

Famous Women on Coins and Medals

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Slide Set #7

Athena – Goddess of Wisdom



A Dekadrachm (10 Drachms)
Athena was the guardian deity of ancient Athens, Greece

Athenian Owl – Lady Owl?



The Athenian Owl found usually in profile, here faces the viewer

Arethusa-Goddess of the Fountains



A Dekadrachm of Syracuse, circa 400 B.C.
The work of ancient engraver Kimon

Arsinoe – Wife of Ptolemy II

A gold
Octodrachm



Arsinoe was wife to Lysimachus first (a general of Alexander the Great), then after he was killed in battle, she married her own brother Ptolemy II

Cleopatra



Ruling Egypt from 50 to 30 B.C. she was the last Greek Ruler

Reverse of a coin of the Ptolemys



Standing Eagle clutches a thunderbold in its claws

Joan of Arc, 1412-1429



Martyred by being burned at the stake for her religious & military exploits

Isabel, Queen of Castile



Is this commemorative quarter the only U.S. coin to depict a foreign monarch?

Elizabeth I of England, 1558-1603



During her reign, Shakespeare, Spencer, & Bacon lived, Sir Francis Drake and others made discoveries in the New World; the Spanish Armada was defeated

Pocahontas, 1595?-1617



Did she save Captain John Smith? Only the Shadow knows!

Christina, Queen of Sweden



She became queen at age 26 on her father's death, but resigned after 14 years on the throne. Unsuccessful in returning to the throne she died in 1689

Queen Anne of England, 1702-1714



During Anne's reign, England united with Scotland and captured Gibraltar, the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea

Maria Theresa, of Hungary



Her silver bullion coin is still being struck with the 1780 date. She was the wife and daughter of an emperor, and had 16 children, many becoming dukes, queens, etc.

Elizabeth of Russia, 1741-1761



Her reign was one of constant intrigue and war

Isabel II of Spain



The last queen of Spain until modern events

Florence Nightingale



Born in Florence, Italy, she became a nurse at 22, and after ministering to the soldiers during the Crimean War, returned to England and established nursing colleges

Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale



Discovered at age 9 by an actress, she was admitted to the Stockholm Conservatory and made her operatic debut at age 18

Reverse of the Jenny Lind Medal



Medal shows the Goddess of Genius & Art; inscription reads “The Spirit of Art”
In exergue, it reads “By the Royal Musical Academy”

Victoria, Queen of England



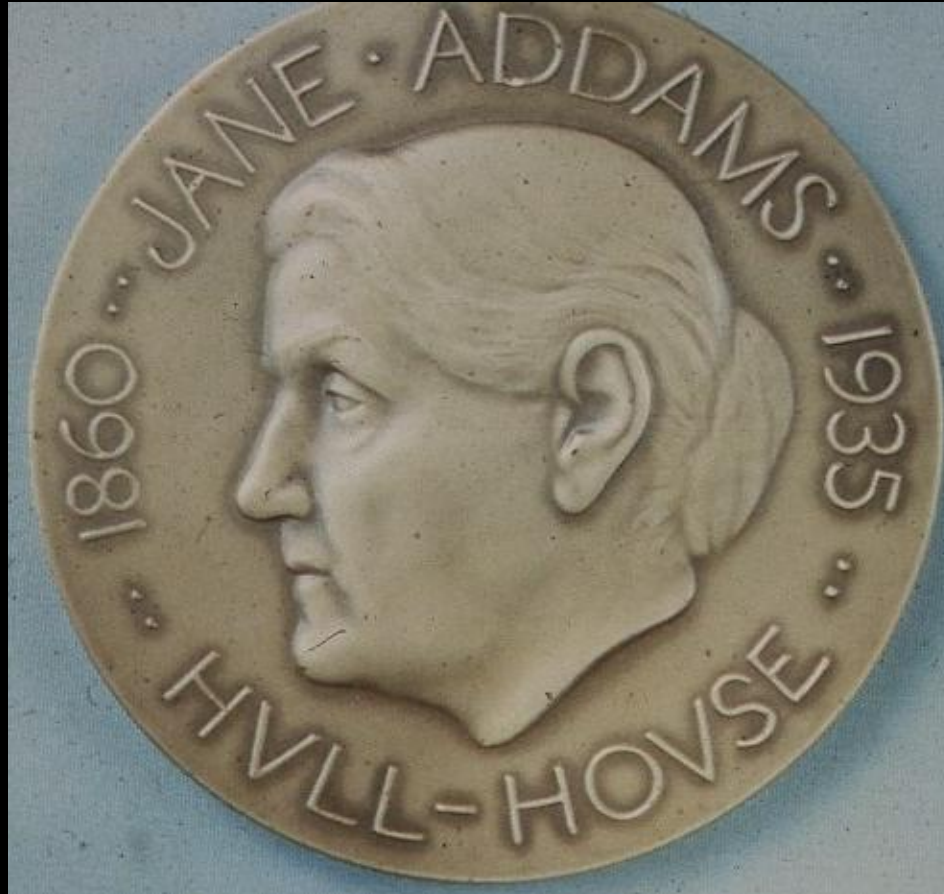
Victoria ruled for 63 years and England was a world power during her entire reign

