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We welcome a new author, Mike Gibson, to this quarter's magazine, and look forward to more information on Texas banks from him. Don Woodworth is represented by another of his entertaining and well-researched articles (no bull!), and we can read about blotters, tints and banking in the Territory of Nebraska.

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The First National Bank of Houston

By Mike Gibson

The First National Bank of Houston was chartered in March 22, 1866 with \$100,000 capital as the third national bank in Texas with charter number 1644. Thomas M. Bagby president; William N. Cook, cashier and H.T.R. Percy, vice president.

B. A. Shepherd, banker, at Houston, Texas, was elected President of the First National Bank of Houston on July 1, 1867 upon the resignation of Thomas M. Bagby. At the same time Mr. A. Wettermark was elected cashier in place of William N. Cooke, who also resigned, The capital stock paid in to this bank was still \$100,000 with an authorized capital of \$300,000.

Benjamin A. Shepherd (1814 - 1891), probably the first man in the area to engage strictly in the banking business, began his career in Houston in 1854 as the "Benjamin A. Shepherd, Exchange and Collection Office."

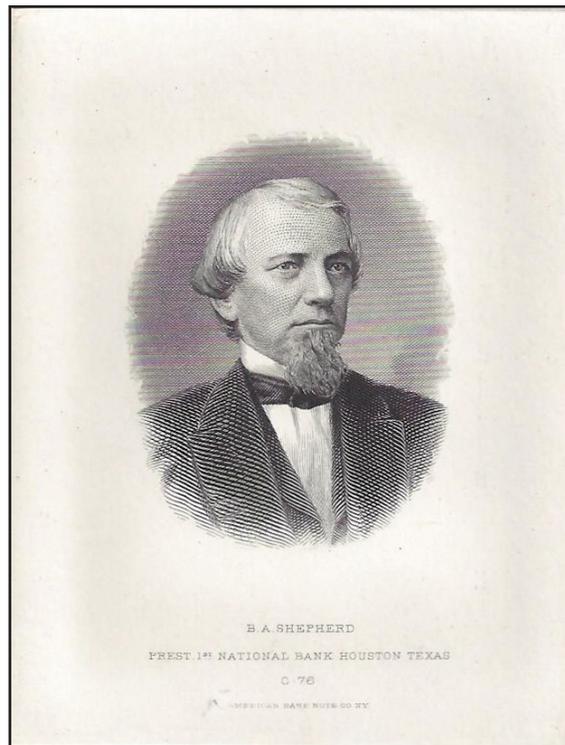


Figure 1. A steel engraving of Benjamin A. Shepherd by the American Bank Note Company.

Shepherd was an early investor in the Houston East and West Texas Railroad, a narrow gauge railroad that triggered the founding of a number of towns as it was extended northward. One of these towns was, not surprisingly, named Shepherd. Shepherd was also a Trustee of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company, which apparently fell on hard times, as it defaulted on its first mortgage bonds in 1885 and was sued by at least some of its stockholders. Shepherd was named as a defendant in the court case, which was written up in the Supreme Court Reporter, and lawsuits must have plagued him during the last years of his life.

Let's look at some checks printed for the First National Bank.

The first example, Figure 2, is a check printed in the very early 1880's by W.H. Coyle, Houston, steam printers and binders. Coyle also printed such things as "Charter and by-laws of the Houston East and West Texas Railway Company: with a description of the counties immediately upon and adjacent to its line," so it is likely that they had a good business relationship with Shepherd.

Figure 2 (next page). Note that this check was payable only in gold.

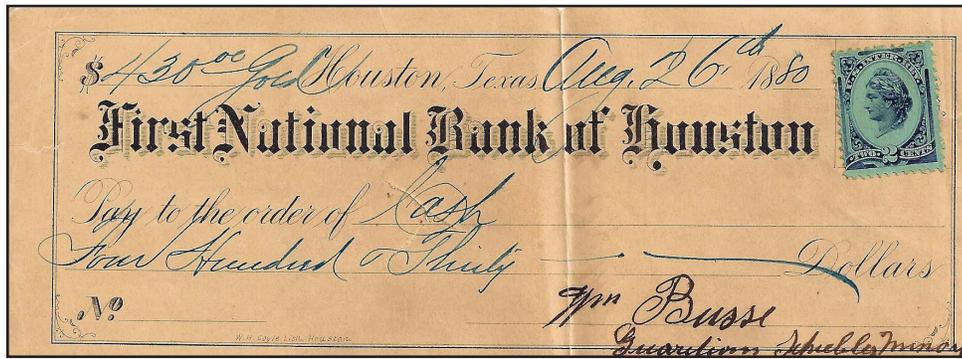


Figure 3. Another check printed by W.H. Coyle. This one was written for payment in silver to S.S. Ashe, who was Sheriff of Houston, 1873-76.

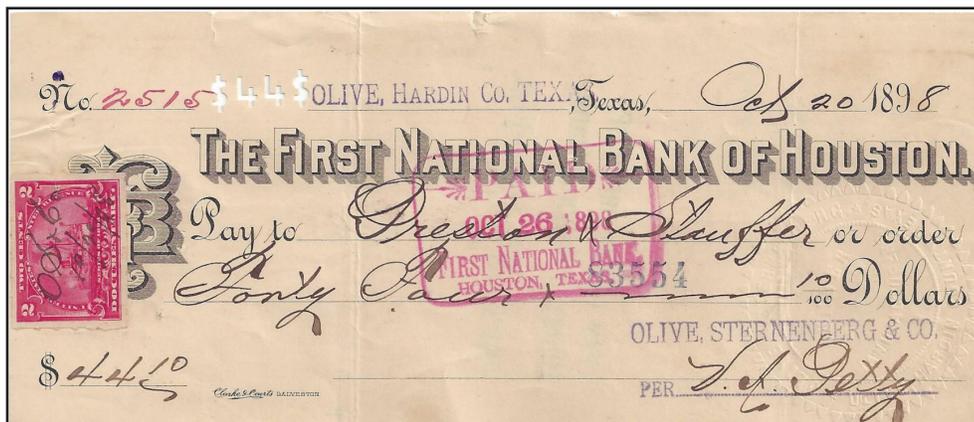


Figure 4. Check printed by Clarke & Courts, Galveston.

Sidney C. Olive and John Abraham Sternberg formed the Olive, Sternberg company which manufactured wooden rails from 1881 until 1912, when the surrounding forests had all been logged. The town that surrounded the mill was called Olive, and had a brass band, saloon, company store, and segregated churches and schools. Reputedly the saloon closed at 6:00 p.m.!

Olive is now a ghost town, and some of the forest has returned. The demand for wooden rails has not.

The payee, Preston & Stauffer, was a wholesale merchant in New Orleans.

