

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 19, 1965

Office of the Director  
Room 210, New York Public Library  
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York 18, New York

Gentlemen:

I telephoned Mrs. Cole, in the Rare Book Division, and advised her that I would like to examine the currency collection and order pictures on Wednesday morning, March 24, at 9 o'clock. This is in connection with a book I am writing on early American currency.

If I need more than a call slip, would you have an application ready for me to sign on that morning. I am very limited in time and merely wanted to give you advance notice.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

March 25, 1965

Rare Book Division  
New York Public Library  
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street  
New York 18, New York

Attention: Mrs. Cole

Gentlemen:

Just a word to thank you for your cooperation in my rush to arrange for photographs from your wonderful collection.

As I promised you, I am enclosing reprints which might be of particular interest to your department.

I look forward to receipt of your estimate, in due course, and hope that the matter can be accomplished with a minimum of inconvenience to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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*Volume 207  
Counterfeit Euro to War*



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*Your friends in the rare coin business*

March 12, 1996

Mr. Robert S. Neale  
2499 Carrington Ct.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of March 6. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter and my answer to my fine friend, Eric P. Newman (6450 Cecil Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105), who probably has read through more early documents than anyone I know. If anyone knows the answer, it would be Eric. Personally, I have not heard the "missed by one vote" story before.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Q. David Bowers

QDB/mk

cc: Eric P. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Mr. Robert S. Neale  
2499 Carrington, Ct.  
Wilmington, NC 28409

March 20, 1996

Dear Mr. Neale:

Your March 6, 1996 inquiry to my friend Q. David Bowers has been referred to me. I have not heard of the one vote matter either.

Rather than for me to check it I suggest that you do so. The Journals of the Continental Congress are well indexed and in almost every good library. If a vote occurred it should be there. If it never came to a vote try The Papers of the Continental Congress to see if a report or petition was filed as that is separately indexed.

The money exchange reckoners of Christopher Saur around 1776 are in German, but when Samuel Saur continued them in 1793 he put them out separately in German and in English using the name Samuel Sower for the English version. This was in Germantown naturally. These are in my library.

Umlauts were used on the paper money of Maryland as secret marks in the 1767-1774 period.

The Nord Missouri Eisenbahn advertisement note you sent a picture of was one of six such advertisements, the others being in English.

I hope I have been helpful.

Keep researching.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

cc: Q. David Bowers



Robert S. Neale  
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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

April 25, 1996

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the matter of a vote on a national language for the United States by the Continental Congress.

I have found no useful references in the Index to the Journals. Although there are numerous potential references indexed for the Papers under such headings as "language" and "German," we have no access to the actual Papers here in Wilmington. Since it would be far more time consuming than it is worth to borrow from out of town a bunch of different microfilms for checking out all these citations, I have decided to drop the matter, except for writing to the author who last published the story [see letter to Dave Bowers].

Again, thanks for your letter. I shall let you know if I ever arrive at a more definitive answer to the question of a national language vote. Meanwhile, I shall continue my research, but on the subject of the antebellum Wilmington, NC, Bank of Cape Fear, which is proving to be a fascinating project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'R Neale'.

Robert S. Neale

cc: Mr. Q. David Bowers



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March 6, 1996

Mr. Q. David Bowers  
Bowers & Mercna  
P.O. Box 1224  
Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Mr. Bowers:

I write in hopes of mining a nugget of your prodigious memory and catholic curiosity about matters of collecting and historical interest. I hope to resolve a questionable "fact" that is cited from time to time. The latest occasion was in an article from the September 1995 *Bank Note Reporter*.

In "German immigrants helped shape America," Arlie R. Slabaugh wrote of the Continental Congress (presumably the second) debating what should be the official language of the new United States, and that "Adoption of the German language lost by only one vote." Most everyone in the Lower Cape Fear Coin Club had heard essentially the same statement made at one time or another, but no one knew its factual source. So I decided to look it up.

No luck. After searching the hard and on-line reference material in both my county library and that of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, I found only one reference with relevant comments [Stephen T. Wagner, "America's Non-English Heritage," an article in the journal *Society*, 19(1), pp 37-44 (1981)]. I note two excerpts, as follows.

*"Neither the Articles [of Confederation] nor the Constitution made English the 'official' or 'national' language of the United States, nor has any subsequent federal law explicitly done so....Requests for the official use of other languages have repeatedly been turned down; Congress in the 1790's, 1840's, and 1860's refused to publish German versions of public documents."*

*Old stories telling how German narrowly missed adoption as a (or even the) state language of Pennsylvania belong to myth rather than history."*

These statements, while hardly definitive, suggest that the "lost by one vote" story may have been just a derivative of the Pennsylvania story and the attempts to have the federal Congress issue documents concurrently in both English and German.

Have you an idea whether an "official language of the US" vote ever took place in the Continental Congress; if so, have you a specific reference to the fact? Or might we really be dealing with an historical hallucination?

If you are moved to print any comments on this question, please use the above as you see fit. Maybe others would like to know the real story, once we determine what it is. Did our coinage really just miss bearing a very different looking eagle and some funny looking words, complete with umlauts?

By the way, I did not direct an inquiry to *BNR*, as I am no longer a subscriber. And if I eventually try contacting Mr. Slabaugh, I shall mention nothing of your involvement in this little research unless you specifically give the green light.

Sincerely,

*Bob Neale*

John A. Neff  
Dealer in Paper Americana

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May 3, 1988

ERIC P. NEWMAN  
6950 CECIL AVE.  
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63105

MR. NEWMAN,

IN REF. TO OUR CONVERSATION AT THE ANPCS MEETING I AM  
FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING TO YOU.

1. COPY OF "A ROYAL FLUSH" FROM MARZIO'S DEMOCRATIC ART - BOOK  
LITN BY THE F. TUCHERBERGER FINE ART PUBLISHING CO. CINC. O 9/99  
(CHROMO) ORIGINAL MEASURES 16X21 INCLUDING FULL MARGINS. (HARNETT ARTIST)

I AM CURIOUS AS TO ITS MEANING

MARZIO STATED - VIVID COLLAGE OF ODD OBJECTS, LOOKS LIKE  
AD FOR CO. BUT HOW WAS IT USED, WHAT DID IT REALLY MEAN  
WHY THE DEPICTION OF CONF. MONEY.

2. COPY OF CERTIFICATE 390 LOAN OF 1898
  - A. IS IT SIGNIFICANT OR NOT - 182 outstanding
  - B. IT IS OWNED BY HEIR OF PURCHASER.

THANK YOU FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE.

SINCERELY



JOHN A. NEFF



1878

THREE PER CENT



LOAN OF 1898.

0482460

# The United States of America

ARE INDEBTED UNTO THE BEARER IN THE SUM OF

20 TWENTY DOLLARS 20 TWENTY DOLLARS 20

This bond is issued under authority of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide ways and means to meet more expeditiously approved loans, three with sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, and is not made at the pleasure of the United States after the first day of August, 1898, and payable, August 1, 1898, in coin, with interest at the rate of three per centum per annum payable quarterly in coin on the first day of November, February, May, and August in each year. The principal and interest are payable in full in gold or silver of the United States as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal or local authority. *Edward Kelley*

Ad of June 13 1898  
*Wm. Spruill*  
 Treasurer of the Treasury

INCLUDES 80 ATTACHED 56

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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 WILL PAY TO THE BEARER  
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 MAY 1896  
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 REGISTERED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURY - FEB \$20.

Washington

August 1, 1898.  
**THREE PER CENT. LOAN**  
**OF 1898.**

A180178)

THIS DAY ON DEPOSITS FOR BONDS.  
INTEREST DUE

U.S. Treasurer United States Assistant Treasurer United States

Pay to Catherine Schaffer

no value.  
Doile

and change Treasurer U.S. in General Account.  
Countersigned.

H. H. Lang (S. C.)

Ellis A. Roberts,  
Treasurer of the Loan Office.

Barrows, Lathrop & Perinick

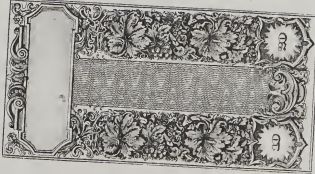


PLATE 98.

"A Royal Flush." Artist unknown. Printed by F. Tuchfarber Company, Cincinnati, c. 1899. 16 × 21 inches. Location: Cincinnati Art Museum.

