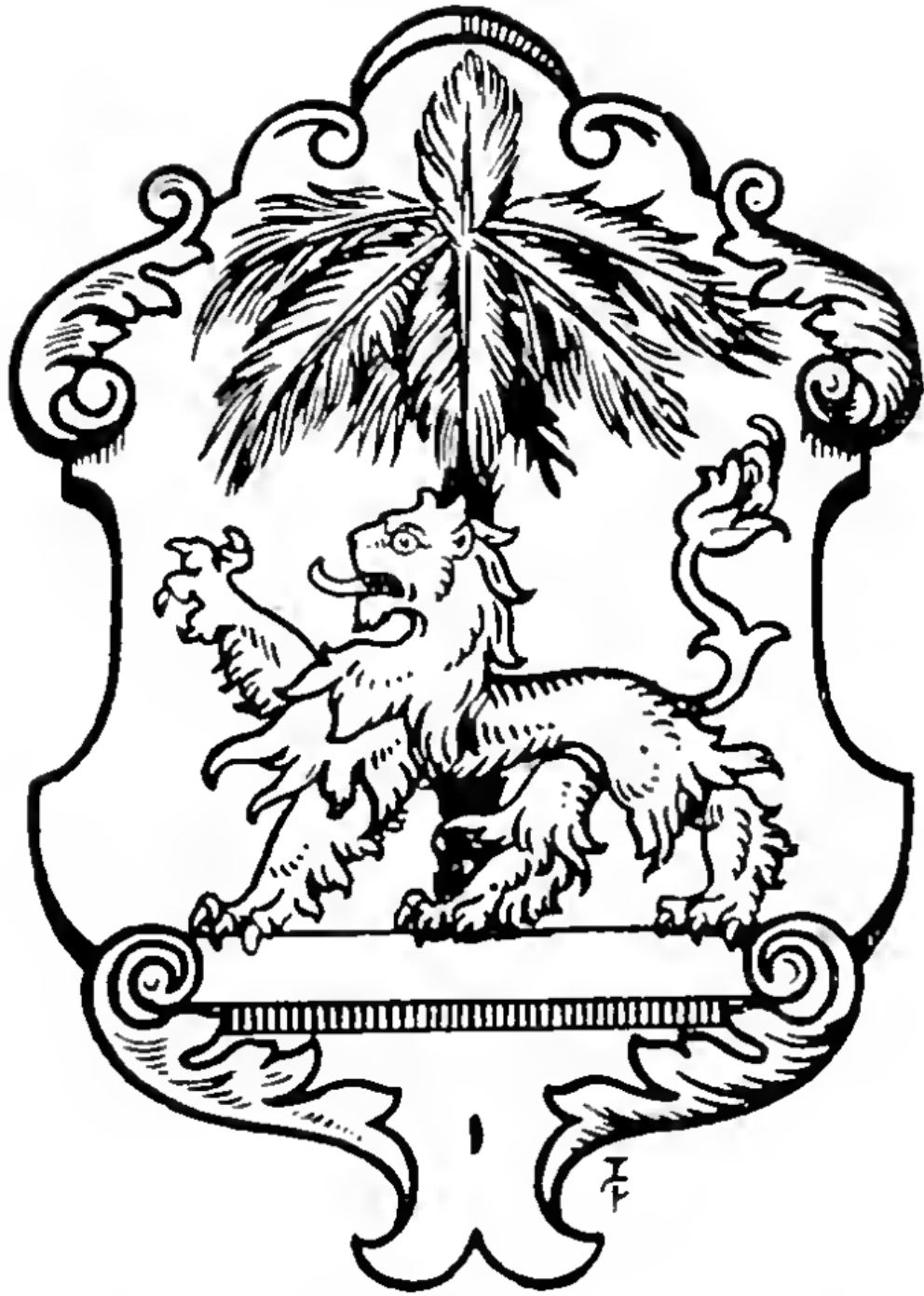


*The 1/2 Rupee was minted in 3 years:*

1891

1897

1901



## GERMAN EAST AFRICAN COMPANY

*The shield of the German East African Company is on the reverse of the silver coins.*





*The one Rupee was minted each year from 1890 through 1902*





*The reverse reads "German East Africa Company \* Two Rupies \*"*

*This coin was minted in 1893 and 1894.*

*The 1894 coin has a small mintage of 18,000 and is the key coin of all the pre-1904 coins.*



## United Kingdom's New Circulation Coinage

All new coin designs have been approved by The King and reflect his passion for conservation and the natural world. The new design coins mark the final chapter of His Majesty King Charles III's transition onto British coinage. The eight new coin designs will replace the current shield formation introduced under Queen Elizabeth II in 2008. Struck during the year of his coronation, these sets comprise the first definitive coins of King Charles III's reign and represent a historic change for UK coinage.



*The old vs the new.*



*The 1p depicts a hazel dormouse. Mostly found in southern England, the hazel dormouses' population has halved since 2007. However, more than 1,000 have been reintroduced in 13 different counties across the country to reverse this little mammal's ongoing decline.*





*The 2p depicts a red squirrel. With 75% of its population found in areas of Scotland, the red squirrel can also be found in Northern Ireland*



*The 5p depicts an oak tree leaf. The oak tree has a long association with monarchies, as ancient kings of Britain and Roman Emperors were often depicted wearing crowns or wreaths of oak leaves.*





*The 10p depicts the critically endangered woodland grouse the capercaillie. Found in a small part of Scotland, the **capercaillie** is the world's largest grouse*