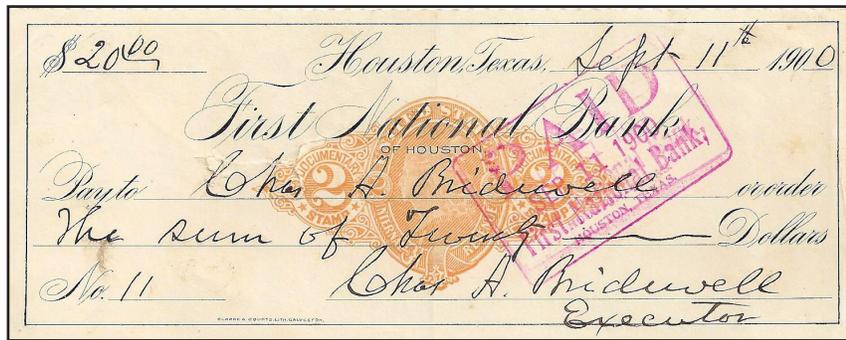


Figure 5. First National Bank check printed by Clarke & Courts, Galveston.

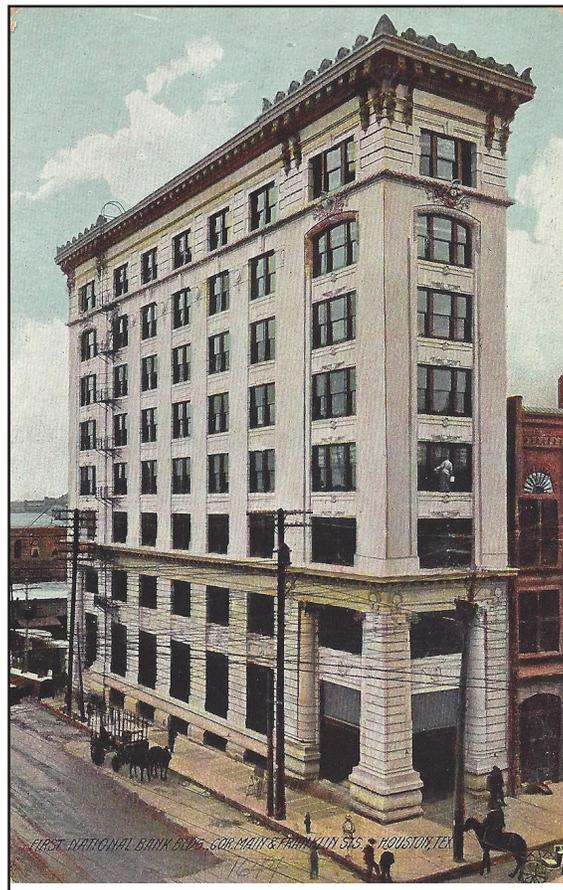


Figure 6. This card shows the First National Bank in downtown Houston, 1907. At that time, the seven story steel-framed structure was Houston's tallest building. Today, of course, many buildings in downtown Houston are more than ten times that height.

Notice the horse-drawn carriage and the trolley car rails. The building opened in January 1905 and was fully occupied by mid-1905. In 1925, the bank was expanded from Main to Fannin Street. The main lobby of the bank ran thru the building for the entire block, as you can see in Figure 7.

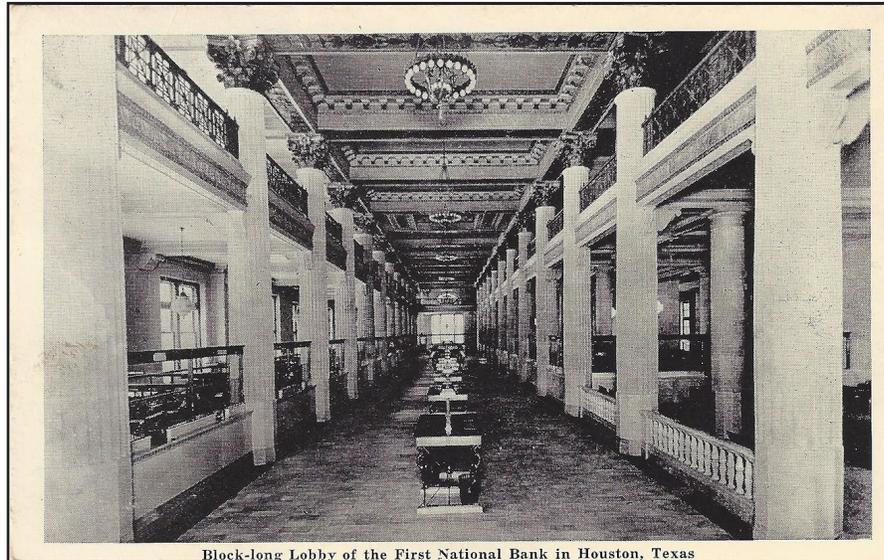


Figure 7. The Texas-sized lobby of the First National, running an entire block in length.

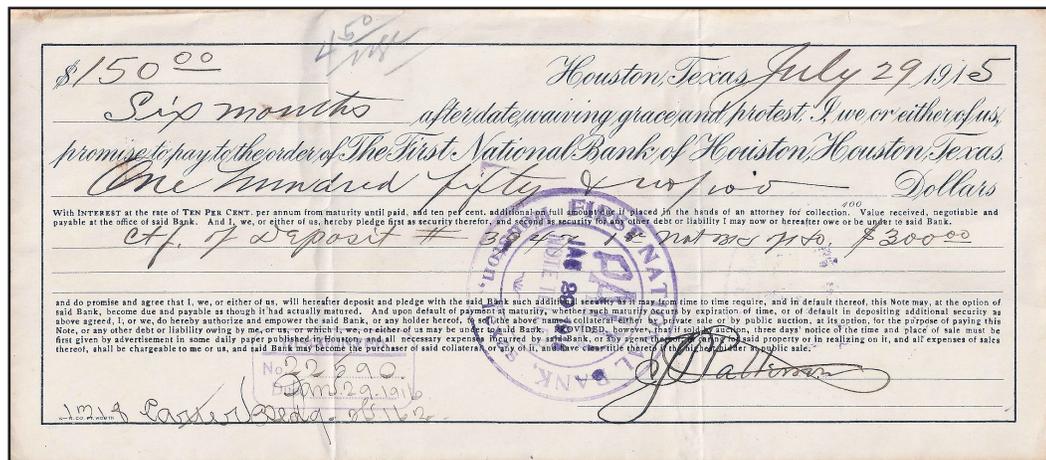


Figure 8. The First National was charging ten percent interest on loans secured by a certificate of deposit in 1915.

The First National was placed into voluntary liquidation on June 21, 1933 and reorganized into the First National Bank in Houston with charter number 13683.

This bank was ailing in 1956 when it was acquired, or the "biggest coup" was pulled off, by James A. Elkins, as was later trumpeted by *American Banker*, when his City National Bank of Houston acquired its competitor, First National Bank. Judge Elkins, as he was known, founded the City National Bank of Houston in 1920. First National had nearly twice the deposits as rival City National at the time of acquisition. The offices of First National were moved into the City National Bank building.

After that, the First National building was purchased by Lomas & Nettleton, mortgage bankers. The building was converted into the Franklin Lofts. On the ground floor a colonnaded banking hall, with columns reaching 35 feet to the ceiling, still extends through the whole block. During the building's conversion to the Franklin Lofts, the banking hall was restored as an event space, with the addition of a marble double staircase leading to the mezzanine. The building still stands today.