PLATE 99.

"Storming the Ice Palace." Artist unknown. Printed by Pioneer Press Litho., St. Paul, Minn., 1886. 20 7/8 × 28-3/16 inches. Location: The Library Company of Philadelphia.

PLATE 100.

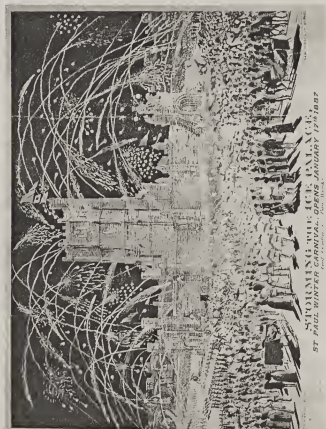
"M. S. & N. I. & C. & R. I. & P. C. & R. R. Dep. [Michigan Southern & North-ern Indiana & Chicago & Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company]." Artist, probably Louis Kurz. Printed by Chicago Lithographing Company, Chicago, 1866. 11 1/2 × 14 inches. Source: *Chicago Illustrated, Part II*, Rare Book Room, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

PLATE 101.

"Compliments of the Season 1884." Artist unknown. Shober and Carqueville Litho. Company. 3 × 7 inches. Location: Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, National Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

PLATE 102.

"Battle of Lookout Mountain." Artist, probably Louis Kurz. Printed by Kurz and Allison, Chicago, 1889. 2 1/8 × 28 inches. Location: Harry T. Peters "America on Stone" Lithography Collection, National Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

—  
May 18, 1988

Mr. John A. Neff  
404 West 4th Street  
Greenville, Ohio 45331

Dear Mr. Neff:

It was a pleasure to hear from you. I certainly hope you enjoyed the St. Louis meeting as much as I did.

As to the Royal Flush litho, I have tried to reach a conclusion and I have nothing logical except that the Confederate states were trying to play poker and lost. The loss is indicated by the poor quality bill. Perhaps, however, it is nothing more than trompe d'oeil.

The \$20 bond dated August 1, 1898 due August 1, 1918 is a standard government bond of which there are 182 outstanding. It is an interesting item. There is no specific market price for this type of material. If you determine a price, we would appreciate it if you would offer it to us.

Please keep me in mind for any money related items such as cartoons, prints, paintings or anything of visual interest with respect to money.

I hope our paths cross again.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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The St. Louis Art Museum

November 15, 1974

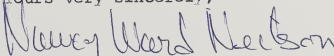
Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil  
St. Louis, Missouri 63130

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are reorganizing the cases of Renaissance bronzes and I wonder if this would be a convenient time for you to have us return the Papal Doppia of Pope Paul III, which you have lent to the Museum.

Please let me know when you would like to have the coins returned.

Yours very sincerely,



Nancy Ward Neilson  
Associate Curator

/jh

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

November 18, 1974

Ms. Nancy Ward Neilson  
Associate Curator  
The St. Louis Art Museum  
Forest Park  
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear Ms. Neilson:

If you wish to return the gold coins of Pope Paul III, please call me at my office, 621-7300, or at my home, 727-0850, and we will set up a time. You may have them back any time you might wish to borrow them.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 15, 1971

Mr. Philip Neisser  
501 Fontaine Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Phil:

I want to thank you for the pleasant day spent at your home, particularly the opportunity to talk to you on some of our pet subjects. I apologize for coming early, but it turned out to be delightful.

I have just talked to a professor of chemistry in St. Louis about the depth of X-ray fluorescence penetration and I wonder what depth you believe is reached by that equipment. His indication was that it was very minute.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb



3-24-88

Dear Mr. Newman,

I've been having some trouble identifying some early "coppers" I have acquired. I wrote to David Bowers & he recommended that I write to you. I will describe them to you, I could send them if you wish. He also said you have some publications. I would be interested in buying some of these if you could supply me with a price list.

Here's what I have:

1752 GEO III 1/2 penny "BRASS" filed edge  
1771 GEO III 1/2 penny - very peculiar Best  
of GEO III - sm. planchet.

1776 GEO III 1/2 penny. Hilarious GEO III  
die break through center of piece.

all of these appear to be counterfeits;  
contemporary to the time they were in use.  
I would like to identify if American  
(Machin's Mills) or European. Could you  
help me out? I can send them  
if you wish. I would also request  
your price list of published material

DRITMAN in  
REV.


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HISERWINA



you have done. I sincerely appreciate  
whatever you can do to help me  
out. I'll be waiting to here from  
you.


Thanks.  
RON NEKL



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

March 29, 1988

Mr. Ron Nekl  


Dear Mr. Nekl:

With respect to your letter of March 24, 1988, you are free to send us the counterfeit British and Irish items you mention and we will be glad to identify them.

If you wish the history of the American circulation of this type of copper money, both genuine and counterfeit, I suggest that you write the American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York, NY 10032, and purchase the book which includes my article entitled "American Circulation of British and Bungtown Halfpence".

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

jah

3-31-88

Dear Mr. Newman,

Please find enclosed the following pieces. It would appreciate if you could identify them for me.

BRITANNIA  
REV.  
BRITANNIA  
REV.

1752 GEO. ~~III~~ <sup>Cast off.</sup> 1/2 PENNY "BRASS" FILED EDGE.

1771 GEO III 1/2 PENNY SM. PLANCHET -  
UNFAMILIAR, UNLIKE OTHER BRIT. 1/2 PENNY'S.  
Vlad 2-1771A

HIBERNIA  
REV.

1776 GEO III 1/2 PENNY - HILARIOUS GEO III  
DIE BREAK ETC. Irish off

Are any of these of American origin?  
I would deeply appreciate any in-  
formation you can provide me with  
about them.

I've sent you a check for return  
postage (enclosed) \$2<sup>00</sup>

Sincerest thanks!

RON NEKL

Returned  
4/6/88  
by insured mail

Insured upto \$150  
total \$2.35.  
sh



Lincoln 5, Neb

Oct 6, 1955

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please excuse me for being so slow to answer your letter. I've been involved in some extra work this past month and I am just catching up with my letters. I am sending my Florida token in a separate package at the same time as this letter. I hope that you can glean some more information from it. You may cut open the holder that the coin is in, so that you can see it closer. I intend to exhibit my Colonial coins at our local coin meeting later this winter so you may keep the coin.

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till the first of December or so. If you find that this coin is of the variety that I stated in my last letter, please inform me.

I am only a beginner or for as Colonials are concerned and I welcome any information on that series.

Sincerely,

Elmer H. Nelson  
3126 Shirley Court  
Lincoln 5, Nebraska

October 11, 1955

Mr. Elmer G. Nelson  
3126 Shirley Court  
Lincoln 5, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for sending me your specimen of the pewter plantation token.

Unfortunately, your classification of this coin was wrong due to no fault of yours. It is a 5-D and not a 5-B. What seems to have happened is that the reverse was crushed enlarging the lettering, the fleur-de-lis, etc. This might have happened at the time it was struck if it stuck in the upper die at the time of the striking of another coin. It also might have been straightened out by hammering, or otherwise pressed. In any event, I am delighted that you showed it to me and am only disappointed that you did not come up with something I did not know about.

My specialty is colonial coins and paper money and any time you need any information on the subject or want me to check any coins, I will be delighted to do so. It is the most fascinating field in all of American numismatics.

Kindest regards and good luck.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

4/11/86

Jack L. Nelson  
1693 Robertson Ave  
Halesburg, IL 61401

Dear Jack:

Under separate cover I am sending you an Evans, History of the U.S. Mint. You will recall you left one with me for an exchange. I am sending you as a bonus an engraving of the Eads Bridge and other St. Louis buildings on a membership certificate.

I appreciate your letting me make the exchange as I have 15 copies of Evans now, all slightly different and there are more varieties out there somewhere.

I look forward to buying more stamps from you with pictures of St. Louis.  
Kindest regards.

Eric

Book mailed  
4-21-86 - Book Rate  
jh

Jack L. Nelson  
1693 Robertson Ave  
Galesburg Ill. 61401

5/7/86

Dear Jack:

Thank you for letting me have the stereos on approval so I could check what I already have. As I told you the varieties seem endless.