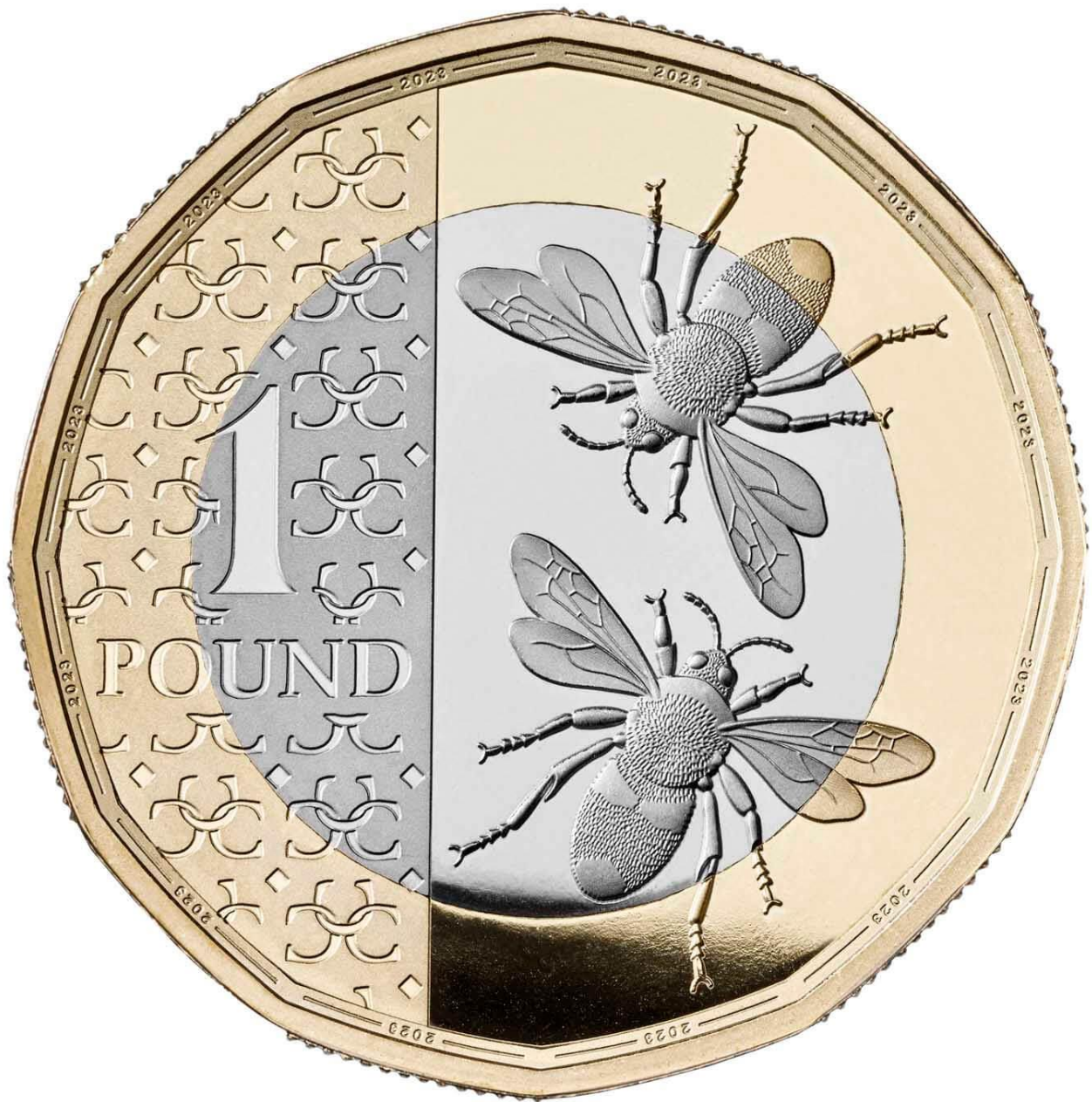


*The 20p depicts a puffin. Striking in their appearance, around 10% of the worldwide puffin population breeds along the UK's coastline.*





*The 50p depicts an Atlantic salmon. They can be found in pristine rivers in Scotland and Wales, along with those in North and Southwest England.*



*The £1 sees two bees. Bumblebees, mason bees, mining bees, and more — these industrious insects play a pivotal role in pollinating many plants and fruiting trees.*





*The £2 coin features a rose for England, a daffodil for Wales, a thistle for Scotland and a shamrock for Northern Ireland. The edge inscription reads 'IN SERVITIO OMNIUM', Latin for 'In the service of all.'*



*The obverse of each 2023-dated proof coin is embellished with a privy mark that takes the form of the Tudor Crown.*