The City National became part of the First City Bank Corporation which collapsed in 1992, whereupon the FDIC took control of it.

A Little Bull Goes a Long Way

By Don Woodworth

I lost my Dad in 1996 but still remember an expression he used when the blarney level of a conversation began to exceed his credulity level – “A Little Bull Goes a Long Way.” Dad, if you’re listening, this article is for you. (-:

Thus, I could not resist buying this Illinois RN-G1 draft with the vignette of the bull on the left hand side of the draft (Figure 1). It obviously made me think of my Dad’s aphorism but it also clearly reminded me of a rural area of Illinois which, in 2013, is probably still almost as rural as it was in 1881. I was not familiar with the name of the town Tallula printed at the top of the draft but indeed recognized the name of Petersburg written in manuscript at the lower left. Petersburg is a town of some fame amongst railroad enthusiasts for the steep west-bound grade that trains must ascend when heading out of town toward Havana and Pekin, IL along the tracks of the Chicago & Illinois Midland (Illinois Midland since 1996).

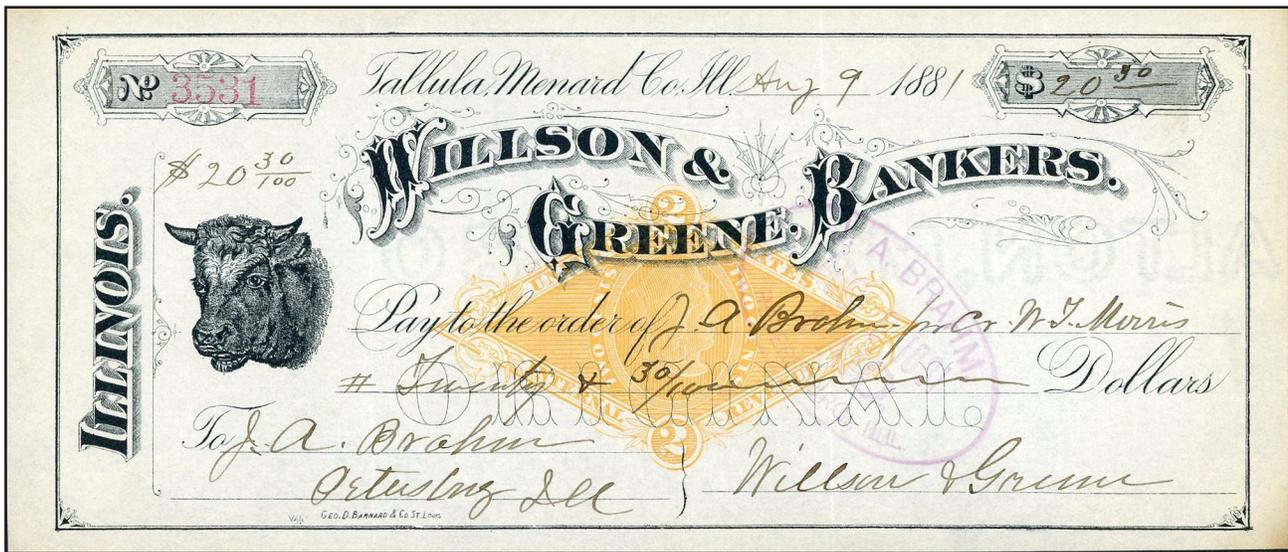


Figure 1. RN-G1 draft of Willson & Greene, Bankers of Tallula, Menard County, Illinois.



Figure 2. Another draft of Willson & Greene with a different bull

The town of Tallula took a bit of research. I learned that five men, William G. Greene, J. G. Greene, Richard Yates, T. Baker, and W. G. Spears, laid out Tallula in late 1857. The name of "Tallula" was said to be an Indian word. The History of Menard & Mason Counties, Illinois credits Mr. Spears with assigning the name, and notes that it supposedly meant "dropping water." Nothing in the area is especially related to dropping water, so the Menard County tourist bureau alternately claims that William G. Greene named the town, and that name actually meant "trickling water" as related to "abundant springs in the area."

Tallula was incorporated as a village under Illinois' general municipal law in 1871-1872. The population was 638 at the 2000 census, so it remains a rather small town. Its population in 1879 was 800 people, so it appears we're dealing with a modern take-off of the 1989 film of "Honey, I shrunk the kids (town)." Small it may have been and small it may remain but it has some interesting historical connections out of all proportion to its size.

Any town worthy of the name soon needed a bank. Based on previous experience in establishing the first bank in Menard County in conjunction with J. A. Brahm in 1866, it was not a giant leap for the enterprising William G. Greene and physician J. F. Willson to fill this void by establishing a local bank in May 1877 – Willson & Greene, Bankers.² The bank later (sometime after 1881) became the Greene & Greene Bank, under the management of Scott Greene and his son Nelson Greene, and was later known as the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Tallula. It is unknown when the bank went out of business or merged with another firm.

William G. Greene, Jr.

William G. Greene, Jr. lived from 1812-1894. Somewhere along the line, he acquired the nickname "Slicky Bill," possibly as a result of his ambition and entrepreneurial nature.³

By September of 1831, Mr. Greene's parents were living about two miles southwest of New Salem, IL. William, then age 19, was hired by recent arrival Abraham Lincoln (who was only three years older), to help at Lincoln's mill and store at New Salem. In early January of 1833, William bought the inventory of Reuben Radford's store in New Salem. Mr. Lincoln drew up and witnessed the mortgage for the transaction. On the same day, William sold the same to Abraham Lincoln and a Mr. Berry, Lincoln's store partner, for over \$600.00. Could this be where the nickname "Slicky Bill" came from??? (-:

When Mr. Lincoln had a debt judgment entered against him in 1834 and was required to surrender his horse as part payment, William Greene turned in his own horse instead – probably the one that Mr. Lincoln had partially paid him with in 1833. Later, when Mr. Lincoln became an attorney in Springfield, the Illinois state capitol some 22 miles distant, he paid William back for this horse and gesture of good will. William Green was also an acquaintance of Richard Yates, later to become governor of Illinois during the Civil War, and introduced him to Abraham Lincoln, who of course became president of the United States during the terrible war of 1861-65.

Though Mr. Greene was a Democrat and Mr. Lincoln was a Republican, the two men remained friends. President Lincoln appointed Mr. Greene as internal revenue collector for the Peoria District. There is an interesting anecdote that colors the relationship of Messrs. Lincoln and Greene. In Lincoln's New Salem, author Benjamin Thomas relates a story in which Lincoln introduced Greene to Secretary of State William H. Seward by saying that Greene had taught Lincoln grammar. When Greene later reminded Lincoln that all Greene had done was held the grammar book and checked the answers, and was not very good at grammar himself, Lincoln is said to have replied "Well, that was all the teaching of grammar I ever had."⁴

Mr. Green was as apparently as active in his personal life as he was professionally as he and his wife Louisa had nine children. By March of 1853, Mr. Greene and his wife lived on a farm near Havana, IL. William and Louisa bore considerable sorrow in their lives as four of their sons and one daughter pre-deceased them. By May or June of 1853, the family moved east to a point near Tallula and Mr. and Mrs. Greene spent most the remainder of their lives there. As noted earlier, Mr. Greene, along with Richard Yates, J. G. Greene, T. Baker, and W. G. Spears, laid out the village of Tallula itself in late 1857.

