Confederate States of America Currency

Lecture Set #10

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Confederate States Currency

Enormous amounts of paper money was issued by the Confederacy and by individual Southern States, therefore inflation occurred as there was no hard money backing for the notes.

Counterfeiting was common, but mattered little as the war continued, paper money was accepted as a risk.

Only eleven (11) notes have printing on the back, all others have “blank” reverses.
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C 101, engraved by the National Bank Note Company of New York
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C 102, engraved by the National Bank Note Company of New York
Figure at left identified as “Ceres” or “Liberty”
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C 103, engraved by the National Bank Note Company of New York
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C 104, Left is John C. Calhoun, VP under J. Q. Adams & A. Jackson at Right
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C 105, 1861, Pallas in Center with Ceres Seated on Cotton Bale
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C 106, 1861, Minerva at Left, Train Vignette, Figure at Right
Payable 12 Months After Date Issued
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C 107, 1861, Lithographed Note, Showing Liberty at Center
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C 108, 1861, Lithographed by J. Manouvrier of New Orleans
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C 108, Reverse or Back
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C 109, 1861, Lithographed, Original Confederacy Flag on Shield
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C 110, 1861, Lithographed, Square-rigged Ship Used on Many Notes
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C 111, Lithographed, George Washington in Center, Tellus (Gaea) at Left
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C 112, 1861, Lithographed, G. Washington, Ceres & Prosperina at Center
Payable in Two Years
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C 113, 1861, Lithographed, the South Rising & Striking down the Eagle
Payable Six Months after Ratification of a Treaty of Peace
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C 114, 1861, Five Figures, Commerce, Agriculture, Justice, Liberty & Industry
Engraved, Minerva at Left, Statue of Washington at Right
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C 115, 1861, Engraved, Printed from Plates Loaned to the Confederacy
By the Mechanics Bank of Savannah, Georgia
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C 116, 1861, Engraved, C. G. Memminger, First Secretary of the Treasury
Minerva at Right
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C 117, Engraved, Similar to C116, Partly Printed in Green
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C 118, 1861, Lithographed, Indian “Princess” at Right
Considered a “Rare” Note
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C 119, 1861, Lithographed, Ceres at Center, the Goddess of Agriculture
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C 120, 1861, Lithographed, C. G. Memminger, Justice Standing, Ceres Seated
Figure on Cotton Bale at Center
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C 121, 1861, Engraved, Thetus at Left (Daughter of Nersus, a Sea God)
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C 122, 1861, Engraved, John E. Ward, Mayor of Savannah at Left
Printed from Plates Loaned by the Mechanics Bank of Savannah
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C 123, 1861, Engraved Robert M. T. Hunter, 2nd Confederate Secretary of Treasury
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C 124, 1861, Engraved Hope in Center, Hunter at Left, Memminger at Right
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C 125, 1861, Engraved Hope in Center, Hunter at Left, Memminger at Right
Red Printing
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C 126, 1861. Lithographed, Liberty beside an Eagle
Considered “Very Rare”
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C 127, 1861, Lithographed, Ceres in Upper Left with Commerce
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C 128, 1861, Lithographed, Typical Southern Cotton Picking Scene
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C 129, 1861, Lithographed, “General Marion’s Sweet Potato Breakfast”
Hunter, Secretary of State at Left, Minerva at Right
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C 130, 1861, Lithographed in Black & Green
3 Figures Represent Agriculture, Commerce, & Navigation, Liberty at Left
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C 131, 1861, Lithographed, “Wind-jammer” Design
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C 132, 1861, Engraved, Female Figure “Navigation” and at Left, Minerva
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C 133, 1861, Lithographed, Female Figure Industry, Cupid at Right Bust of Alexander H. Stephens, Vice President of Confederacy
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C 134, 1861, Engraved, A. H. Stephens at Center
Payable in 6 Months After Ratification of a Treaty of Peace, Except for Earliest Notes
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C 135, 1861, Lithographed, Moneta at Center, Goddess of Money
Confederate States Currency

C 136, 1861, Engraved, Ceres at Left, Justice at Right
Confederate States Currency

C 137, 1861, Engraved, Jefferson Davis, President of Confederacy at Center
Confederate States Currency

C 138, 1861, Lithographed, Vignettes Found on Many Private Banknotes
Confederate States Currency

C 201, 1862, Lithographed, The "White Steam Note"
The Steam is Shooting Straight Up
Confederate States Currency

C 202, 1862, Engraved, Calhoun at Left, Columbia at Right
This Note and the Prior Bore Interest @ 7.3% Per Annum
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C 203, 1862, Lithographed, Liberty at Left, Mrs Pickens at Right
(Wife of the War Time Governor of South Carolina)
Confederate States Currency

C 204, 1862, Lithographed, Similar to Prior Note, but Printed in Two Colors
Confederate States Currency

C 206, 1862, Lithographed, The South Rising & Striking the North
Similar to C 113, Except Printed in Two Colors
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C 208, 1862, Lithographed, Ceres at Upper Center, Hunter at Lower Right
An “Essay Note” and Not Issued for Circulation? Extremely Rare
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C 209, 1862, Lithographed, Liberty in Upper Center, Hunter at Left, Rare Essay Note
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C 210, 1862, Lithographed, Clement C. Clay, Alabama Senator
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C 211, 1862, Lithographed, Judah P. Benjamin at Right
Benjamin was Attorney General, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Secretary of War, 3\textsuperscript{rd} Secretary of State
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C 212, 1862, Lithographed, Richmond State Capitol, Meminger at Right
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C 212, 1862, Reverse [Reverse also Used on C 304]
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C 404, 1864, Reverse, [Obverse is Similar to C 212 & C 304]
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C 213, 1862, Lithographed, State Capitol of South Carolina, Hunter at Right
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C 213, Reverse, Lithographed
Confederate States Currency

C 214, 1862, Lithographed, State Capitol at Nashville, Tennessee, Stephens at Right
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C 214, 1862, Lithographed, Reverse of C 214 & C 306
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C 406, 1864, Reverse, Lithographed, Obverse Similar to C 214, C 206
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C 215, 1862, Engraved, Jefferson Davis at Center
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C 215, 1862, Engraved, Reverse
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C 216, 1862, Engraved, Mrs Pickens at Center
George W. Randolph, 3rd Secretary of War at Lower Right
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C 216, 1862, Engraved, Reverse
Confederate States Currency

C 408, 1864, Reverse, Obverse Similar to C 216, C 308
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C 301, 1863, Engraved, 50 Cents Fractional, Jefferson Davis
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C 405, 1864, Engraved, Reverse
Confederate States Currency

C 407, 1864, Engraved, Jefferson Davis at Center
Confederate States Currency

C 407, 1864, Engraved, Reverse
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C 409, 1864, Engraved, National Flag at Left, George Washington Statue
Inscription “Deo Vindice” & “Stonewall” Jackson at Right
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That’s All Folks!