## **Banknotes from the Venable's Hotel, Huntsville, Alabama, 1862**

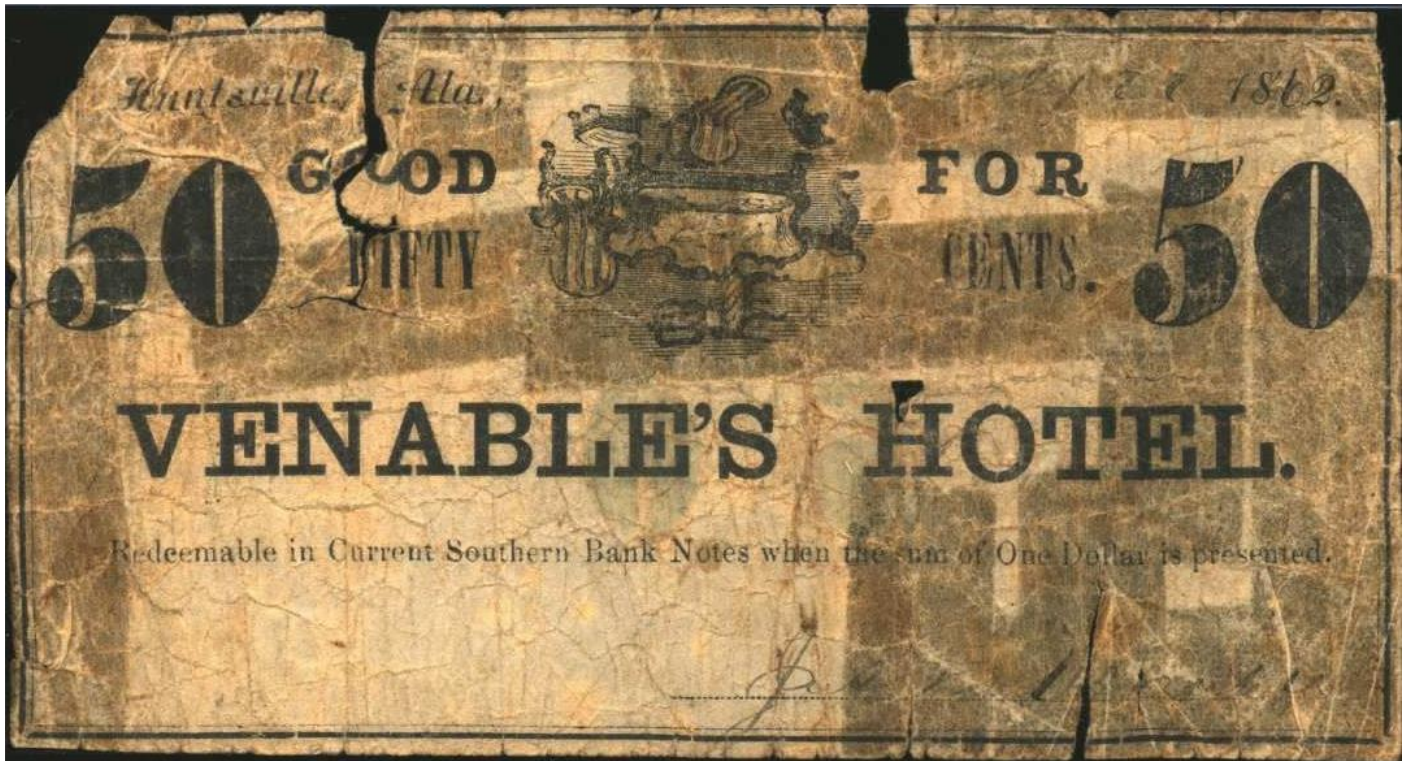
*By David Hollander*

### **ONLY TWO "ISSUED" EXAMPLES OF VENABLE'S HOTEL SCRIP ARE KNOWN.**

Each of the two known issued and verified Huntsville, Alabama, Venable's Hotel 50 cent notes, Rosene 136-1<sup>1</sup>, is in terrible condition. (See Figures 1 and 5.) The first is from the Walter B. Jones sale<sup>2</sup>; the second found in a mixed lot in September 2003. They are owned by a Huntsville collector.

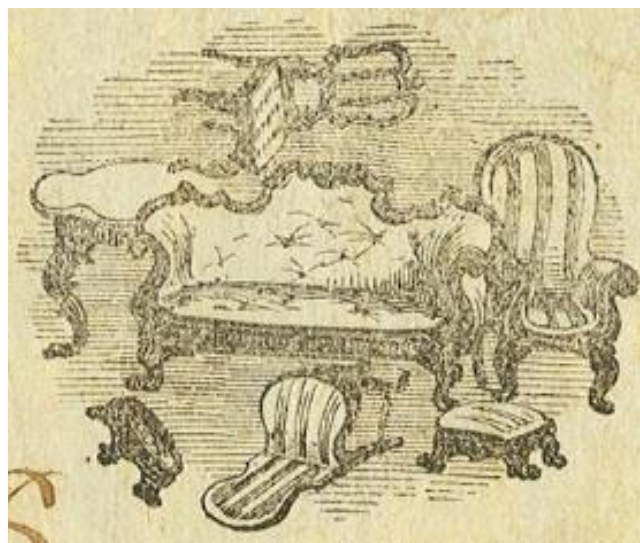
Both notes are dated July 22, 1862, with the "July 22" being hand-written and the "1862" printed. Rosene indicates that the date on the issue is "18, part ink."<sup>3</sup> It is possible that he had seen neither of the issued pieces and only had a printer's proof to study.

The signature on both notes is that of "J. M. Venable."



*Figure 1: The front of the Walter B. Jones Venable's Hotel note is fairly complete.*

The note's vignette (Figure 2) is unusual: it depicts a settee and chairs, but two of the chairs and one footstool are turned over and the entire vignette is printed upside-down! Probably the upside-down picture was merely an error on the part of the printer. When the note is rotated by 180 degrees, the scene becomes clear, but still there still appears to be a perspective problem with one of the chairs. The vignette is not unique to the Venable's Hotel script. Rather, at least several other Alabama notes (by what appears to be the same printer, who remains unknown<sup>4</sup>) have this unusual scene. These include the Huntsville Johnson House 5 cent, Rosene 130-2<sup>5</sup>, and Princeton, Alabama<sup>6</sup>, Rosene 282-4 through 282-77. It is plausible that the printer inadvertently produced a large amount of paper having only this error and, rather than destroy the paper that was quite valuable because of wartime shortages, continued to use it until his stocks were exhausted.



*Figure 2: The left vignette shows a settee and accessories when rotated by 180 degrees. (For clarity, the vignette on the right is from a Princeton, Alabama note.)*

The back of the note (Figure 3) is quite interesting: of course, the printed "50" value is very obvious and clear. But less discernable is the fact that the script was printed on paper used for Bank of Alabama \$100 bonds. (See Figure 4 for an enlargement of the area.) The bond paper has a printed serration guide for separation.





*Figure 3: The back of the Venable's Hotel scrip is revealing.*

The 20 Princeton, Alabama, and the 5 Huntsville Johnson House notes that were examined had no value, no Alabama bond printing, nor any printed serrations on the back. As a cost-saving measure, it is entirely possible that Mr. Venable had agreed to use the printer's cheapest stock, which was the paper printed on the State Bank of Alabama blank \$100 bonds.

*"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



*Figure 4: The Venable's Hotel scrip are printed on unissued Bank of Alabama \$100 bonds.*

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*Figure 5: The other Venable's Hotel note has a date identical to the first note's, July 22, 1862.*