Mr. Green owned extensive tracts of land and was at one time president of the Tonica & Petersburg Railroad. The line never reached Tonica, instead being diverted to the larger town of Bloomington. The line was later acquired by the Chicago & Alton RR.

The nearby village of Greenview, about 20 miles northeast of Tallula on the far side of Petersburg, IL, was laid out in October 1857.⁵ It was named after William Greene because he had convinced the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis RR to come through the town. Greenview was incorporated by a special act of the Illinois General Assembly in May 1869. The railroad, which connected Jacksonville and Bloomington, IL via Petersburg, is now abandoned.

Mr. Greene built a fine house on North Ewing Street in Tallula in 1891-92 at a cost of \$20,000. Eight of its 10 rooms had fireplaces. The surrounding property was beautifully landscaped with a variety of unusual trees. The greatest social event to have occurred in Tallula up to that time was reported to be the catered housewarming on Mar 6 1892 when 40 couples attended for dining and dancing. Sadly, Mr. Greene did not live to enjoy his new home for very long as he died on Jun 30 1894. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery (East) in Tallula.

Dr. J. F. Wilson (also as Willson)

Dr. J. F. Wilson⁶ (also noted as Willson per Figure 1) established a medical practice in Tallula ca. 1859. He later became involved in the incorporation of Tallula as a village under the general laws of Illinois in 1871-72 and served on the first Board of Trustees. In conjunction with William Greene, he opened the first bank in town as already noted above. By 1879, he was serving as the town's treasurer.

John A. Brahm

I find it somewhat curious that the draft is directly made out to John A. Brahm⁷ and also payable to him for credit against the account of W. T. Morris. J. A. Brahm was a banker and merchant of Petersburg, IL, born in Gallatin Co., IL on Feb. 9 1828 and brought to Menard Co., IL in 1830. His family settled north of Petersburg, where they became prominent citizens. John's father, a native of Germany, died in 1852, and his mother, from Virginia, in 1862. John's early life was spent on the homestead, where he managed to acquire sufficient education to enable him to attend McKendree College in Lebanon, IL in 1848-49. McKendree is considered the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Illinois and is still in business (now as a university) and happily prospering in 2013.

At McKendree, John acquired a good business education which, coupled with his energy and perseverance, helped him to become a highly respected citizen of Petersburg. His principal business was merchandising and he became one of the principal owners of the large dry-goods house of Brahm, Lanning & Wright. He was also heavily involved in banking through the firm of Brahm & Greene, the first banking house in Menard County. There being but one other bank in the county for a considerable time, Brahm & Greene received an immense patronage. After a number of years Mr. Greene withdrew and for some time Mr. Brahm ran it alone. Mr. Brahm built a fine stone building on the west side of the square in Petersburg with a steel vault, burglar and fire alarms, a time-lock, a deposit vault and all the modern conveniences of the day.



Figure 3. A Petersburg draft from the Banking House of Brahm & Greene, printed by the National Bank Note Company, New York. See other versions on the cover of this issue.



Figure 4. An 1882 draft from the Banking House of John A. Brahm, drawing on the Third National Bank of Saint Louis.

Brahm married Eliza B. Rainey of Boydton, VA on Mar 10 1857. They raised a family of five children, living in a pleasant home in Petersburg on a rise above the town proper that is still called “Brahm’s Hill.”

He did a successful business for some time, but an accommodating nature and overly sympathetic disposition, combined with other influences, led to his failure and bankruptcy in 1883. He was forced to give up his luxurious home and other property and, in old age, he and his wife were forced to move to Chicago where some of their children lived. He lived there until his death in poverty ca. 1905, when his body was returned to Petersburg for burial.

W. T. Morris

No information could be found for W. T. Morris despite trying several permutations of a first name in hopes of a hit on the internet. It is possible that Mr. Morris had an account with Mr. Brahm’s bank but may have been illiterate and had the account managed by the bank owner.

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Yet another thing you don't see any more...

by Lee Poleske

An announcement on the bank statement from my local Wells Fargo branch bank (or as they call it, local store) said that as of June 18, 2013, American Express® Travelers Cheques, Cheques for Two, and Gift Cheques would no longer be available through Wells Fargo. I was not surprised, as I have worked as a volunteer at our local museum for many years and have noticed the precipitous decline in the use of travelers cheques. In the last few years more and more people want to pay their admission charge with a credit card, and, when told that the museum didn't accept credit cards, it was surprising how many of these people had no cash on them.

To get back to the announcement, it prompted me to look at my file on travelers cheques where I came across another item that you don't see much any more, ink blotters. Useful when people used fountain pens, before the widespread use of ball point pens made them obsolete.

Banks, like other businesses, used ink blotters as well as calendars and match books as an inexpensive way to advertise while giving their customers a useful product for free. Among the items advertised were American Express travelers cheques (Figures 1 and 2), the benefits of paying by check (Figure 3) and coming events (Figure 4).

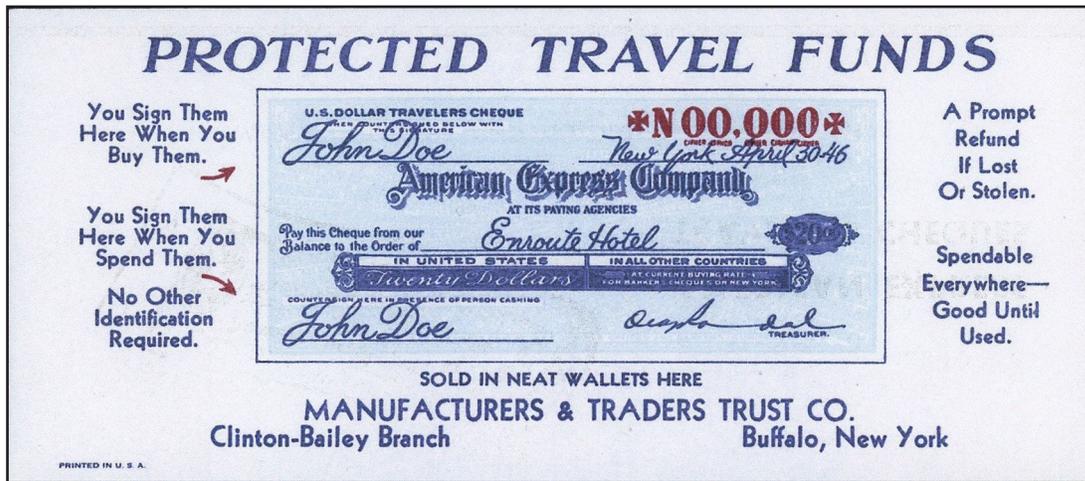


Figure 1. Ink blotter used to advertise American Express Company travelers cheques (sic) and the bank that sold them, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company of Buffalo, New York.