I am returning under separate cover:

Planters Hotel	STL	40-	
"	"	40-	
Eads Budge	(Strout)	8-	
"	"	Underwood	10-
Court House		20	
Shaw's Garden	residence	12	
"	"	"	6
"	"	"	6
"	"	Budseye	6
	"	"	4
		Greenhouse	5
		Geul View	3
		Pagoda	8
		Museum	15

Mint View (I exchanged this because I got it from you & already had it) 7

I am buying

Eads Budge	22
Eads Budge	6
Eads Budge	8
Eads Budge	6
Union Station	6
2 St Louis Flood	6
Shaw's Garden	3

\$ 51

Check enclosed. Thanks

Eric P. Newma  
6450 Cecil Ave  
St Louis, Mo USA

5-8-86  
Ch. marked for  
\$51 value  
(separately)

Taking

Planters	40	Mit Steres	
Planters	40	Haekke + bencke	
Ends	22	Baehl & Koenig	22
Ends	8	Strout	
Ends	6	Keystone	6
Ends	8	Stamer	8
Ends Rumpfen	10	Vanderwood	from Esthous
Court House	20	B + K	
Union Stab	6	Keystone	6

Esthous	6	Keystone E. Sth Floods	6
Bureau Engr	7	(exchange for pua buy)	
Shaw	12	Res	
Shaw	6	Res	
Shaw	6	Res	
Shaw	3	Man Enigma	3
Shaw	6	Birdseye	
Shaw	4	Birdseye	
Shaw	5	Green House	
Shaw	3	Genl View	
Shaw	8	Central Pagod	
Shaw	15	Museum	



February 15, 1961

Library  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

In 1934 the University of Wisconsin "Studies" published "The Money Supply of the American Colonies before 1720", written by Curtis P. Nettels. This was No. 20 of the Series.

I would very much like to know if I could buy a copy of that study at this time. If this inquiry should be referred to the History or Social Science Department of the University, please be kind enough to do so as I am very much in need of this book for certain research I am doing in the field.

I shall appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY. THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

MADISON 6. WISCONSIN

Feb. 20, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis, 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry to inform you that our supply of the publication entitled  
"The Money Supply of the American Colonies Before 1720" is exhausted.

It may be obtained, however, through interlibrary loan by forwarding  
your request to that department of this library.

Yours very truly,

*Laurel J. Nelson*  
Library Assistant

February 27, 1961

Miss Laurel J. Nelson  
Memorial Library  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Nelson:

You were nice enough to advise me that your supply of the publication entitled "The Money Supply of the American Colonies before 1720", written by Curtis P. Nettels, in 1934, is exhausted. I am exceedingly anxious to obtain a copy of this book for research lasting over a substantial period.

Mr. Nettels was on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin and I am wondering whether he, or his family, might have an extra copy of this book. Would you let me know if he still at the University, if the University knows where he is, or otherwise. This would be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

March 2, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of February 27 to Miss Nelson was referred to me. Professor Nettels is at Cornell (213 W. Sibley Hall) in the History Department there. The address is Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

A microfilm could be made of this title, and photoprints made from the microfilm. I do not know the length of the work, but the microfilm would cost \$.04 per shot (probably two pages to a shot) and the photoprints \$.20 per page. There is a \$.25 charge for postage, and if the work is microfilmed only, another \$.25 for spool. I should be glad to take care of such an order.

Very truly yours,  
*Helen Northup*  
Helen Northup  
General Reference

March 6, 1961

Dr. Curtis P. Nettels  
Cornell University  
213 West Sibley Hall  
Ithaca, New York

Dear Professor Nettels:

I have been endeavoring, for some time, to buy a copy of your monograph entitled "The Money Supply of the American Colonies Before 1720". The University of Wisconsin does not have any copies available and I sincerely need your book for the research and writing in which I have been engaged with respect to the numismatics of early America. I, for one, can appreciate the enormous amount of work which you did in the British Public Records Office and the other research which was necessary to do your writing.

To show you the sincerity of my request, I want you to know that I have written several monographs on early American coinage which have been published by the American Numismatic Society, in New York, and have published many numismatic articles in various magazines, one of which I am enclosing because it falls into your period.

Is it possible that you have a spare copy of your monograph which I might buy from you? I would be most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
WEST SIBLEY HALL

March 8, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman -

Your letter of March 6 has been received, and I want to thank you for the reprint of the article which records your discovery. This is the first notice I have seen of a 1/24 real for circulation in the colonies.

I'm sorry to say that I do not have a copy - or rather an extra copy - of my

book on colonial money, nor do I know where one may be obtained outside a Library. Occasionally I have seen an advertisement for it in announcements of book dealers. The edition was a small one, and the book has not been reprinted.

It is certainly a pleasure to hear from one who is interested in early American money and who has made a contribution to the knowledge concerning that subject.

Sincerely yours

Curtis P. Nettels.

March 22, 1961

Dr. Curtis P. Nettels  
Cornell University  
213 West Sibley Hall  
Ithaca, New York

Dear Professor Nettels:

You have no idea how disappointed I was not to be able to get a copy of your book on Colonial money through you. Is it possible that you presented copies of your book to some friends or relatives who might still have them as a courtesy to you but who really have not read them? Everyone who writes a book always has these problems. I am so anxious to obtain a copy that I would be very grateful if you would review this suggestion for what it is worth.

The University of Wisconsin has offered to make a microfilm for me but that is a little impractical for the present.

Incidentally, I have not been able to locate your article entitled "The Beginnings of Money in Connecticut" which was published in the Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, in January, 1928.

Write me if you have any suggestions which would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
WEST SIBLEY HALL

March 30, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

Under separate cover  
I am sending you reprints of  
four articles that deal with  
Colonial money and trade.  
Together they contain, I  
believe, about one-third of  
the material in my book.  
This is the best I can  
do.

Sincerely yours

Curtis P. Nettels.

948 East State St  
Ithaca, New York.

April 11, 1961

Mr. Curtis P. Nettels  
948 East State Street  
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Nettels:

You have no idea how much I appreciate your kindness in sending me the reprints of the various articles which were consolidated into your book. They will be very helpful to me in my future research and I only hope that the quality of material which I can produce in some way fills in a few of the voids in this interesting historical period.

I am embarrassed to ask you for a further reprint but in the introduction to your book you indicate that Chapter 10 entitled "The Beginnings of Paper Money" was generally published in the January, 1934 issue of Economic History in an article entitled "The Origins of Paper Money in the English Colonies". Would it be possible that you had a reprint of this item which I could have for my library.

I am enclosing an historical article on the British counterfeiting of American paper money during the American Revolution and thought you might be interested in reading it. This was published both in England and in the United States.

If there is anything that I can do for you in the way of early American numismatics, do not hesitate to ask me at any time.

I am hopeful that you can favor me with the illustive reprint and thank you, again, for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb  
no pink copy

ERIC P. NEWMAN

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
WEST SIBLEY HALL

April 16, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for the reprint of your article, "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War," which is very interesting and enlightening.

The illustrations seem to me one of the special features. It is interesting to note that one issue, bearing the date of July 22, 1776, was struck in the name of the United Colonies, rather than the United States. Do you know whether any authentic notes, issued after July 2, 1776, were

put out in the name of the United  
Colonies?

I'm sorry that I do not  
have a copy of the article on the  
origins of paper money in the colonies.  
The journal that published the  
article did not supply reprints.

Sincerely yours

Curtis P. Nettels

April 20, 1961

Professor Curtis P. Nettels  
Department of History - Cornell University  
West Sibley Hall  
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Nettels:

In my currency collection I have a complete set of each denomination of each issue of the currency of the Continental Congress. After studying them for many years I was able to determine which are counterfeit and which are not. However, the counterfeits are copies of the genuine notes and the deviations are difficult to locate.

All issues of Continental Currency through July 2, 1776 use "United Colonies" in the border designs. All issues after that date use "United States". The name "Continental Currency" which each issue bore was never changed.

I am sure you would be fascinated to see my collection of early American coins and paper money and if you are ever in St. Louis it would be my pleasure to show it to you.

If you ever have any questions concerning numismatics or numismatic history, I would be more than glad to try to answer them.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



THE ARCHIVES OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH  
BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST  
1228 MAIN STREET, BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA 18018  
TELEPHONE (215) 866-3255

March 23, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

For several months I have been intending to write but I have been extremely busy, as you no doubt have been too. Have you made any progress on the large bulk of currency you have from the Archives?