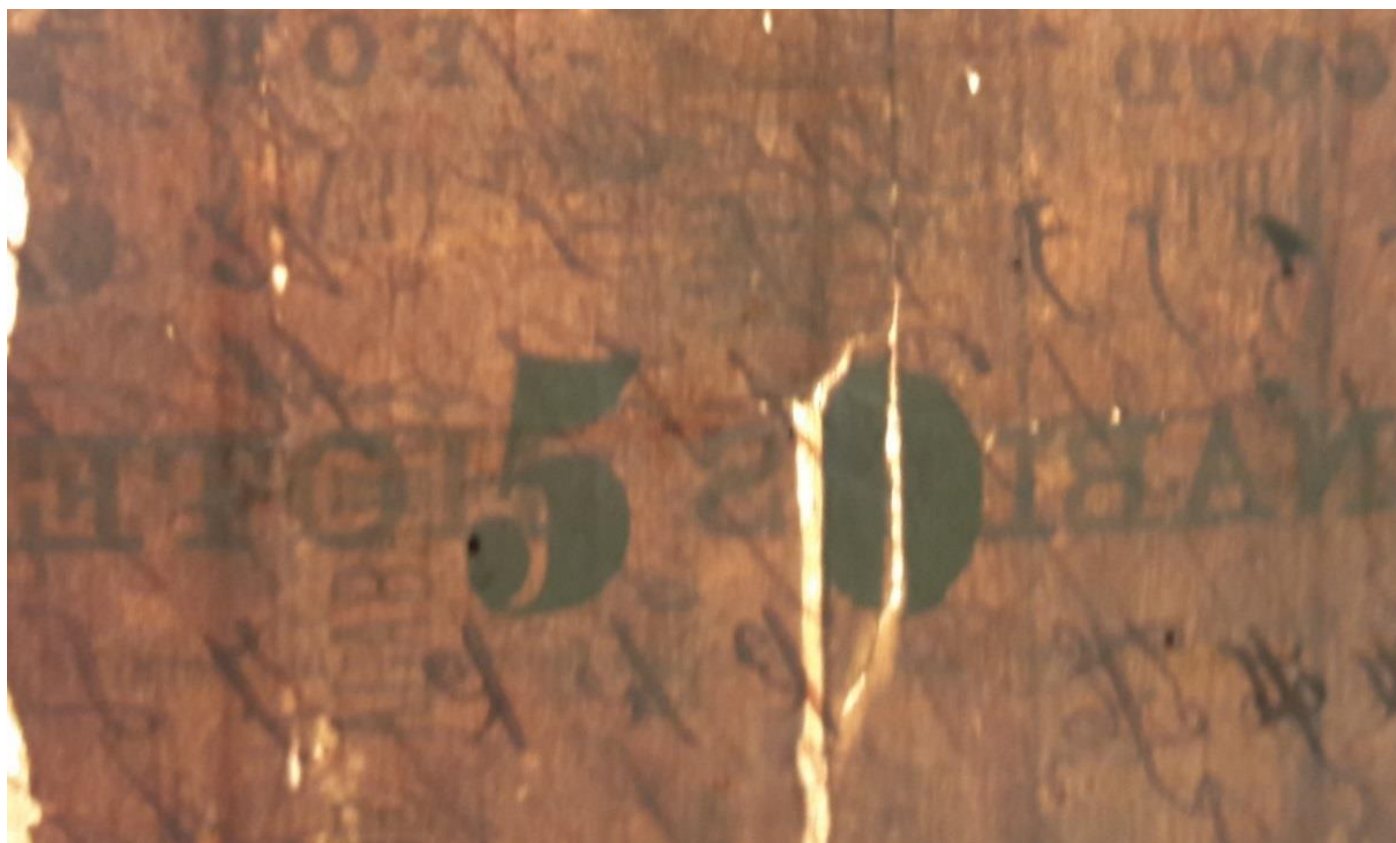
The second known Venable's Hotel note (Figure 5) has been backed with paper to preclude further deterioration. When held to light, it has the same reverse as the first note's, including the Bank of Alabama bond printing. (See Figure 6.)

### **MCCC is on Facebook**



The Madison County Coin Club is now on Facebook. The 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.



*Figure 6: Held to light, both notes show the same back, including the Alabama bond indications.*

### **WE KNOW SOME FACTS ABOUT MR. VENABLE AND THE HOTEL.**

Mr. James Monroe Venable was born in Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia, on April 10, 1810. His father was Abraham (August 26, 1780-?); his mother, Elizabeth Taylor (1782-July 25, 1855).

On December 20, 1831, Mr. Venable married Matilda W. Hoffman in Rockbridge County, Virginia.<sup>8</sup>

During the years 1834-1837 the James Monroe Venable family probably lived in Tennessee since his two oldest girls were born there. Sometime before 1840 the Venable's moved south since the younger James was born in Alabama, and the family is recorded in the 1840 United States Census for Madison County<sup>9</sup> It lists the Venable home as 11 persons, including 5 Free White Males, 3 Free White Females, 1 Male Slave, and 2 Female Slaves.

The 1850 United States Census, enumerated on December 14, 1850,<sup>10</sup> indicates that the Venable household, probably a boarding house, consisted of James and





died of typhoid fever when he was 21 while training with the Madison Rifles in Pensacola<sup>17</sup> on June 19, 1861<sup>18</sup>; and James Joseph, who worked with his father), and Henry and Mattie Thornburg. (His elder daughter, Sarah Elizabeth<sup>19</sup>, had married John Hunn Swift in Huntsville on June 13, 1855.) Mr. Venable's occupation was recorded as "Landlord." He still owned a slave, this one in Huntsville.<sup>20</sup>

On April 11, 1862, the Union Forces occupied Huntsville. Sometime during the occupation, after September 1864, Venable's Hotel closed.

Prior to 1866 Mr. Venable went into the grocery business. (See Figure 8.) The hotel was renovated and reopened in 1866 as the Donegan<sup>21</sup> Hotel.

In July of the same year the Internal Revenue Service assessed Mr. Venable a tax of \$20.92 on his income of \$418.54 and \$1.00 on his gold watch valued at \$100.00.<sup>22</sup>

The 1870 United States Census lists both Mr. Venable and his son, James, as "Hotel Keeper." The family seems to have been living in the hotel (presumably the Donegan Hotel) because, along with the family, at least 40 names are included in the census listing. The names include a Corn Merchant, Lawyer, Druggist, Coal Dealer, and other professionals boarding at the hotel.<sup>23</sup>

