# 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

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The Reverse of the Countermarked 8 Real

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

## Bank of England 5 Shillings Struck on Spanish 8 Real <br> 

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 perhaps 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