We are not in any rush in respect to this matter, but I felt we should keep in contact. If you have any preliminary ideas I would like to know about them, because someday the Archives Committee will be asking about progress.

Please let me know if there is any information about the Moravians that I could supply that might help you in your study.

Sincerely,

Vernon Nelson, Archivist

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 7, 1972

Mr. Vernon Nelson, Archivist  
The Archives of the Moravian Church  
1228 Main Street  
Bethlehem, Penna. 18018

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Colonial currency in the hoard which you turned over to us has been examined and separated out by state, issue and denomination. As you realized, there are no rarities in the group. Originally, I presume, there must have been many scarce pieces as it is obvious that many items in choice condition as well as certain complete issues have long since been withdrawn. All of this happened perhaps a century ago. This is particularly true in that common Continental Currency is virtually absent and even certain common Pennsylvania issues are not on hand. The Pennsylvania and Maryland issues are the commonest and are present in huge quantity. Nevertheless, there are certain items in the group which would have an extra value on sale, namely, items printed by Benjamin Franklin and items signed by John Morton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I believe that the material should be sold and there is a particular opportunity to market it in the period of the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Celebration.

My thought is that there should be no disclosure of the quantity that exists as that might make it unsaleable at a fair price. It could be sold in mixed lots. It ought to interest many to have a real souvenir of the American Revolution.

Sale to collectors will be very limited because of the mediocre condition of the bulk of the items in the group. Actually, the public will probably pay more than collectors for the items as the public will not be so particular as to condition. Many of the museums in the East operate souvenir and gift shops and this might be a way to dispose of them.

As you already realize, there are more Colonial pins holding some pieces of this money together than could be found anywhere I know. The currency has been damp for a considerable period but fortunately its rag paper content preserved most of it pretty well. Where there was

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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April 7, 1972

Mr. Vernon Nelson, Archivist  
The Archives of the Moravian Church

paste to hold backs on or parts together the worms did some eating. Naturally, there are a number of pieces which are so damaged and so unreadable as to be inconsequential.

After your Board decides whether they favor disposing of some or all of it, I will go into further detail.

If you have any more data which you can furnish us about it, I would be grateful as I would like to write it up if it did not hurt its sale.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 12, 1975

Mr. Vernon H. Nelson  
Archives of the Moravian Church  
1228 Main Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The enclosed check for \$1803.00 represents some very satisfactory sales. You have received now more than I thought you would receive for the whole lot. Nevertheless, there are mounds of material left, most of it in poor shape. The items in poor condition, whether scarce or not, hardly sell at all. Common material in better condition seems to have appeal. In any event, we are out of the woods and we will keep trying to find other buyers.

I am sure you will be pleased with the enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 7, 1967

Mr. James Nestor  
520 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston 15, Mass.

Dear Mr. Nestor:

I have been hoping to get a report as to Percy's health and still am hopeful that he will be well enough to write me soon. In any event, would you tell me how he is getting along.

I am returning herewith the lower right quarter of a 1733 Massachusetts Merchants note which was heavily waxed and covered on the back and which Percy asked me to clean off for him. Percy was the one who helped me with the background of the independent circulation of portions of these Colonial bills. I included this information in my book.

I also have another Massachusetts bill belonging to Percy and I believe he probably wanted to exchange it for another Massachusetts bill which I have and which I will retain until I hear from him. I am sure he will have no objection to this.

Please give Percy my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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520 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
REAL ESTATE CORP.  
BOSTON, MASS. 02215

Sept 24, 1974

Eric P Newman  
St Louis Missouri

Dear Mr Newman -

Quite a few years have passed since - I have had the occasion to talk or write you. But we think of you often as we use your fine book on Colonial paper money. It has given both Percy Redout and myself many hours of numismatic enjoyment and a rewarding source of information.

- I have attached a copy of our last correspondence that refers to a Mass. note Percy wanted to trade some years back [a nine pence note of Mass about 1/52] but because of the time span can't remember for what.

He asked me to write you and have it returned.

April 7, 1975

Mr. James F. Nestor  
520 Commonwealth Ave.  
Real Estate Corp.  
Boston, MA 02215

Dear Jim:

I look forward to seeing  
you when I come to Boston on April 12,  
1975.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*

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520 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
REAL ESTATE CORPORATION  
BOSTON, MASS. 02215

April 1, 1975

Eric P. Lawrence  
Massachusetts Education Society

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I am, I must, apologize that  
I do not write you again as I did not receive  
an answer to the letter I wrote to you  
in early April 1974.

I am most concerned about  
a Massachusetts bill that I wrote about  
in my October letter.

Incidentally, when you come to  
Boston in regard to the building, we  
can meet and discuss the bill.

Sincerely yours,  
John Keenan

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4711 DELMAR BOULEVARD

*Saint Louis, Mo.*

June 23, 1964

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
Attn: Mr. Eric Newman  
400 Washington Ave.  
St. Louis, Mo. 63102

Re: 408 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am enclosing herewith three (3) copies of the short form lease, properly signed and notarized. These are for your record and file.

Yours very truly,

MAM REALTY COMPANY

  
W. HENNREITER

Secretary & Treasurer

WN/jj

Encl - in trip

*Makers of Candies Exclusively*

February 11, 1966

Mr. W. Neunreiter  
Mavrakos  
4711 Delmar Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Neunreiter:

Thank you for permitting me to examine the Mississippi Valley Trust Company 1933 John Smith check on blue check paper. We do not have this item in our collection. We have a complete set of Boatmen's National Bank, a complete set of First National Bank, and would like, very much, to obtain any additional items of this nature for the museum which we contemplate erecting in St. Louis.

If the owner, of this bill or any similar bills, would care to give them to us or would sell them, we would be most appreciative. It is a very necessary link in the currency history of the country.

Anything you can do in this respect will be most appreciated.

I am returning the note and appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1979

New England Rare Coin Galleries  
89 Devonshire  
Boston, MA 02109

Attention: Mr. Bellisario

Dear Mr. Bellisario:

When I glanced at your March 30-31, 1979 auction catalog entitled The Metropolitan New York Sale and featuring the George D. Mahoney collection, I telephoned you and asked what the source was for Lots 626 and 627 as I presumed they were not part of the George D. Mahoney collection. Miss Carol Tailby was kind enough to advise me that she could not tell me the name of the consignor, but that these pieces came in a group from England and consisted of Lots 18, 19, 59, 158, 329, 575, 589, 626, 627, 638 and 804.

I suggest that for your own good you send all eleven lots which were consigned from England to us for examination. I would also like to have permission to show them to Q. David Bowers. They will be returned to you.

Lots 626 and 627 are from the pictures quite similar in appearance to other examples of those coins withdrawn from the Bowers & Ruddy sale of August, 1978. Those withdrawals and other coins were classified as forgeries by ANACS. Those forgeries are now held in the middle west pursuant to a dispute.

While I have no opinion and make no implications as to the coins you have in your auction, it would be best if Dave and I examine them. If you have any questions prior to sending them, please telephone me. My number is 314-444-6525 during the day and 314-727-0850 in the evening.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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cc: Mr. Q. David Bowers





NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

State of New Hampshire, Department of Cultural Affairs  
19 Pillsbury Street, Box 2043, Concord, NH 03302-2043

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14 March 1995

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
President  
Mercantile Money Museum  
Mercantile Tower  
Seventh Street and Washington Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri, 63101

Dear Mr. Newman:

You may have heard that the State of New Hampshire recently purchased two engraved copper plates for printing the face sides of bills of credit issued by the Province of New Hampshire in 1742, with subsequent emissions from the same plates in 1743 and 1744/5.

The State acquired these two plates at auction at Phillips Gallery in London. We have no idea how or when the plates were taken to England.

Your book, *The Early Paper Money of America*, has been of tremendous help to us as we have tried to learn the background and importance of these plates.

We have noticed that you stated on page 206 of your book that "engraved backs were on the four highest denominations and contained the equivalents of four Old Tenor for one New Tenor. . . . The back plate for the four highest denominations still exists." You illustrate a counterfeit of one back plate for an £8 O.T. (40/ N.T.) note on page 207.