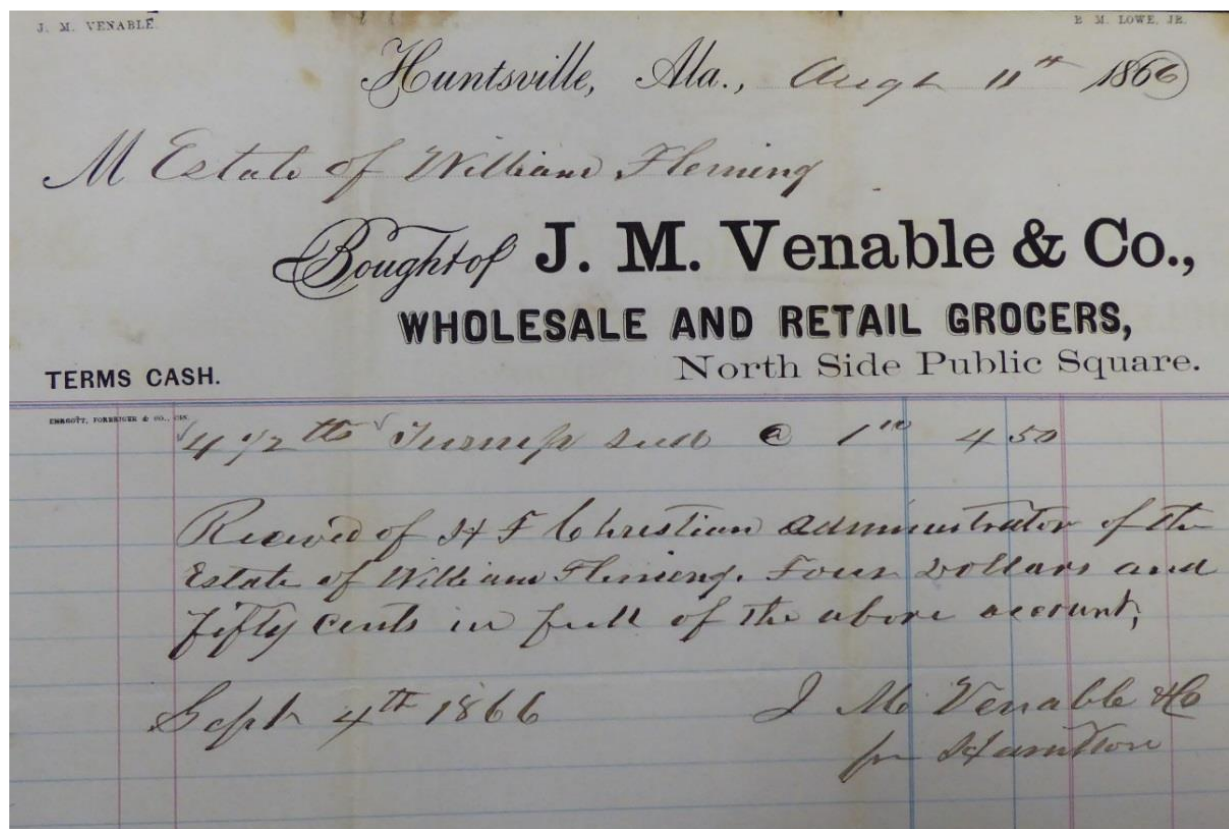
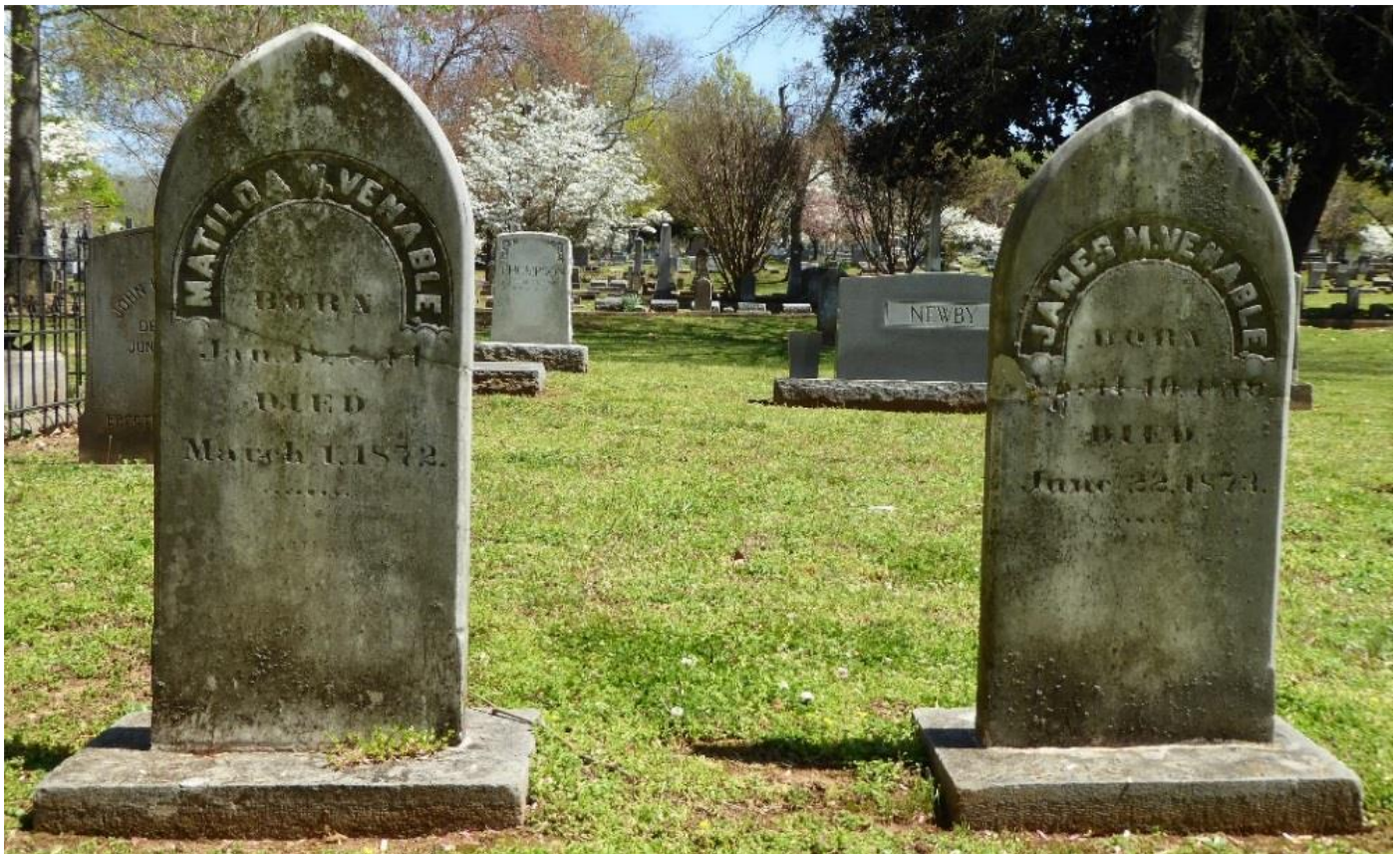


Figure 8: After Venable's Hotel closed, Mr. Venable became a grocer.



