



MarylandCurrency.com



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- Hobbyist in collecting and researching antique currency
- Collected coins as a kid
- Grew up in Bowling Green, Ky., and moved to Maryland after college
- Colleague at work was active numismatist, recommended I collect national currency bank notes
- Said specialize in something small and become expert
- Continuously grow knowledge into larger areas
- Wrote smaller books on currency from Bowling Green, Ky. and Frederick, Md.
- Now writing state wide hobbyist book on Maryland currency





# Md. National Currency Banks

- 146 Maryland banks issued this currency from 1864 to 1935, every bank given a unique charter #
- Small and large banks from Friendsville in the west to Snow Hill in the east
- Over 14,000 banks across the country in all states and territories
- Banks bought bonds from govt to secure issuance of 90%
- Notes printed at Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington; notes sent to bank and cut there
- Notes signed by bank presidents and cashiers, and VPs
- Notes often pen signed with ink, later stamped or facsimile





# My research

- Identified all series of notes issued by each bank, and rarity
- Catalogued over 5,000 surviving notes by serial number
- Interested in biographies of these important presidents, cashiers, and some VPs
- Include 811 men and 1 woman of governors, senators, doctors, lawyers, farmers, etc.
- Pulled extensively from ancestry.com, county and state historical societies, Smithsonian Inst., newspapers, obits, etc.
- Catalogued rarity of officer signatures on surviving notes
- Capture color photos of notes
- Identified location of bank buildings, and commissioned artist
- Surviving notes known from all but 8 banks





# Finding notes

- Most notes generally known to hobby through auctions, ebay, museums, currency dealers, etc.
- Notes sometimes saved by original bankers
- Handed down as heirlooms to family members, especially serial #1s
- Found several notes by locating living descendents
- Good source of “unknown notes” is through the family and descendents, especially grandsons
- Look under every rock, and followup on every lead
- Network, network, network





# How Can You Help?

- Help me locate additional notes
- Leonardtown, Sandy Spring, and Cambridge still retain notes in their vaults... Maybe your bank does too?
- Find existing collectors to share copies of notes
- Encourage new collections to begin
- Give ideas for future research
- Online at [MarylandCurrency.com](http://MarylandCurrency.com)
- Will stay for questions and exchange business cards
- Buy the book upon release in 2011





# Original Series \$5





# 1875 Series \$10





# Original Series \$20





# 1875 Series \$100





# Original Series and 1875 Series





# Original Series “Lazy Deuce”





# Series of 1882 \$5 “Brown Back”





# Series of 1882 \$10 "Brown Back"





## Series of 1882 \$20 “Brown Back”





# Series of 1882 \$50 "Date Back"





## Series of 1882 \$100 “Brown Back”





# Series of 1902 \$5 "Red Seal"





# Series of 1902 \$10 "Red Seal"





# Series of 1902 \$20 "Red Seal"





# Series of 1902 \$50 "Red Seal"





# Series of 1902 \$100 “Red Seal”





# Series of 1902 \$5 "Plain Back"





# Series of 1902 \$10 "Plain Back"



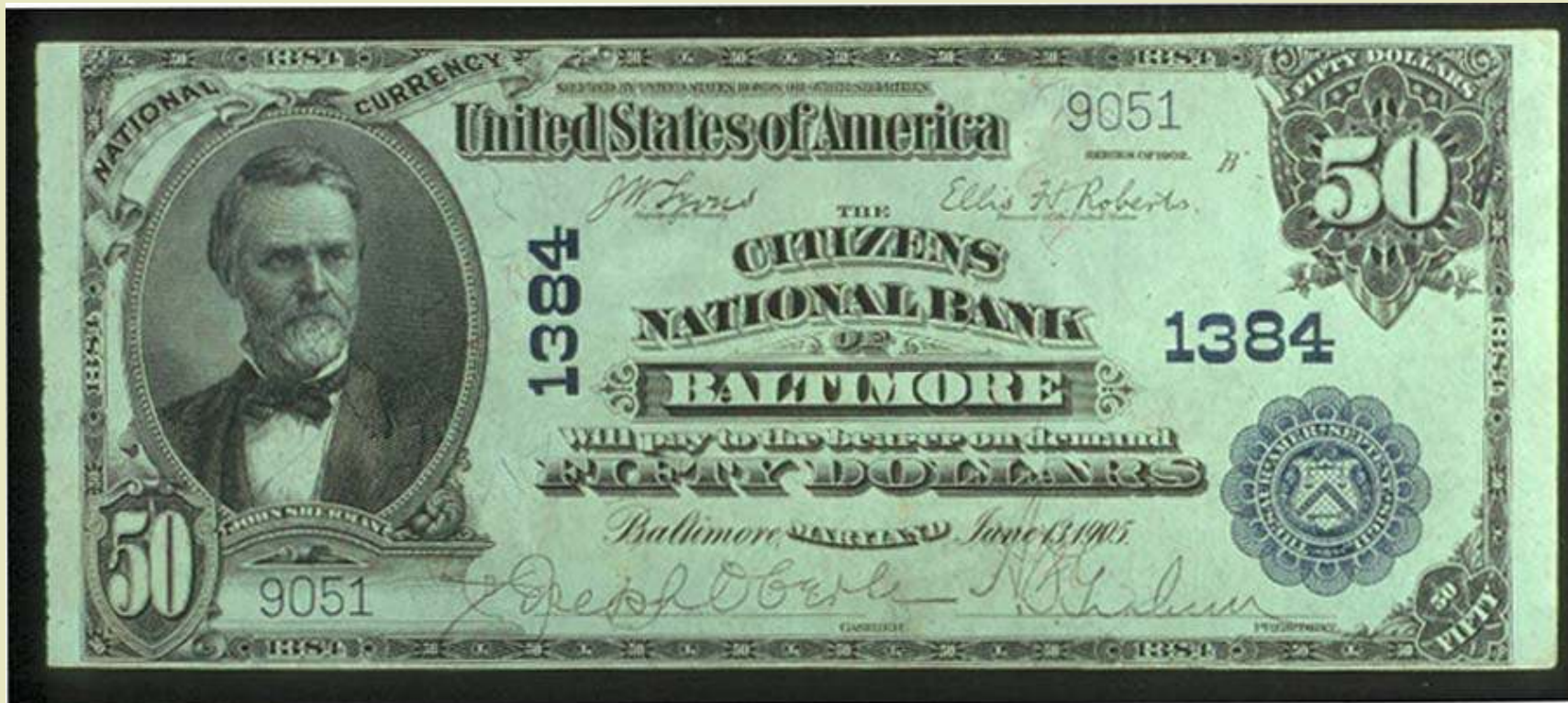


# Series of 1902 \$20 "Plain Back"





# Series of 1902 \$50 "Plain Back"





# Series of 1902 \$100 “Plain Back”





# 1929 Series \$5 Type 1





# 1929 Series \$10 Type 1





# 1929 Series \$20 Type 1





# 1929 Series \$50 Type 1





# 1929 Series \$100 Type 2





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