Now that the State of New Hampshire has acquired the two face plates from an unexpected source in London, I am wondering whether you could tell us how it is known that the back plate exists? Do you have information on the design of the cartouches for the back designs of the other three highest denominations, or is the counterfeit £8 note the only surviving rendition of the back design for a bill in the series?

We are aware of the existence of engraved plates for the New Hampshire emission of 1737 (redated in 1740), which are owned by the New Hampshire Historical Society, a private organization. Do your files suggest the survival of other plates for New Hampshire bills of credit?

Muller to Newman, 14 March 1995, page 2.

We are planning to exhibit the newly-acquired plates in the New Hampshire State House, and would be most grateful for any information you care to share with us about either the face plates or the back plate for the series. Incidentally, research in our state archives indicates that these plates were engraved and printed for the Province of New Hampshire by the engraver and ornamentalist Thomas Johnston of Boston.

With our deepest thanks for any information you care to share with us,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy C. Muller". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Nancy C. Muller

Director and State Historic  
Preservation Officer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Nancy C. Muller  
New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources  
19 Pillsbury St.  
Box 2043  
Concord, NH 03302-2043

March 20, 1995

Dear Ms. Muller:

We are glad to try to help you with your March 14, 1995 inquiry about the copper plates you acquired.

The large denomination back plate of the 1743 New Hampshire issue is known from reprints made at the same time reprints of several issues were made. We have the reprint and will send you a copy in due course when we go to our vaults.

We were under the impression that the New Hampshire Historical Society had possession of all of the plates which were used for reprinting, not just the 1737 redated 1740 plate. Please write that society if you have not already done so and we would appreciate copies of your communications with them.

We would like to know the thickness of your plates using a micrometer and also their weight.

Congratulations on acquiring the plates.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Newman

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
**PROFILES**

PROFILES PUBLISHING CORPORATION  
BOX 68, HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03755  
TELEPHONE: 603/643-5505

November 21, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 61305

Dear Mr. Newman:

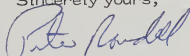
New Hampshire Profiles magazine, in cooperation with the New Hampshire American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, is producing a special combined February-March issue of the magazine on New Hampshire in the American Revolution.

To illustrate our article on finances, we need three or four photos of New Hampshire paper money from the period. Douglas Ball informs us that you have such photos, and we wondered if you would make them available to us. If you don't have extra copies of the photographs, we would be happy to return the originals to you after using them or to pay the cost of making additional prints.

Our deadline is drawing near, so we would appreciate an early reply if possible.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,



Peter E. Randall  
Editor

P.S. When the revised edition of your book comes out, if you would send us a copy we would be happy to review it in Profiles.

PER/ss

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*John G. Brodie of Greenfield, N H has  
spoken highly of your literary efforts -  
PER*

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 3, 1975

New Hampshire Profiles  
Box 68,  
Hanover, New Hampshire 03756

Attn: Mr. Peter E. Randall, Editor

Dear Mr. Randall:

In accordance with your letter of November 21, 1975, I am enclosing xerox copies of various New Hampshire issues during the American Revolution and I hope these will serve your purpose. We hope the foregoing has been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

March 12, 1973

New Jersey Historical Society  
230 Broadway  
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Gentlemen:

The late Damon Douglas, who spent much time in your archives doing numismatic research, wrote an article in 1948 mentioning an entry in the diary of Peter Eugene du Simitiere (1706-1784). Do you have that diary in your collection, or have you a suggestion where it could be located?

I will appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

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October 13, 1981

The Bank of New York  
Public Relations Department  
P. O. Box 11,099  
Church Street Station  
New York, NY 10249

Gentlemen:

Please be nice enough to send me three copies of your report for the period ending June 30, 1981. It has a picture of a coin on the cover. I will be grateful.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 15, 1971

New York Historical Society  
170 Central Park West  
New York, N.Y. 10024

Attention: Mr. Gregory

Gentlemen:

Let me thank you for the helpfulness of your staff in our research on change notes of the 1790-1800 period. I will be back for further work.

As to your collection of paper money, you asked for suggestions as to mounting. There are enclosed examples of holders which permit visibility of both sides and which protect the pieces. They are sealed on three sides either by folding or by heat. They can be different sizes as well as different thicknesses. We use .0075 thickness plastic in a  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{4}$  size so that they can be hole-punched on the open side to permit insertion in loose leaf books. The notes are held in place by natural cohesion and a description can be inserted if necessary. If the notes are small, then more than one can be put in a container. If the notes have no printed back, then two notes can be put in back to back. An inventory can be put in each book as well as in a separate index with the identifying serial number of each note. The notes can be displayed in these plastic envelopes inside a display case.

You have some lovely pieces among those I have seen and your collection should be more easily viewed. I realize security is a very severe problem in this category and, frankly, I know of no way to solve it. Even if notes are in plastic envelopes and in locked loose leaf books, the envelopes can be removed. The serial number listing will deter theft because the specific piece is readily identifiable. This, of course, is an advantage of paper money over coins.

We will be glad to be of service to you after we know your wishes. In any event, I will come to see you the next time I am in New York and will try to bring some things you need.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 19, 1971

New York Historical Society  
170 Central Park West  
New York, New York 10024

Attention: Miss Adams

Gentlemen:

Your helpfulness on July 16 was very much appreciated and I sincerely thank you. I look forward enthusiastically to hearing from you as to your new findings.

Since you have a copy of the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia, I wish you would check around September, 1792, to see if change notes were commented upon in the records,

Same as to Lutheran Church at Schoharie around March 17, 1797.

Same as to German Reformed Church at Schohary, but I have no date. It would be between 1790 and 1797 and the trustees were Peter Snyder and G. Rightmyer.

If you still want more 1790-1799 New York note issuers to try to find information on, I will gladly furnish them.

We will try to continue our work on the society's numismatic holdings whenever we are in New York.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 13, 1971

New York State Historical Society  
Cooperstown, New York

Gentlemen:

William Cooper of Cooperstown, on January 27, 1790, issued small change notes as money. My only information is from Catalogue of Medals Coins and Paper Money in the New York State Library 1856, (Albany 1857). I am advised that much of this collection was destroyed in a fire.

Have you any such notes in your collection and, if so, may I have Xerox copies. I am writing a study of church money and other change notes of the 1790-1800 period. I have not located any Cooper issues in collections examined so far.

My wife and I will be at the Cooper Inn on the night of September 18, 1971 and if you could leave an answer there, I would be grateful. I will only be at the museum on Sunday and thus am writing at this time.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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# The New-York Historical Society

170 Central Park West · New York NY 10024-5194 · (212) 873-3400

October 20, 1989

M. Nasman:

Dear ~~Friend of the Library~~:

I am writing to ask you to renew your membership in the Friends of the Library of The New-York Historical Society. As you know, the Friends have buoyed up the morale of the Library through recent tumultuous times. Now that many positive changes have occurred at the Society and the future is looking increasingly bright, I urge you to continue your generous and much-needed support.

The principal activities of the Friends and the primary membership benefit of the group will remain the series of special evenings in the Reading Room, informal talks by staff members, scholars, and collectors, illustrated by books, prints and objects from the collection. This opportunity to have direct contact with rare materials as well as expert commentary makes our group unlike any in the city.

Our first program, "P.T. Barnum: Merchant of Delight," an exploration of the collection assembled by Leonidas Westervelt, will be given by Jean Ashton, Associate Librarian for Public Services and curator of the 1987 Barnum exhibition, on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 pm. You are invited to attend afterwards the 2nd Annual Long Island Wine-Tasting being held downstairs from 6 to 8 pm. Other special programs planned for the spring include talks on the Society's annotated copy of Ward McAllister's Society As I Have Found It, on the Crystal Palace exhibition of 1854, and on the historic houses owned by New York City.

We will continue to have private gallery talks with scholars and curators associated with current exhibitions and an annual reception. Also tentatively scheduled for next year are a "Collector's Clinic" for people seeking advice on the care and maintenance of their own libraries, a black-tie fundraiser and series of lectures on New York writers. We look forward to being aided by members of the Society's Board of Trustees, who are interested in the activities of the Friends of the Library.

The New-York Historical Society

October 20, 1989

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This is an ambitious schedule, but we can do more. We are a young group with many resources and opportunities. Our potential to assist The New-York Historical Society is exciting. Your renewal is important in helping us reach it. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Thomas Jayne.