In 1873 the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Company sold all of its property along the railroad tracks, including "...that valuable property in Huntsville known as the Donegan Hotel..."<sup>24</sup>

Mr. James Monroe Venable died June 22, 1873; his wife, Matilda, had died of "Consumption"<sup>25</sup> March 1, 1872. Both are buried in Huntsville's Maple Hill Cemetery. (See Figure 9.)



*Figure 9: James and Matilda Venable are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama.<sup>26</sup>*

The hotel was razed in the late 1890's and made way for the Dilworth Lumber Company, a lumber yard.<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rosene, Walter, Jr., ALABAMA OBSOLETE NOTES AND SCRIP, Society of Paper Money Collectors, Inc., c. 1984, Page 56.

<sup>2</sup> Heritage Auctions, Walter B. Jones Collection, September 21, 2001, Auction Number 269, Lot 5683. Price realized, including Buyer's Premium, was \$165.00.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, Page 56.

<sup>4</sup> There are other Alabama obsolete notes that are clearly the work of the same printer. These include The Easley Hotel 50 cent note of 1862 (Huntsville, Alabama, unlisted in Rosene), the Huntsville James Hickman issue of 1862 (Rosene 127-1 and others), and the Huntsville J. M & T. I Humphrey issue of 1862 (Rosene 128-1 and others). However, the furniture vignette is not known on any of the surviving specimens.

<sup>5</sup> Op. Cit., Rosene, Page 52.

<sup>6</sup> Princeton, Alabama, is circa 25 miles east-north-east of Huntsville in Jackson County, Alabama.

<sup>7</sup> Op. Cit., Rosene, Page 109.

<sup>8</sup> Ancestry.com. *Virginia, Marriages, 1740-1850* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 1999. Original Data: Dodd, Jordan R., et. al., *Early American Marriages: Virginia to 1850*. Bountiful, UT, USA: Precision Indexing Publishers.

<sup>9</sup> "United States Census, 1840, Madison County, Microfilm: #M704-13, AL, <http://ftp.us-census.org/pub/usgenweb/census/al/madison/1840/> (File 5 of 5), Copyright 2006 by Linda Doty, <Transcriber@us-Census.org>

<sup>10</sup> "United States Census, 1850," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MH53-YXZ> : accessed 26 March 2016), James M Venable, Huntsville, Madison, Alabama, United States; citing family 546, NARA microfilm publication M432 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.).

<sup>11</sup> Rice, Charles, Hard Times, *The Civil War in Huntsville and North Alabama, 1861-1865*, Boaz, Alabama: Boaz Printing Company, Copyright 1994, Page 28.

<sup>12</sup> 1850 Slave Schedule, Prince Edward County, Virginia.

<sup>13</sup> From the James C. Pryor Estate of Huntsville, Alabama.

<sup>14</sup> *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly of Local Architecture & Preservation*, Spring 1981, Page 16.



<sup>15</sup> The Huntsville City Directory, 1859-1860.

<sup>16</sup> "United States Census, 1860", database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MHD2-778> : accessed 26 March 2016), James M Venable, 1860.

<sup>17</sup> Chadick, Mary Jane Cook and Nancy M. Rohr, *Incidents of the War: The Civil War Journal of Mary Jane Chadick*, SilverThreads Publishing, Copyright November 1, 2005, Page 196.

<sup>18</sup> Record, James, *A Dream Come True, The Story of Madison County and Incidentally of Alabama and the United States*, Huntsville, Alabama, 1970, Page 128.

<sup>19</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), Sarah Elizabeth Venable Swift, May 9, 1834-July 23, 1922. Her tombstone indicates she is buried in Madura, South India. Her husband, John, is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery. He died on June 30, 1873, sometime after which, apparently, Sarah Elizabeth became a missionary in India.

<sup>20</sup> 1860 Slave Schedule, Huntsville, Alabama.

<sup>21</sup> This was James J. Donegan, the president of the Northern Bank of Alabama until it was closed during the Federal occupation in 1862. He was also president of D. Patton & Company and one of the owners of Bell Factory, a textile mill. The 1860 United States Census indicated that his real estate was valued at \$138,000 and his personal property at \$275,000.

<sup>22</sup> 1866 IRS Schedule for Division Number Two, Collection District Number Three of the State of Alabama, Page 22.

<sup>23</sup> United States Census, 1870", database with images, *FamilySearch*

<sup>24</sup> *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly of Local Architecture & Preservation*, Winter 1998, Page 31.

<sup>25</sup> U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885.

<sup>26</sup> Photograph by the author.

<sup>27</sup> Op. Cit., *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly*, Spring 1981, Page 16.

## Can You Identify This Coin?



In this section each month a new coin will be pictured, and your task is to see if you can identify it. Can you step up to this numismatic challenge every month? Email your answer to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the names of winners in our next newsletter.



Last month Wayne Koger, and Dale Holcomb were able to identify the mystery coin, an 1862 Three Dollar gold piece.



*1862 U.S. Gold Three Dollar Piece*

### **Money Talks Radio Show Archive**

In 1992, "Money Talks," a radio program on the history and lore of money, began broadcasting across the country on several local radio stations. The "Money Talks" broadcasts were typically 2-4 minutes long and consisted of coin stories that were recorded to educate and encourage interest in the hobby of numismatics. You could hear all these stories at <https://www.money.org/money-talks-radio-archive/> .

## **The Minute Man**

*By*  
*Aaron Wales*  
10/16/2023

### Welcome:

- Two new members were present:
  - David Schultz
  - Stephen Gulley

### Announcements:

- Nashville, TN show (Oct. 27-29<sup>th</sup>) has an early bird badge generally costing \$50-150
  - The early bird badge has the same hours as a dealer which includes the set-up day and set up time.
  - The show usually has 400 tables.
  - If someone were to work the club table, they have access similar to the early bird badge with no cost.
  - This does overlap with the Greenville, SC show.
- There is a Rome, GA show at the Rome Civic Center
  - Date: Oct. 27-28
  - They anticipate ~125 tables.
  - Show times are Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm. Saturday 9:00am to 4pm. Dealer set-up Friday 7am to 9am. Raffle drawing Sat. 3:30pm, for \$5 Gold Liberty. Free Admission & Parking. Driving Directions, off Turner McCall Blvd. across from Steak & Shake and near Riverside Pkwy. N/E.
- Chattanooga, TN show is Nov. 10-12 at Camp Jordan Area
  - Early bird fee is \$50.
  - Young Numismatics is Saturday at 1pm
- There is a sign-up sheet for 2024 Programs. There are few signed up already. But there are plenty of empty slots for those interested in sharing a presentation with the group.
- There is also a sign-up sheet for 2024 Refreshments.
- Next month is potluck and an auction. A sign-up genius form will be sent for those bringing food to share with the group.