Figure 2. A different blotter from Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company advertising American Express travelers cheques.

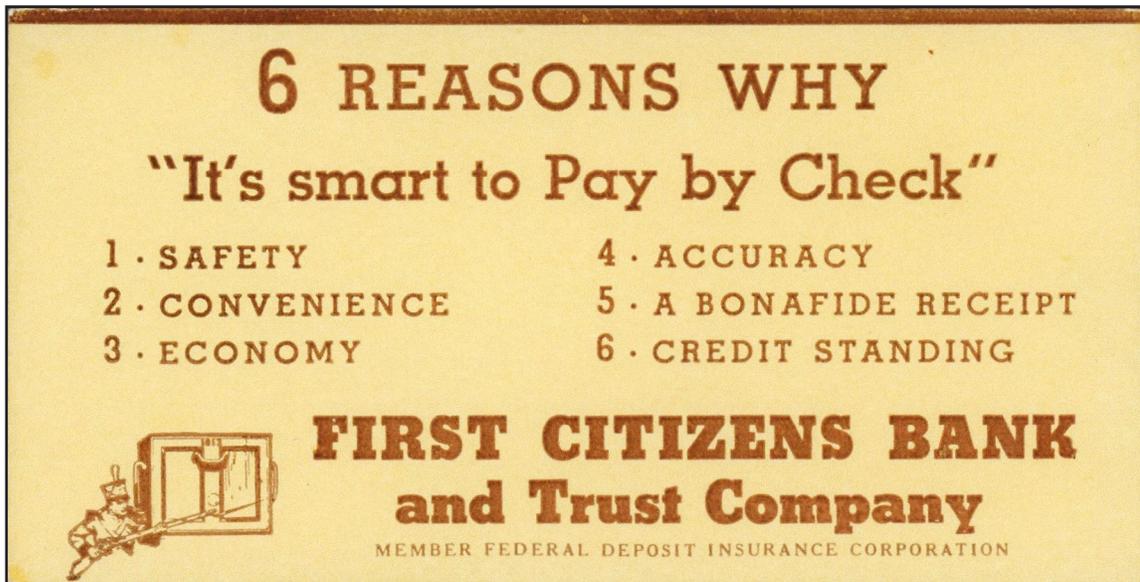


Figure 3. First Citizens Bank & Trust Company used ink blotters to encourage its depositors to use checks.

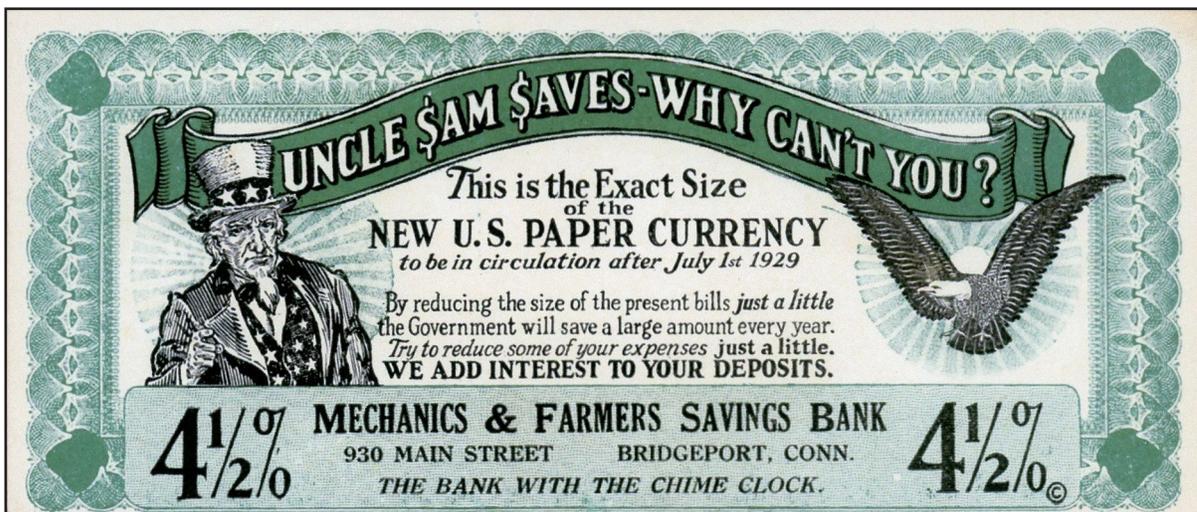


Figure 4. The Mechanics & Farmers Savings Bank combined self-advertising on this blotter with the service of showing the new size of U.S. currency to be introduced in July of 1929.

The 38th annual International Paper Money Show will be held at the Cook Convention Center, East Hall, 255 N. Main, Memphis, Tennessee on June 13 - 15, 2014.

An ASCC meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please check the show program for the location.

Collecting Territorial Paper - Part 8

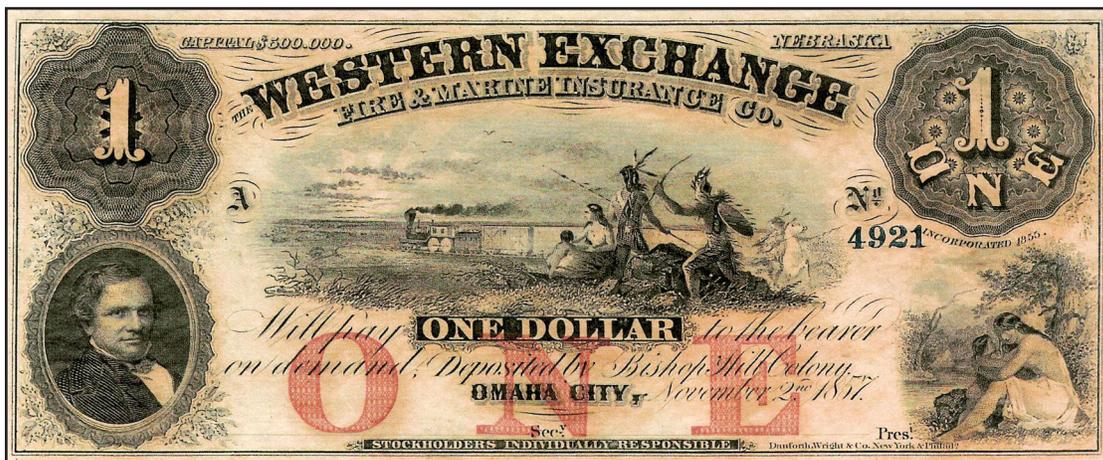
by Jim Adams

Nebraska became a territory May 30, 1864 and a state March 1, 1867. The earliest Nebraska banks appear to have done little besides issuing wildcat banknotes. As one contemporary observer noted, "Who in his senses would think of intrusting money in the vaults of such institutions if past experience would teach us anything? We would dread them as a highway robber, for hundreds who have had confidence in them have woken up in the morning and have found the body of the soulless thing had evaporated and that there was nothing to represent their pocketful of bills, but an old stove, the counter, and a broom."

In 1857 state laws were passed which allowed the formation of wildcat banks which appeared not to be accountable to any regulatory body. Banks that had been chartered prior to that time could remain so.