Thomas Jayne  
Chairman, Friends of the Library

Mr Newman:

You receive the prize for being the member at the greatest distance from the library. Still I hope we can count on your continued support as every member has an impact on what we do. T.G.J.



**Mercantile  
Money Museum**

Mercantile Tower  
Seventh & Washington  
St. Louis, Mo. 63101  
314-421-1819

October 27, 1989

Mr. Thomas Jayne  
The New-York Historical Society  
170 Central Park West  
New York, NY 10024-5194

Dear Mr. Jayne:

You were nice to write me in longhand urging me to support your organization.

Involuntarily, I became the most distant member by virtue of the enthusiasm of a friend in New York knowing of my numismatic historical interests.

Certain things which happened at the New-York Historical Society will have to be explained to me before I consider becoming a Friend.

I have occasionally used your facilities for research and appreciate the quality of your collection.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 15, 1971

New York State Library  
Albany, New York

Gentlemen:

Do you have originals or copies of the "Laws of Albany" for 1790, 1792 or 1793? I already located the "Laws of Albany" for 1791 at the New York Historical Society in printed form.

The Corporation of the City of Albany apparently referred to its ordinances as laws.

If you do not have these, do you know where they might be, or is the original minute or record book of the Common Council of Albany City available in their stead.

We need this information in connection with some research we are doing and will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 23, 1971

Mr. James Corsaro  
New York State Library  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Mr. Corsaro:

Thank you, so much, for the photostats of the Albany Common Council minutes. They show exactly what I need. The ones you could not find may be under another date. Would you check to see if there is something on the money in the January 13, 1792 Albany minutes. If you can copy the few lines you find, in longhand, that would be adequate and most appreciated.

You told me you could give me the correct name of the New York Church Record book prepared by the WPA. Would you be able to do that, also.

My text task is the Lansingburg Museum which issued money in 1792. Is there any write up of this museum with which you are familiar?

I will, of course, send your library a copy of the publication I am writing when it is ready.

Thank you, again, for your help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Check enclosed

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 27, 1973

New York State Library  
Department of Education  
Albany, New York 12200

Gentlemen:

I recently visited the museum and library and would like to have some information which, no doubt, you have at your fingertips.

When did the State Library Building have a fire which destroyed some of its collections, and was there more than one fire?

I have a reference to a fire which occurred in 1916, but I am wondering if there was not a fire in the 19th century. May I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah



August 21, 1962

Miss Marjorie H. Woodruff  
The Newark Museum  
43-49 Washington Street  
Newark 1, New ~~York~~ Jersey

Dear Miss Woodruff:

You were very nice to remember our interest in the Liveright Numismatic Library list and to send us a copy.

In looking through it I found an item with which I was not familiar, namely, Norton's Catalogue of Rare Coins, etc. I had examined Norton's Literary Letters, at the Yale Library, but had not seen this catalogue.

After I return from my vacation, this Fall, I may ask you if you would be kind enough to lend us this book for a short period.

Thank you, again, for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

# THE NEWARK MUSEUM

43-49 Washington Street / Newark 1, New Jersey / Telephone Mitchell 2-0011

November 1, 1962

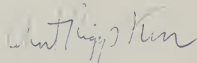
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are sending you, under separate cover, insured for fifty dollars (\$50.00), our copy of Norton's Literary Letters. While we very rarely lend books, we do like to cooperate with other educational institutions when possible.

We should like to have the book returned to us before 1 December 1962. I trust that a month will be sufficient time for your use of the book.

Sincerely yours



Robert Riggs Kerr  
Librarian

:er

November 19, 1962

Mr. Robert Riggs Kerr, Librarian  
The Newark Museum  
43-49 Washington Street  
Newark 1, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you, very much, for your loan of Norton's Literary Letters. Our problem is solved. Your copies are missing certain pages and Yale University's are missing certain pages. Between the two of you, you seem to have them all.

Thank you for your kindness and we enclose here-  
with 34¢ postage to cover your expense.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

January 31, 1977

Newark Museum  
49 Washington  
Newark, NJ 07101

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find my check for \$15.00 for "Wait's New Jersey's  
Money".

I am a member of SPMC. My SPMC membership number is 290.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

May 18, 1988

Newberry Library  
60 W. Walton  
Chicago, IL 60610

Gentlemen:

When I visited the Newberry Library on May 13, 1988, with the group from the Mercantile Library of St. Louis, I looked at your general index and found two citations which I would like to use in a book of mine which I am revising. Would you be nice enough to make photocopies for me of these items.

2 exp


Your Call Number F 83 006. "A mournful lamentation on the untimely death of paper money, a native of North America who died of some deep and mortal wounds from an unknown assassin" 1781 reprinted in The Magazine of History, Tarrytown, New York 1922, pages 200-201.

4 exp.

Your Call Number H 7584.5. Author, T. R., cooper "A letter to the Common People of Rhode Island" (Providence 1763).

I shall be glad to pay the cost of reproduction and will appreciate your cooperation very much.

Sincerely,

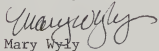


Eric P. Newman

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We grant permission for you to use these illustrations in your book and waive our normal fees. Credit lines: "Courtesy of The Newberry Library, Chicago."

Sincerely,



Mary Wylie  
Director of Library Services

July 7, 1988

August 12, 1974

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thanks to your generous contribution I was one of the scholarship winners to the WPA Summer Seminar.

I was able to take a course on ancient coins with Joel Walter. I had been interested in that field for about a year so this was a great opportunity to study with one of the experts. Again, Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

James Hewell  
James Hewell

1027 N. Meade  
Colorado Springs Co  
80909

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 19, 1974

Mr. James Newell ✓  
1027 N. Meade  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Dear James:

It was very nice for you to thank for the scholarship to the A.N.A. Summer Seminar. I am glad that you enjoyed participating and hope that your enthusiasm for numismatics continues with full vigor.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ARTHUR L. NEWMAN  
99 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

June 15, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I note that the current membership roster of The American Numismatic Association lists ten other Newmans.

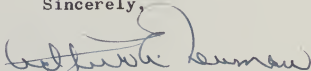
I am a private collector of commemorative aviation medals. These are usually struck to honor special flights or events or to honor military or civilian pilots. They are sometimes described as table medals to distinguish them from decorations and medals which are designed to be worn.

These medals are very hard to find through normal channels.

I am addressing this letter to the other Newmans on the long chance that someone may be able to help me locate this kind of medal or possibly a source for locating them.

If you can be of any help, I shall appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur L. Newman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Arthur L. Newman



June 26, 1964

Mr. Arthur L. Newman  
99 Park Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Namesake:

I have a few aviation medals which are of little interest to me.

Unfortunately, I do not sell anything as a matter of principle but, perhaps, an exchange can be worked out for something which may interest me.

The medals are as follows:

Lindbergh Medal of the Congress, by Fraser, bronze

1933 Chicago Century of Progress aviation medal,  
bronze

Amelia Earhart medal, brass

1860 - The Great Balloon, City of New York, white  
metal

At least I am the oldest Newman, in Newmismatics that is, in collecting.

Good luck on your enterprise.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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MAXWELL J. LILLIENSTEIN  
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ARTHUR L. DIAMOND  
S. SIDNEY MANDEL  
DONALD I. ALTSHULER

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CABLE ADDRESS: INTAVOCAT

JOSEPH KASKELL  
RUDOLPH B. SCHLESINGER  
COUNSEL

June 29th, 1964

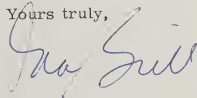
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Newman is away on vacation until August 3rd.

He will reply to your letter of June 26th upon his return.

Yours truly,



Ona Brill, Secretary  
to Mr. Newman

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RUDOLPH B. SCHLESINGER  
COUNSEL

August 3, 1964

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of June 26.

I have the aviation medals described in your letter, but am always interested in additional copies for possible exchange purposes.

If you will let me know the field in which you are interested, I will see if I can come up with any offers.

I have about 500 commemorative aviation medals at the present time.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur L. Newman

ALN:mk

Mr. Charles Newman

December 12, 1991

[REDACTED]

Dear Charles:

As you know we planned to have lunch today to talk over your offer to volunteer a review and your thoughts on legal aspects of a coin theft matter involving an international, educational, not-for-profit organization with headquarters in New York.