- Those interested in reserving a club medal (either silver or copper), please see Mike Campbell.
  - The current count for silver is ~12 reserved which is halfway to the needed number to move forward with production.
  - Some interest has been from online sources, etc.
  - Note, the same mold will be used for both the copper and silver medals.
  - The thought right now is the if an individual pre-orders, the club would not charge shipping (and cover those costs). Once the order is made and if someone purchases, they will be charged for shipping (if they are not local).
  - If you need more info, check out the club website.

#### Show & Tell:

- Doug Glandon brought several items to include an Indian head cent from 1860.
- Steve Young brought in a French 5 Franc coin.
  - The obverse is similar to the US Walking Liberty
  - The cost of the coin can be impacted by its toning. As in, it can be worth more. Individuals pay a premium for tone. This would nominally be a \$15 coin but is worth more due to its tone.
  - It has a lettered edge.
- Rashodd Van brought in several items:
  - George Washington Commemorative Half – proof and uncirculated.
  - Robert F. Kennedy Commemorative Coin Program set

#### Presentation:

- Todd Hutto presented: King Charles I, His Coins and the English Civil War
  - Todd moved to England when he was growing up and then returned later for an assignment in Wales. He attended many British Coin Shows.
  - During the time of King Charles I, they took silverware and hammered it to make coins for currency.
  - James I was the Father of Charles I who was born in 1600 and reigned over England, Scotland, and Ireland from 1625-1649
  - Charles I reigned during the time period of the English Civil War which lasted 9 years. Charles quarreled with Parliament. One cause was the levying of taxes by Charles without parliamentary consent.

Parliament viewed him as a tyrant that considered himself an absolute monarch. That war was between those that called themselves Roundheads (which supported Parliament) and Cavaliers (which were royalists loyal to Charles I)

- 6% of the population died in that Civil War
- There were over 600 bloody battles fought.
- The presentation included an image depicting those fighting. The armor during that time was called “lobster” or scale armor. It’s made of small overlapping plates. Todd brought both a helmet and breast plate. I was able to actually wear the pieces and they are very heavy.
- From 1642, Charles fought the armies of the English and Scottish parliaments. After his defeat in 1645 at the hands of the Parliamentarian New Model Army, he fled north from his base at Oxford. Charles surrendered to a Scottish force and after lengthy negotiations between the English and Scottish parliaments he was handed over to the Long Parliament in London. Charles refused to accept his captors' demands for a constitutional army and temporarily escaped captivity in November 1647. He was re-imprisoned on the Isle of Wight where he attempted to forge an alliance with Scotland. Charles was eventually tried for treason by using his power to pursue his personal interest rather than the good of the country. He was convicted and executed in 1649. No King had ever been tried for treason until this time.
- He died a gruesome death by being beheaded. It is written that on-lookers wished to keep mementos of the event with their handkerchiefs of his blood.
- He was not allowed to be buried in Westminster. He was taken to Windsor in the St. George chapel. Note, he was later exhumed to determine the state of the body and it was noted it was one “clean” stroke.
- The monarchy was abolished, and the Commonwealth of England was established as a Republic. Oliver Cromwell formed a Protectorate with himself as Lord Protector. He rules until his death. After which, his son rules for a very brief period.



- Cromwell defeated Charles's son Charles II at the Battle of Worcester on 3 September 1651, and Charles left for mainland Europe. The monarchy would be restored (Reign Restoration) in 1660.

#### Door Prizes:

- Vicksburg National Military Park Quarter 2011: William Bower
- Silver Walking Eagle: Kurt Springfield
- 2013 American Eagle: Harold Fears

19 in attendance for our October 2023 Meeting

### Door Prizes



Each meeting the club gives away several door prizes. The winners of at our last meeting were:

First Prize:	Harold Fears:	2013 Silver Eagle
Second Prize:	Kurt Springfield:	2022 Quarter Silver Walking Eagle
Third Prize:	William Bower:	2011 Vicksburg Quarters

# QUIZ TIME

Test your knowledge with these short-answer questions covering a wide range of U.S. collecting interests. Send your answers to the [newsletter editor](#) and we will publish the high score next month along with this month's answers.

1. Which US coins feature a drum as part of their design?
2. Franklin Half Dollars were produced for how many years?
3. How many different mintmarks have been used on U.S. coinage?
4. Name all three sides of a U.S. coin.
5. U.S. Trade Dollars were introduced in 1873 to compete with the trade coinage of which other Western Hemisphere country?
6. What branch of numismatics are elongated coins considered a part of?
7. Which U.S. Territorial gold coins feature a beehive or clasped hands?
8. What was the first U.S. coin to depict an actual U.S. president?
9. Which family first produced gold coins from their private mint in Rutherford County, North Carolina?
10. True or False: A doubled die coin is a coin that received two strikes from coin dies.



## Answers to Last month's Quiz Time

1. What is the highest denomination bronze U.S. coin ever issued for circulation? Two Cent Piece
2. What year did the Philadelphia Mint first strike coins for circulation? 1793
3. What year was the last silver U.S. Half Dollar struck for circulation? 1969
4. Why did the Mint produce zinc-plated steel cents in 1943? To conserve copper for the war effort.



5. What year were U.S. small cents first produced for circulation? 1857





6. During what year were the first Quarter Dollars struck by the US Mint? 1796



*The 1796 Quarter Dollar is a rare coin with a reported mintage of only 6,146 coins.*

7. In what year did the first US commemorative coin appear? 1892 Columbian Half Dollar





8. Who designed the reverse of the JFK Half Dollar? Frank Gasparro



Frank Gasparro also designed the reverse of the Lincoln penny. His initials are to the right of the monument.

