Coins with Special Significance

Lecture Set #17

Electrum Coins





Obverse, Facing heads of Lion & Bull; Reverse, Punch Marks

Ptolemy - Tetradrachm



Obverse, Ptolemy's Portrait; Reverse, Eagle Standing, circa 300 BC

Shekel of Tyre





Purportedly One of the 30 Pieces of Silver Paid to Judas Obverse, Head of Herakles (Hercules); Reverse, Standing Eagle

Tyrol Crown [Gulden Groschen equal to a Gold Gulden]





1486 Silver Crown of Arch-Duke Sigmund of Tyrol (First Dated Crown) Obverse, Arch-Duke in Royal Dress; Reverse, Mounted Duke

Joachimstaler



Undated Silver Crown From Silver Discovered at Joachimstal, Bohemia Obverse, Rampant Lion

Maria Theresa Thaler

[Dated 1780, it has been struck for centuries]



Maria Theresa, Empress for 40 Years, Daughter of an Emperor, Wife of an Emperor, Mother of 5 Sons & 11 Daughters; 2 Sons Became Emperors, 1 Became an Archbishop, 1 Became a Duke, & 2 Daughters Became Queens

Pine Tree Shilling





The First Coin Issued in Quantity within the United States Coined for 30 Years, the Date Remained 1652 to Avoid the King's Wrath

Continental Currency Dollar



No Value is Stated on this Coin & No Official Records Have Been Uncovered to Explain it's History, But it is Called the Continental Currency Dollar

Fugio Cent [Legends are credited to Benjamin Franklin]



The Fugio Design is Similar to the Continental Dollar but Records Exist Showing that Congress Authorized 300 Tons of Copper for Coining

Spanish 8 Real Pillar Dollar

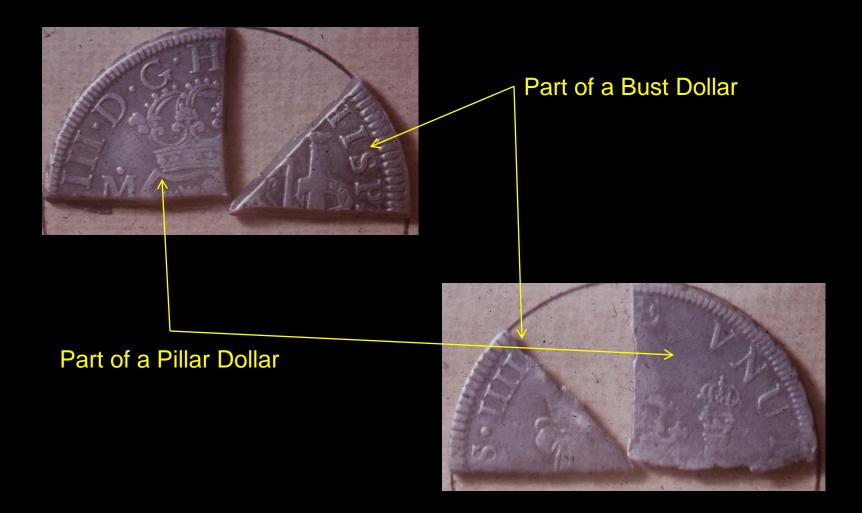
Sometimes, the coin was cut into 8 pieces to make small change, thus 1 "bit" became 1/8 of a Dollar, 2 "bits" a Quarter Dollar





Commonly Called the "Spanish Milled Dollar," "Pillar Dollar" or "Piece of Eight" Struck in Mexico & at Many Different South American Mints Colonial & Continental Paper Money was Payable in Spanish Milled Dollars

Bit Pieces



Bust Type Spanish Milled Dollar

First Valued at 4 Shillings, 9 Pence, they were revalued in 1800 to 5 Shillings



In 1797, the Bank of England began buying & Countermarking Spanish Dollars With a Small Oval Bust of the King

Bust Type Spanish Milled Dollar



The Reverse of the Countermarked 8 Real

Bust Type Spanish Milled Dollar



To Avoid Counterfeiting, in 1799, a New Octogonal Punch was Used

Bank of England 5 Shillings Struck on Spanish 8 Real

The 1804 Dies were used again in 1810 & 1811

In 1812, the coin was revalued to 5 Shillings, 6 Pence

The Bank of Ireland made overstrikes also, valued at 6 Shillings



In 1804, the Bank Began Overstriking the Entire 8 Real Many Times the Under Coin can be Identified

Sierra Leone Dollar



Issued in 1791 only, it is the first Coin on which the word Dollar appears

French Medal



Issued around 1790 by the French to Celebrate American Independence The Head of Liberty Resembles the first Cents of 1793 Reverse shows France Protecting the Infant Nation against the British Lion

United States Dollar



Thomas Jefferson & Alexander Hamilton Established the U.S. Monetary System The Basic Unit was called a "Dollar" although some wanted to call it a "Unit" Value appears on the Edge reading "Hundred Cents * One Dollar or Unit"

Silver 3 Cents





The Silver 3 Cent Piece became the first U.S. "subsidiary" coin, meaning its metal content did not equal its intrinsic value

U.S. \$10 Note of 2/25/1862



Massive Debt incurred by the Civil War caused issuance of paper money

U.S. \$10 Note of 2/25/1862



This note was made "legal tender" by a Clause on the Back Notes were issued in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 & 1,000 Dollars

Trade Dollar

Many were chop-marked by merchants to guarantee their value





Authorized in 1873, the Trade Dollar with 2% more silver than a standard silver dollar was minted to compete with the Spanish Milled Dollar in Asia

Columbian Half Dollar



The Columbian Half is <u>perhaps</u> the First U.S. coin to commemorate an event And it is the first to portray an historical person

Columbian Exposition Quarter





The Columbian Quarter Dollar was the first commemorative quarter It depicts a Foreign Monarch, Queen Isabel of Spain

Coins With Special Significance

And More Later