You were not able to keep the lunch engagement and asked for preliminary reading material which I enclose. I am on the Council (Board of Trustees) of the organization and my activity on its behalf is entirely pro bono.

We will reschedule the lunch. I appreciate very much your offer of help.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 21, 1976

Mr. Ernest Newman  
IBSGC  
Box 4QN  
London W1A 4QN  
England

Dear Namesake:

Enclosed is \$22.50 for a subscription to the Bulletin.

I recall with pleasure the time we spent together at the Royal Mint discussing counterfeit detection. I particularly remember the home-made florin dies which you showed me along with the product.

I continue to write on counterfeiting, among other things, and have an article on British halfpence counterfeits of George III coming out next month in the American Numismatic Society publication.

Do you have Ted Buttrey's article on false Mexican gold bars? If not, we can get it for you.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

P.S. My wife just returned from London and bought the leather mail pouch and the brace and bit which belonged to Henry Finch. He was apparently was connected with the Royal Mint since the middle of the 19th century. Did you possibly know him and what can I learn about his background?

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Evelyn E. Newman  
[REDACTED]

December 14, 2000

We wish to thank you sincerely for your gift on December 13, 2000 of the following securities by having them transferred to our account at A.G. Edwards & Sons (Frontenac Office in St. Louis MO):

[REDACTED]

These assets will now enable us to further our negotiations for a revived money museum as part of the Mercantile Library Museum project at the University of Missouri at St. Louis in the Communications Building constructed a few years ago on the campus and now being vacated.

You are not receiving anything of value in connection with the gift.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society

By \_\_\_\_\_

President

7902 Lotus Ave  
St Louis Mo  
8-21-67

Friend Eric

Troubling you again relative  
to coins I have in my possession  
Kindly forgive if I am disrupting a  
busy schedule. I have a number of  
coins Foreign & domestic that are not  
listed in the coin manuals that I have  
I have one piece almost illegible that  
might have been an ancient coin  
would like to have you look at them and  
if not would you know an honest  
appraiser I could go to Thanking you  
for past assistance

I am Respectfully yours  
Gentry Newman

September 8, 1967

## MEMORANDUM

Mr. Gentry Newman  
4902 Lotus Avenue  
St. Louis, Mo. 63113

TO

FROM Eric P. Newman

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Dear Mr. Newman:

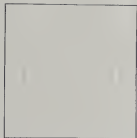
Some day, when you are downtown, just bring the  
coins in for me to see and I will try to help you.

I am on the 5th floor, 400 Washington Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb





# *American Numismatic Association*

WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZATION FOR COLLECTORS OF COINS, TOKENS, MEDALS & PAPER MONEY

CERTIFICATION SERVICE

Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is a letter we received from a "relative" of yours. Since we do not give out addresses, I told him that I would forward his letter to you and let you handle it.

*Michael G. Fahey*

Sept 23. 87

JOSEPH J. NEWMAN  
McDONNELL TOWER APT. 205  
24400 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE  
SOUTHFIELD, MICH. 48034

L.M. 780

Dear Sir:

Recently I saw in *Wide World* a story of Eric Newman giving a talk at the ANA show in Atlanta, he is a member of Early American Copper Club.

May I ask can you tell me where I may write him.

I collect "Newman's" names & interests, would like to write Eric P.

I date have at least 12 from different countries & oblige

Sincerely  
Joseph J. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105*

October 2, 1987

Mr. Joseph J. Newman  
McDonnell Tower, Apt. 205  
24400 Civic Center Drive  
Southfield, MI 48034

Dear Mr. Newman:

The American Numismatic Association received your letter and does not give out addresses. They sent your letter to me. If you are a numismatist, then we have two things in common.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

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JULIA NEWMAN  
GULF PARK  
BRADENTON BEACH, FLORIDA

Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>  
1960

Dear Mr. Newman,

I offer you an unusual, uncut sheet (11 X 19 inches) of twenty four (carte de visite) Confederate generals and leaders by Charles Magnus. [1861]. These are not photographs but fine engravings in black ink with decorative red ink borders. Price \$50.90. Would you like to see it on approval?

Sincerely,  
Julia Newman

March 28, 1960

Dear Miss Newman,

Sorry, I already have two sets  
of these.

Sincerely,

*From the desk of*  
*ERIC P. NEWMAN*



## NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

82 Touro Street  
Newport, R. I. 02840

February 16, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P.O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have been trying to secure photographs of certain bills issued by the Rhode Island Union Bank in 1826. We would like the photographs to accompany an article describing the issuing of the bills which we plan to publish in the April issue of our quarterly Newport History.

Up to now we have been unable to locate any of the bills in historical societies, museums, or private collections in this area, at the American Numismatic Society, the Smithsonian Institution, or the Western Reserve Historical Society. Dr. V. Clain-Stefanelli of the Smithsonian suggested that I contact you. I hope that you will be able to help us.

The complete title of the bank as it appeared on the bills was "The President, Directors, and Company of the Rhode Island Union Bank." The following is a description of the bills in question taken from the order sent to Mr. Peter Maverick, the engraver:

On the \$1 note, check letter T, the lady and scenery as on the specimen of \$50 Green County bank. On the \$2 note, check letter G, a view of Redwood Library edifice, with margin and dies, similar to specimen of \$2 note of the Franklin Bank, New York. On the \$5 note, check letter B, figure of Solon, as on specimen of \$5 note of the Hope Bridge Company.

I hope that this explanation provides enough information on the bills.

Do you have any of these bills in your collection? If so, could we secure glossy photographs of the bills through you? We would appreciate your advising us as to the cost involved if such could be done.

Sincerely,

*Susan A. Liddicoat*

Susan A. Liddicoat  
(Mrs. Joseph C. Liddicoat)

February 22, 1966

Mrs. Joseph C. Liddicoat  
Newport Historical Society  
82 Touro Street  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Mrs. Liddicoat:

In answer to your inquiry of February 16, 1966, we cannot be of much help. We do not have any notes on the Rhode Island Union Bank in the 1826 period. We enclose herewith a photocopy of an earlier counterfeit and a later issue.

We raise the question as to whether you are positive that the Maverick notes were actually made. We cannot find any bank note listing, in our library, which includes such notes and I enclose a photocopy of Wisner's listing of notes which does not describe any of those indicated.

It would be possible to obtain for you a \$2 note of the Franklin Bank and a \$5 note of the New Hope Bridge so that you could have some indication of the design in question but since the Rhode Island Union Bank redeemed all of its bills the chances of finding early ones, other than counterfeits, is minimal. There were not even any counterfeits of the 1826 group, according to our records.

The only organization which we feel might have the note is the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum. I am sending a copy of this letter to them so that they can look for it.

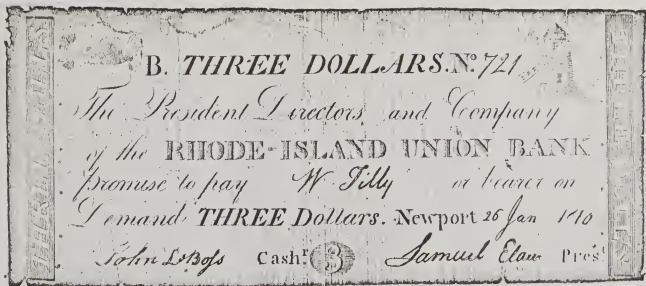
I wish we could be of further service to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CC: Mr. Don Taxay, Curator  
Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum  
1254 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10020

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- 278. \$50. Have no description.
- 279. \$50. C. shield surmounted by eagle, man seated on right, Indian seated on left; lady seated, holding wand and key beside shield. R. and L., phoenix feeding her young, 50 above and below.

Rhode Island Union Bank.

(Incorporated 1804. Changed to Union National Bank in 1881.)