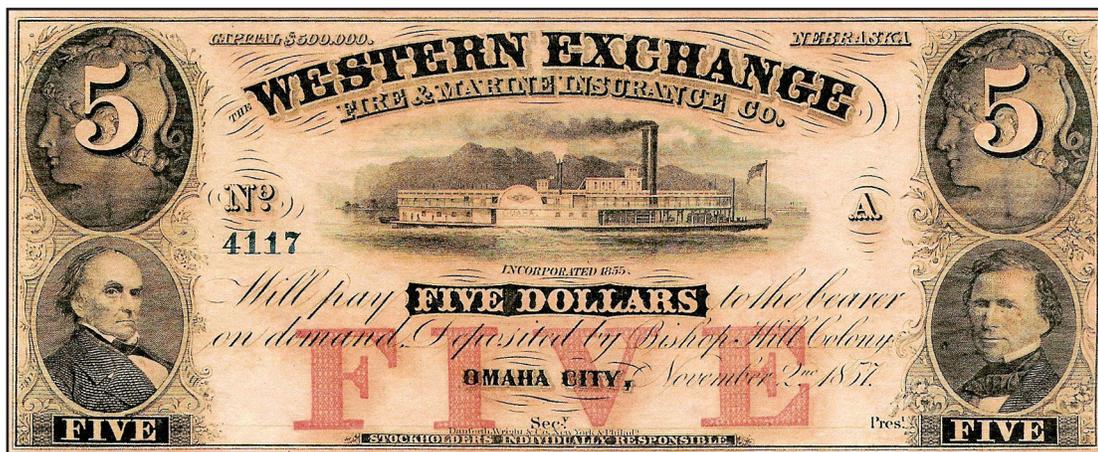
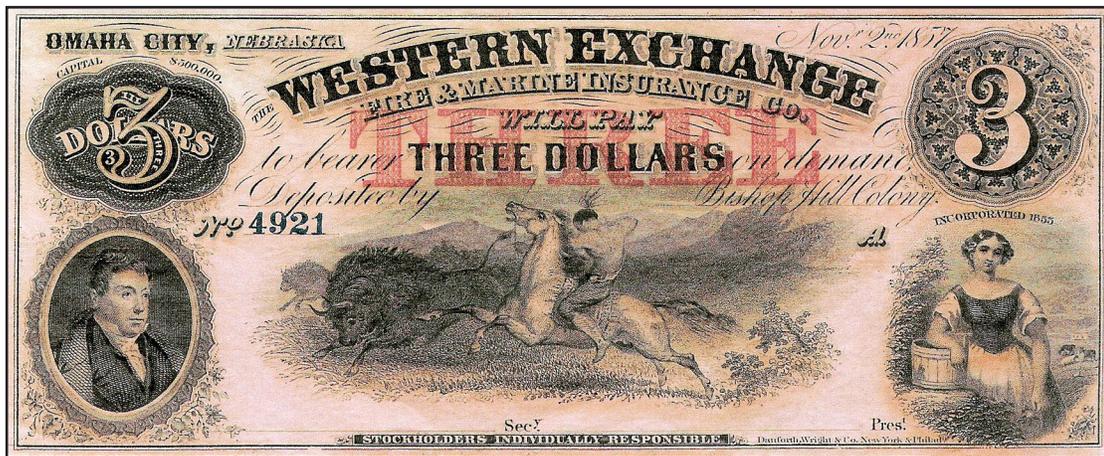
The Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Company was the first bank to be chartered in Nebraska Territory, early in 1855. It was a branch of Greene, Ware and Benton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thomas H. Benton, Jr. served as President, Leroy Tuttle was Cashier and A.U. Wyman was the Teller. Interestingly enough, Tuttle and Wyman each went on to serve as Treasurer of the United States.

The Western Exchange Fire and Marine went under in the panic of 1857, leaving behind some very attractive notes.



These are demand notes on deposits of the Bishop Hill Colony (see TCC 87 - July - September 2008.) Bishop Hill was an ill-fated Swedish commune in Illinois which endured cold, cholera, the murder of its founder, and various financial setbacks, one of which was devastating losses in the panic of 1857. If a significant amount of the commune's savings was deposited in the Western Exchange, most or all of that would have been lost in the collapse of the bank.

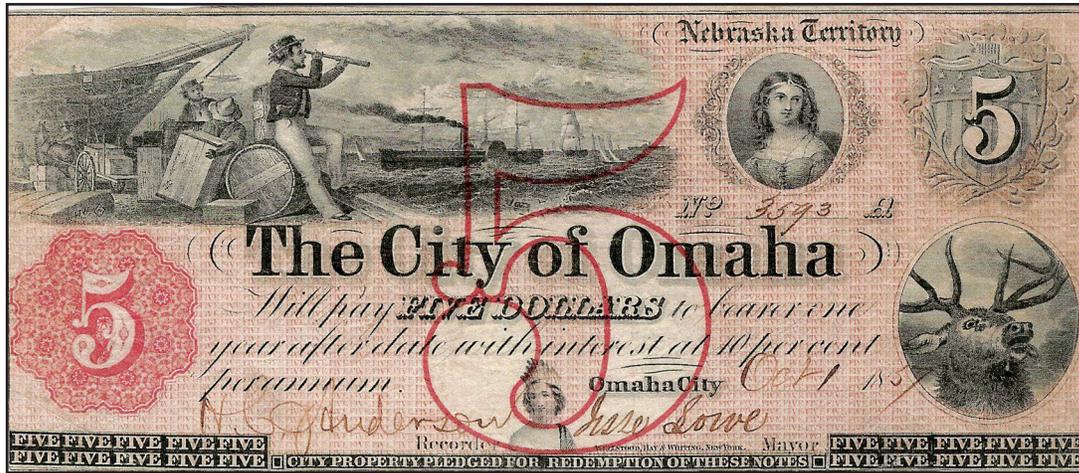




These notes bear a date of November 2, 1857. This is strange, as the bank failed on September 23, 1857. Either these were printed well in advance of their intended use, and the members of Bishop Hill Colony "escaped a bullet" by not putting their money into the bank there, or that was some sort of redemption date, in which case the bank was out of business by the time it was reached. From numerous examples on eBay some of these are signed by Leroy Tuttle as Secretary, but not by anyone as President, so they were ready to issue, but not issued. This may indicate that the Bishop Hill deposits were there, waiting on issuance of the notes, which did not happen. We do know that Bishop Hill lost a significant amount of money in the panic, and their dealings with Western Exchange may have accounted for at least part of it.

The City of Omaha issued currency notes in 1857 to finance construction of the Territorial Capitol building. They are known in several denominations, all signed by Jesse Lowe, Mayor of Omaha at the time. Lowe is credited with naming the city, and built the first bank building in the city in 1855.

The city issued \$50,000 worth of notes, and when that was exhausted, another \$50,000 worth. It is reported that the notes were valued at par until the building was well along, then began to fall in value until they were next to worthless for anything but paying taxes. That is one reason that notes like the one shown on the next page are available in good shape, at reasonable prices.