9. Who was the first female Chief Engraver of the US Mint? Elizabeth Jones

10. Who was the first "real" woman to appear on a US coin, not just as an allegory? Queen Isabela of Spain; 1893



## A Special Thanks

*By H.K. Fears*

I would like to take this opportunity to look back on the past year and thank all those who have contributed to the newsletter. Each edition contains a welcoming note, photographs from our meetings, club information, quizzes, and meeting minutes. Special thanks go to **Wayne Koger, Richard Jozefiak, Monica Couch, and Aaron Wales** for providing monthly input and general support of the newsletter. Besides our monthly features, we also have various articles covering a wide range of numismatic topics. As in the past, our authors have been a real motivation and key in making the Madison County Coin Club Newsletter an ANA award winning newsletter. This year the list of authors includes **Ann Fulmer, Aaron Wales, Monica Couch, Richard Jozefiak, Todd Hutto, David Wales, Doug Glandon, Randy Partin, and David Hollander.**



Todd



Doug





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Ann

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## Newsletter Articles

We 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.*
- *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 experience on eBay*
- *Numismatic definitions*

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 members.

Contact the [newsletter editor](#) with your idea.

## Speaker Program

If you are interested in being a speaker at our coin club in 2024, you can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4A729AAFFCCF8-44317466-madison>

Topics can be anything you like and are willing to share with the club. Your talk should last anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes. If you need help coming up with a topic, just ask a board member. Also, note that the projection system at the South Huntsville Library is unable to accommodate Apple devices. We can provide a PC that is compatible and has worked very nicely in the past. We would love to hear what you have to say.



## 2023 Madison County Coin Club Program Refreshments and Programs Schedule

Meeting Date	Refreshments	Program
Jan 23	Wayne Koger	Harold Fears Foreign Coins with U.S. Mint Marks
February 20	Harrison Knowlton	Todd Hutto British Conder Tokens
March 20	Todd Hutto	Harrison Knowlton Counterfeit Coins & Currency
April 17	Ann Fulmer	Ben Crow Hawaii and North Africa Bills
May 15	Harrison Knowlton	Fellowship Time
June 26	4th of July Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction	
July 17	Aaron Wales	Aaron Wales Nickels
August 21	Doug Glandon	Steve Young Stories from Coin Shows
September 18	Don & Jennie Adams	David Hollander Bad Boy Bankers of Alabama
October 16	Chad Thrasher	Todd Hutto Charles the First and the British Civil War
November 20	Thanksgiving Potluck, Bourse Night, and Auction Election of Officers	
December- NO MEETING		

<b>2024 Coin Shows Within Driving Distance from Huntsville</b>				
<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Show &amp; Location</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>	<b>Richard's Rating</b>
<b>Jan 4-7</b>	Orlando, FL	<b>69<sup>th</sup> FUN Show</b> Orange County Convention Center North/South Bldg Hall NB 9400 Universal Blvd Orlando, FL Th-F 10 am - 6:30 pm Sat 10 am - 5:30 pm Sun 10 am – 3:30 pm	Katie Williams CoinShow.katie@gmail.com 407-404-1370 www.funtopics.com	<b>+++</b>
<b>Mar 1-3</b> <b>Nov 8-10</b>	Chattanooga, TN	<b>Tennessee State Numismatic Society</b> 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	<b>++</b>
<b>April 19-21</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>60<sup>th</sup> Georgia Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	Steven Nix 706-267-9602 fleetwoodcoins@hotmail.com www.gamoney.org	<b>+++</b>
<b>July TBD</b>	Bessemer, AL	<b>Alabama State Coin Show</b> 1130 Ninth Ave SW Bessemer, AL Bessemer Civic Center 10 am – 6 pm	Corbitt Chandler 205-616-9385 jcolyn@aol.com	<b>++</b>



<b>July 30-Aug 3</b>	Dalton, GA	<b>65th Blue Ridge Numismatic Association Coin Show</b> 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	Ronda Leeper 678-232-6982 ronda@leeper.biz www.brna.org	<b>+++</b>
<b>Oct TBD</b>	Nashville, TN	<b>International Money Expo</b> Music City Center Nashville, TN Fri-Sat 10 am-6 pm	Col. Steven Ellsworth (Ret) ellsworth@imex.show 703-932-6331 www.IMEX.show	This is a new, large commercial coin show. No numismatic educational programs or exhibits. Admission is \$10. Will need to pay for parking. First show in October 2023.

**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 - **+++**

## Madison County Coin Club

For over twenty years, the Madison County Coin Club has served the north Alabama community by bringing numismatists together for the love of coin collecting. The Club strives to impart knowledge to its members through presentations and personal experiences. Through the sharing of knowledge and experiences, it enhances and enriches coin collecting for the numismatic community. Speaking of our members, we have a vast group of collectors who collect all types of United States coins, as well as foreign coins. Many of our members collect coins from a certain era (19th century, for example), while others collect strictly modern coins. We also have members who collect only a certain type of coin (Seated Coins, Morgan Dollars, and Commemoratives, to name a few). Some members focus solely on foreign coins (for instance English, German, and Chinese) which can span many centuries. This diversification makes our club dynamic, providing something for every type of collector.



Members of the club enjoy several benefits:

- Monthly lectures, covering a range of numismatic topics.
- Access to the club's extensive numismatic library.
- Monthly notices via email of club events.
- Able to purchase club medals.

We are keen to encourage anybody with an interest in numismatics to join the club. We provide a warm and friendly welcome and are very keen to encourage those new to the study, collecting of coins, tokens, or banknotes.

The club is a member of the American Numismatic Association (Member #C-195870 Region 20, AL & GA), Alabama Numismatic Society (ANS), Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA), and the Florida United Numismatists (FUN).





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## **Club Library**

Madison County Coin Club members can access our lending library of more than 130 books, auction catalogs, and periodicals. The library features resources and materials on subjects including but not limited to U.S. and foreign coins, ancients, paper money, tokens, and medals. You can request materials by emailing the librarian, [Ann Fulmer](#). Library materials are checked out to members for a four-week period. You can email the librarian to renew items for another four-week period if no other member has submitted a hold on the item/items. To return your items simply bring them to one of our meetings.

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