Susan B. Anthony



An abolitionist, temperance society member, and woman's suffrage champion

Jane Addams



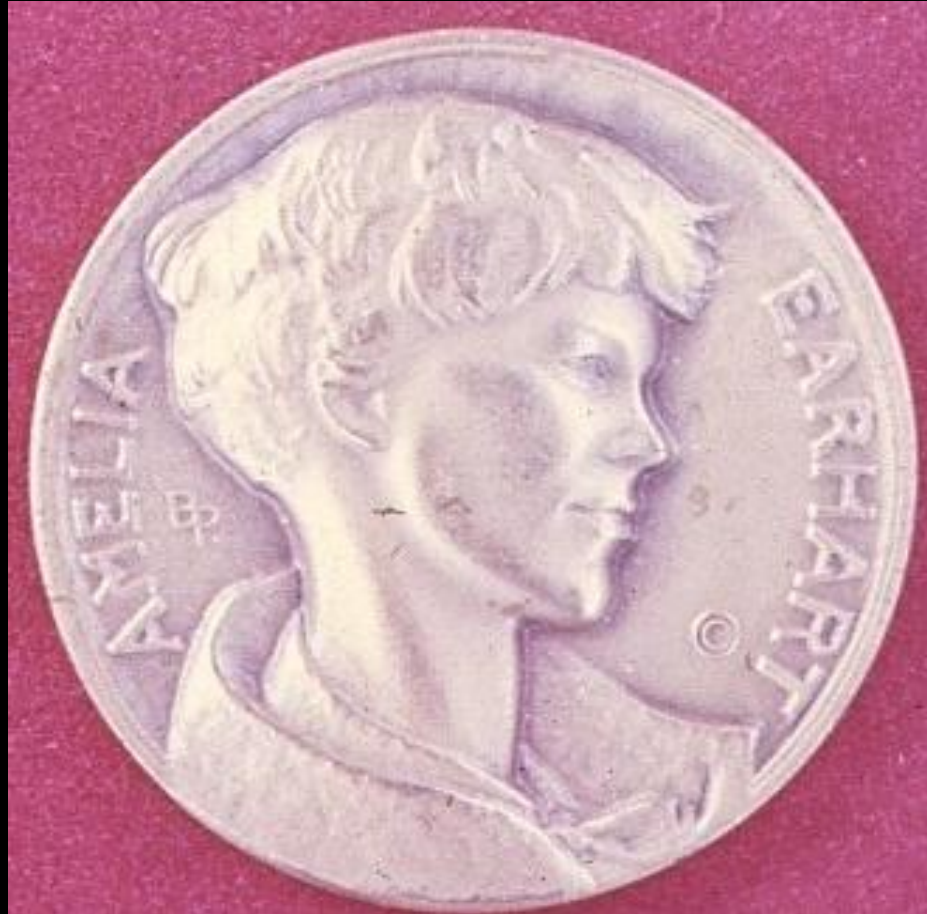
A humanitarian, founder of Hull House for the underprivileged; she developed the first public playground in Chicago, fostered child labor laws, juvenile courts & woman's suffrage

Marie Curie



With her husband Pierre, discovered the element Radium for which they won the Nobel Prize in 1903; later she was the first woman to win the Chemistry Nobel Prize in 1916

Amelia Earhart



She was 39 years old when she undertook the flight around the globe, never to be heard from again after leaving Hawaii on that fateful flight

Frances E. Williard



She was the first female dean of Northwestern's woman's college, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and is one of 8 women elected to the American Hall of Fame at New York University

Queen Wilhelmina



Succeeded her father to the throne of the Netherlands at age 10

Queen Juliana



Succeeded to the throne of the Netherlands in 1948 when her mother abdicated in her favor

Hilary Clinton?

We shall see!