Not all of the banking history of Territorial Nebraska is dire. In 1857, when nearly all of the banks in the Territory closed their doors, two or three survived. One of these was the Bank of Dakota City, operated by Augustus Kountze, one of the Kountze brothers who became prominent bankers. During the panic the Bank of Dakota City redeemed all of its notes at par. The brothers opened a banking business in Omaha as early as 1875.



The stamp on this Kountze Brothers check partially covers the wording, "Dealers in Gold Dust, Land Warrants and Exchanges." Note that it is payable in currency. One would think that with prudent management a banking business starting fresh in the midst of a financial panic could make some very good deals.

There were only seven banks operating in the Territory of Nebraska from 1857 to 1865. Other than obsolete bank notes, a territorial collector does not have an easy time finding Nebraska items.

To be continued..

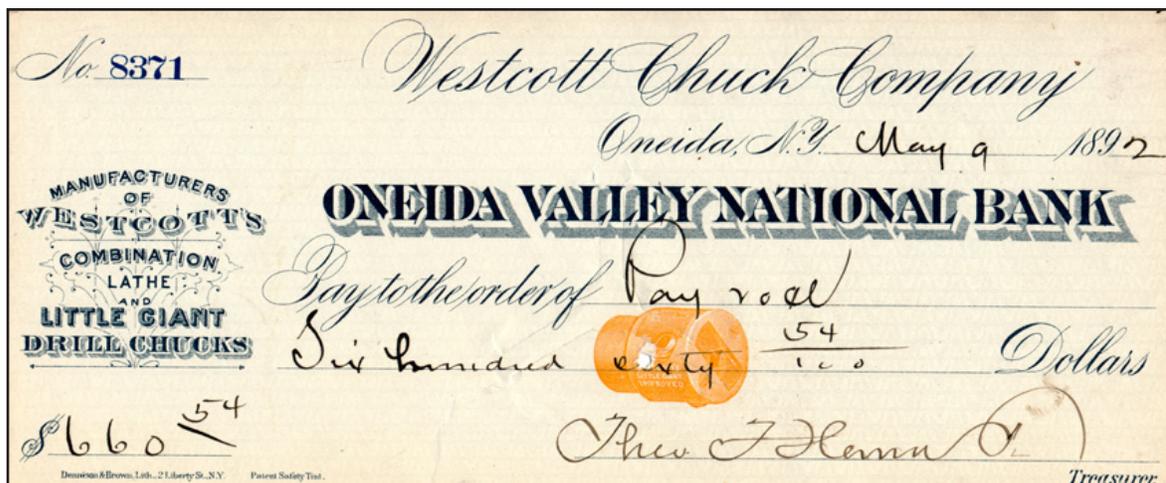
Checks with Safety Tints and Safety Paper

Michael Reynard

Author of *The Complete Guide to Check Collecting*

Safety tints on paper checks consist of fine lines of various geometric designs that are printed with colored inks. In contrast, checks made of safety paper are uniformly treated with inks and geometric designs. The purpose of safety tints or safety paper on paper checks was to render them more difficult to counterfeit and improve the ability of an observer to detect a tampered document.

In the 1800s, the process for printing safety tints on checks was usually performed with a printing plate that was either engraved or etched with acid. Printing was usually performed with a rose engine or pantographic machine. Checks with safety tints or safety paper were formed with a geometrical background or treated with a chemical agent prior to making additional impressions.



Dennison & Brown, Lith., 2 Liberty St., N.Y. Patent Safety Tint.

Check printed in the 1890s by Dennison and Brown Lithographers for Oneida Valley National Bank showing fine horizontal lines that are barely perceptible. The bottom margin of the check denotes the printed horizontal lines as a patented safety tint. The magnified area is enhanced to show the safety tint more clearly.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Bob,

Your "Find in the Market Place" published in The Check Collector Number 108 (page 18) reminded me of a similar invoice of a check printer that I bought from dealer Larry Marsh a number of years ago. Like yours from Henry Seibert & Bro. in New York, mine from Hatch & Co. in New York includes a charge for stamps. However, mine has a charge for stamps as a separate line item. One might assume that since the bill was for 3,000 drafts, the charge for stamps would be for 3,000 stamps, or \$60 worth. The bill for stamps was actually \$66, so perhaps there was a 10% surcharge.



Hatch & Co. produced a number of different checks for the federal government in the 1860's before the BEP got into the check printing business. Some of these are often available as relatively inexpensive unissued remainders. Issued examples are harder to find. Copied herein is one of my favorite Hatch & Co. products, an uncashed federal check issued for 5¢ in 1864 that is signed by F.E. Spinner, who was Treasurer of the United States from 4/17/1861 to 6/30/1875.



Best regards,
 David A. Brase

Arizona Notes by Melvin Dill



This check, drawn on the First National Bank of Tucson, was signed by Charles R. Drake, who was born in Clark County, Illinois in 1843. During the Civil War he was Acting Masters Mate under Admiral Porter. When Drake first arrived in Tucson in 1871 he was a steward with the U.S. Army Hospital connected with Fort Lowell. He served as assistant postmaster and then Pima County Recorder 1881-85. He was a strong supporter of the Southern Pacific Railroad, which was built into Tucson in 1881.

During his thirty years in Arizona Drake served several times in the territorial legislature and was a delegate to the Republican convention in Philadelphia in 1900. He then moved to Los Angeles, where he engaged in several business enterprises and was a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Date of death unknown, possibly 1910.

Editor's note: On an internet site referring to Drake Park in Long Beach, California, which was donated to the city by the same Charles R. Drake, his date of death is given as 1928.

Inventory Update
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Bacon, Stickneys and Company, Albany, New York. Printed in a light green. No printer shown.

More Bull

Willison & Greene, Bankers were not the only bank to offer bull-headed checks.



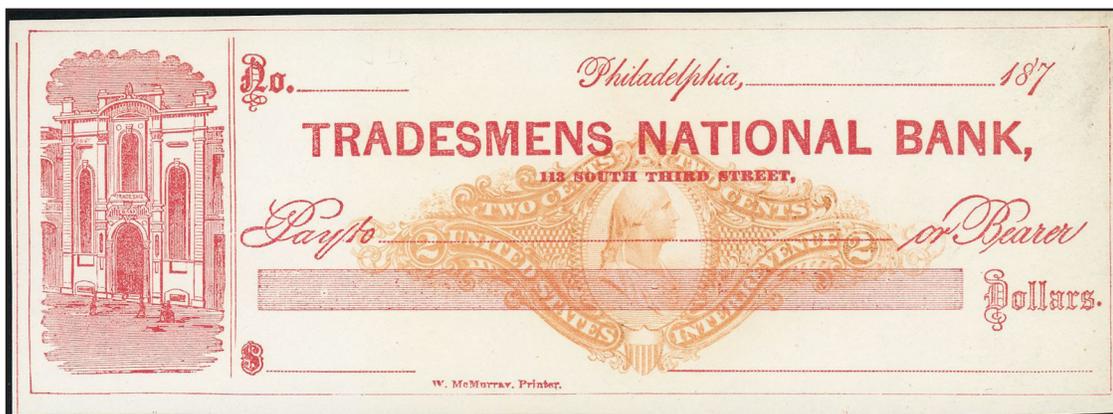
The Carroll Exchange Bank of Carrollton, Missouri also liked to sling the bull...