- 280. \$1. C. ship, 1 left. R., 1 above. L., child, scroll work above and below.
- 281. \$2. C. portrait of General Green, 2 at left. R., 2 above. L., ves- sels in oval.
- 282. \$3. Have no description.
- 283. \$5. C., Hope and cherub raising drapery and revealing an anchor, 5 each side. L., Indian seated.
- 284. \$10. C., farmer with plow and oxen, 10 right. R., Goddess of Plen- ty, TEN above. L., X, 10 above and below.
- 285. \$10. C., ornamental X. R., farmer, 10 above. L., Vulcan seated, TEN below. TEN in red. 1862.
- 286. \$20. C., eagle in frame, XX each side. R., ship, 20 above. L., lady seated, 20 above.
- 287. \$20. Have no description.
- 288. \$50. C., man holding horse by the mane, 50 each side. R. and L., lady, FIFTY above and below.
- 289. \$100. C., wharf scene. R., portrait of Columbus, ONE HUNDRED on 100 above. L., portrait of Harrison, ONE HUNDRED on 100

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- 303. \$1. C., all agricul cornuc
- 304. \$1. C., 1. trait of
- 305. \$2. C., 2. J. porrai
- 306. \$3. C., 3. l. Washin
- 307. \$5. C., larg of flow
- 308. \$10. C., X.
- 309. \$20. C., lad and bel
- 310. \$50. C.



March 3, 1966

Mrs. Joseph C. Liddicoat  
Newport Historical Society  
82 Touro Street  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear Mrs. Liddicoat:

Mr. Eric P. Newman has forwarded to us your letter of February 16 together with his reply thereto. We have in the Money Museum collection only one early note from the Rhode Island Union Bank. This is a \$2 note, dated January 3, 1815. The workmanship is rather crude, and I am inclined to think that it is a counterfeit. However, we will be glad to furnish you with a glossy print if such will be of any use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Donald P. Taxay  
Curator

DPT:kcl



## NEWPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

82 Touro Street  
Newport, R. I. 02840

March 30, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your assistance in our unsuccessful search for the 1826 Rhode Island Union Bank notes. We plan to publish the article "... And One Bill of 3 Dollars ...," by Florence Parker Simister, in our April bulletin, although we will not have the photographs we had hoped to accompany the article. In answer to the question you raised, we are sure that the notes were actually made because in the correspondence between the bank and Mr. Maverick, the receipt of the bills is acknowledged by the bank cashier.

In discussing our search for the bills we would like to quote from your letter of February 22, 1966. May we have permission to quote your statement as given in the enclosed Xerox copy of the last page of the article with the appropriate footnote citation? We will be glad to send you a copy of the article when it is published.

Sincerely,

*Susan A. Liddicoat*  
Susan A. Liddicoat  
(Mrs. Joseph C. Liddicoat)  
Associate Editor

April 4, 1966

Mrs. Joseph C. Liddicoat  
Newport Historical Society  
82 Touro Street  
Newport, Rhode Island, 02840

Dear Mrs. Liddicoat:

I look forward to the receipt of a copy of  
your article, when published.

Our comment is hardly worth setting in type  
but you certainly may use it if the article needs  
humor.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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engraving and printing were paid and the Rhode Island Union Bank, after eight months of negotiations, again had enough bank notes available.

A careful search has failed to turn up a specimen of this series. The Newport Historical Society has in its collection a number of bills from other emissions of this bank. It would be *especially* interesting to see Peter Maverick's engraving of the Redwood Library on the 1826 two dollar bill. <sup>But</sup> As one expert puts it, "There were ~~not~~ even any counterfeits of the 1826 group, according to ~~pur~~ records." <sup>23. Perhaps</sup> Some day a specimen may be found.

✓<sup>23</sup> Eric P. Newman to Newport Historical Society, February 22, 1966 (MS letter).

### Newman Thoughts on 1841 No Drapery Proof Dime

From 1837 through the early part of 1840 the obverse of Liberty Seated dimes was designed with a tilted shield and no drapery on the left arm of Liberty. During the year 1840 there was a change in dime coinage design by placing the shield in an upright position and by adding drapery to the arm of Liberty. The Red Book lists an 1838 dime with some drapery, but Ahwash concludes this to be the result of a die clash. The Liberty seated dimes of 1841 and thereafter continued the upright shield and drapery except for the two 1841 proofs which had an upright shield and no drapery. Thus there were 3 different obverse hubs to produce the dies for dimes during the period involved.

The liberty seated half-dime obverse which had a tilted shield and no drapery in 1838, 1839 and the early part of 1840 was changed during 1840 to an upright shield and drapery which design continued thereafter. Thus only two obverse hubs were needed to produce half-dime dies during the period involved.

Liberty seated quarters, half dollars and dollars only had tilted shield obverses and no upright shield obverses. At first they had no drapery on the arm, but drapery was added to quarters during 1840, to half-dollars during 1839 and to dollars for 1840.

It is clear that during this transitional period there were continued attempts to improve the artistry of the figure of Liberty but there was no uniformity for all denominations.

There is no design for any denomination which had an upright shield and no drapery except the 1841 proof dime under study. The question therefore is whether a hub for the obverse of that dime was made with an upright shield and no drapery or whether a die for this obverse was produced in some other way. The reverse of the 1841 proof no drapery dime was standard on all varieties.

There have been several commentaries on the 1841 upright shield no drapery dime indicating that it was produced from a die with drapery which had been lapped or polished to lower the level of part or all of the field until the depressed drapery on the arm became part of the level field. It is alleged that the field around the stars was also polished. These comments were based upon a proof example which was heavily worn or abused. Those giving the polishing opinion had never seen the pristine proof example nor was there any picture of it available. It had been in the Colonel E.H. R. Green Collection until 1943 and has been in a private collection ever since. To polish away all or much of the field surface to eliminate the entire drapery depression is totally impractical and virtually impossible. It requires an enormous amount of work whether or not the stars or date had been punched into the die. A hub with drapery would not have been modified by polishing off the drapery because it would never be able to be used again in its original form as it was. It becomes clear that an unused hub with an upright shield and no drapery must have been made in 1840 and was not used for making production dies.

There is a possible short cut in labor for making two hubs with upright shields, one with drapery and one without drapery. The one without drapery could have been engraved first. It could then be used to transfer its design to die stock. Drapery could then be cut into the die stock which after being hardened could be transferred back to make a new hub. The new hub would have drapery. Thus there would be two hubs available for

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There have been several commentaries on the 1841 upright shield no drapery dime indicating that it was produced from a die with drapery which had been lapped or polished to lower the level of part or all of the field until the depressed drapery on the arm became part of the level field. It is alleged that the field around the stars was also polished. These comments were based upon a proof example which was heavily worn or abused. Those giving the polishing opinion had never seen the pristine proof example nor was there any picture of it available. It had been in the Colonel E.H. R. Green Collection until 1943 and has been in a private collection ever since. To polish away all or much of the field surface to eliminate the entire drapery depression is totally impractical and virtually impossible. It requires an enormous amount of work whether or not the stars or date had been punched into the die. A hub with drapery would not have been modified by polishing off the drapery because it would never be able to be used again in its original form as it was. It becomes clear that an unused hub with an upright shield and no drapery must have been made in 1840 and was not used for making production dies.

There is a possible short cut in labor for making two hubs with upright shields, one with drapery and one without drapery. The one without drapery could have been engraved first. It could then be used to transfer its design to die stock. Drapery could then be cut into the die stock which after being hardened could be transferred back to make a new hub. The new hub would have drapery. Thus there would be two hubs available for

January 31, 1994

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St. Louis, Missouri

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The (1688) James II tin plantation farthing coinage in a cardboard & plastic holder, all identified by variety.

The Higley copper coinage (1737@1739) of Granby, Connecticut consisting of those in glass frames and those in envelopes.

The Somers Island (Bermuda) coinage (1616).

The coppers of Machin's Mills, New York plus my collection of British and American genuine and counterfeit British or Irish style halfpence and farthings (George III) relating to circulation in America, identified on envelopes.

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Vice President

December 13, 1993

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The Connecticut State Coinage of coppers (1785©1788) consisting of those in glass frames and those in envelopes in long wooden boxes, all of which are identified by variety.

The New Jersey State Coinage of coppers (1786©1788) consisting of those in glass frames and those in envelopes in long wooden boxes, all of which are identified by variety. A few are duplicates. This does not include Mark Newby coinage of the earlier period.

The Vermont State Coinage of coppers (1785©1788) consisting of those in glass frames and those in envelopes; all identified by variety. A few are duplicates.

The Fugio copper coinage in a glass frame and in envelopes in long wooded boxes. A few are duplicates.

The Nova Constellatio coinage (1783©1786) mounted in a glass frame and in envelopes, identified by variety.

The New England, Willow, Oak, and Pine Tree silver coinage mounted in glass frames and in envelopes in long wooden boxes, all identified by variety. A few are duplicates.

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