Pennsylvania Banks - 24

by Peter Robin

I request the help of all readers in adding information to these listings as well as, of course, the counties to come. I can be reached by e-mail at peterrobin@verizon.net or by regular mail at Box 353, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004.

Bank Name	Stamp	Years	Printer	Colors	Vignette/User	Size in mm
Philadelphia - part 9						
Stephen Girard, Banker	None	1820	K&S	Black on White	None	160 x 60 mm.
Same	None	1822	JTS	Black on White	Stephen Girard, Banker, left	150 x 65 mm.
Same	None	1831	None	Black on White	Stephen Girard, left	160 x 60 mm.
Tradesmans Bank		1866	JHe	Black on White	T de la Cuesta	
Tradesman N. B.	H3	1871	WMc	Red on White	Bank Bulding?	cut
Same	J4	1872	WMc	Red on White	Bank building	183 x 67 mm.
Same	J11	1874	WMc	Red on White	Bank building	190 x 66 mm.



Same	K6	1875	WMc	Red on White	Bank building	185 x 65 mm.
Same	F1	1875	WMc	Red on White	Bank building	190 x 65 mm.



Same	G1	1877	WMc	Red on White	Bank building	
Same	G1	1879	CPS	Black on Green or Blue	John C. Clark & Sons	177 x 68 mm.
Same	G1	1883	NBE	Black on Blue	W Horace Hepburn	195 x 80 mm.
Same	R164	1901	None	Black on White	Edward H. Kennedy, Dec.	185 x 78 mm.
Same	R164	1901	None	Blue on Green	None	195 x 77 mm.
Trust Company of North America	X7	190-	None	Black on Lemon	None	155 x 62 mm.

Announcements

Election of Board Members. I did not receive any nominations for the Board by February 15. Therefore, in accordance with our bylaws the terms of Bob Hohertz, Lyman Hensley, Mike Kazanjian and myself are extended two years until the end of 2015.

Annual Dues. For those of you who have not yet gotten around to it please pay your annual dues. Donations are also welcome.

ASCC Meeting at Memphis IPMS, June 13-15. The ASCC will meet in Memphis again this year, at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 14, 2014. These meetings have been very lively the last several years. Bring checks you want to sell or trade, plus something for show and tell.

Hermann Sweeter

Treasurer's Report

January 1 to December 31, 2013

Beginning Treasury Balance:		\$3,733.38
Plus: Income:		
Dues:	\$2,352.00	
Advertising:	360.00	
Interest Earned:	26.29	
Donations:	170.00	
Total Income:	\$2,908.29	+2,908.29
Less: Expenses:		
Postage:	\$250.00 * Note 2	
Printing:	1,674.85 * Note 3	
Office Expenses:	51.90	
Fees, PayPal:	23.12	
Fees, Filing:	110.00	
Dues & Subscriptions:	35.00	
Total Expenses:	2,144.87	-2,144.87
Ending Account Balances:		
Checking:	\$1,362.56	
CD (36 month):	1,552.97	
CD (12 month):	1,480.39	
PayPal Account:	100.88	
Treasury Balance:	\$4,496.80	\$4,496.80
Notes 1)	\$2,908.29 - 2,144.87 = \$763.42 Net Operating Gain.	
2)	Postage amount is through 3rd quarter.	
3)	Printing amount is for three issues of TCC.	
4)	Invoices for 4th quarter printing and postage of \$644.60 paid in January.	
5)	\$763.42 - 644.60 = \$118.82 Effective Net Operating Gain.	

Current checking account balance after paying noted invoices: \$667.96

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Naven

DICK NAVEN, Treasurer

Member Exchange

Collector seeks Oklahoma Territory & Indian Territory checks. Top prices paid. **Bob Fritz**, P.O. Box 1548, Sun City, AZ 85372-1548.

New member is interested in pre-1950 Wisconsin checks. Will purchase or trade for any needed. **Tom Casper**, S95W13453 St. Andrews Dr., Muskego, WI 53150. E-mail tcasper57@hotmail.com.

Charter member would like to obtain a check from the "Washington National Bank" or the Telegraphers National Bank", both of Saint Louis, MO. Will purchase or trade. **Ron Horstman**, 5010 Timber Lane, Gerald, MO 63037.

Wanted: Checks from dealers in Indian relics or fossils - or signed by archaeologists or paleontologists. Or other related paper. Write: **Stan Raugh**, 4217 *th Avenue, Temple, PA 19570-1805.

Wanted: "Manuscript" aka completely handwritten checks. All states and dates (generally pre-1900. **Sheldon Rabin**, 2820 Breckenridge Circle, Aurora, IL 60504, sheldonrabin@yahoo.com.

Dealer wants checks signed by celebrities. No quantity too large. **Myron Ross**, Heroes & Legends, 18034 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91316

Collector seeks checks autographed by famous people. Top prices paid. **Michael Reynard**, 1301 20th Street #260, Santa Monica, CA 90404. reynard@ucla.edu

Wanted: Revenue stamped (RN) checks from Washington, D.C., Alaska and Wyoming and embossed revenue checks from Canada. **Peter Martin**, POB 6074, Fredericksburg, VA 22403; E-mail pmartin2525@yahoo.com

Collector seeks pre-1800 checks and promissory notes. Please email images and prices to **Gerard Smith** at gerard@gerardsmith.com

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Secretary's Report

Lyman Hensley

Previous Total	164	NEW MEMBER	
New Members	1	1911 Wayne von Hardenberg	2 (1780-1865), 4, 20, 21, 22, 23, 31
Reinstatements	0	Box 290105	
Resignations	1	Wethersfield, CT 06109	
Deaths	0	by Robert Spence	
Undeliverable	0	RESIGNED	
No Forwarding Address	0		
Current Total	164	1610 Michael Bird	

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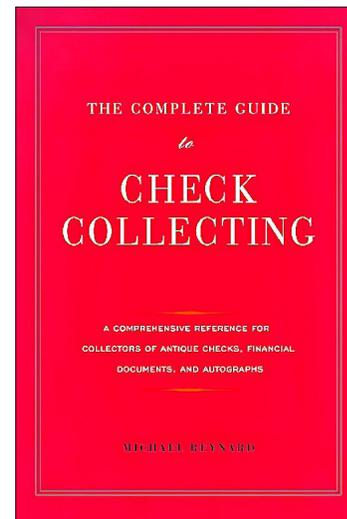
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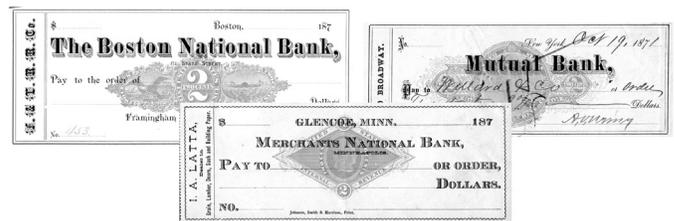
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