

THE NONAGON



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NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



38TH N.E.N.A. CONFERENCE
WAS AN OUTSTANDING EVENT

New Hampshire Numismatic Association was host to the 38th New England Numismatic Assⁿ. Conference and Convention at Merrimack, N.H. in November. Over 50 dealers filled the ballroom of the Hilton at Merrimack, and Bourse Chairman, Robert Maisch, reported all seemed active and well satisfied,

General Chairman, Jim Rolston, reported that highlights of the show included an auction conducted by Fred MacPhail, Keene, N.H., many educational exhibits, a banquet with ANA Vice President Q. David Bowers as guest speaker, a comprehensive Young Numismatists program led by Larry Gentile and Ed Coppinger, educational forum with guest speaker James Stone, and numerous specialty group meetings.

Exhibit competition was excellent and the final judging decisions were announced at the Saturday banquet with the following winners presented handsome clock trophies with the NENA logo on the dial face: U.S. first place, Walter Konopka; Foreign, first place, Robert Maisch; second place, Frank Law Jr., and third Cheryl Maisch; Ancients, first place, James Clapp Jr., second, Lawrence Gentile Sr., and third Clara Konopka; Miscellaneous, first place, David Briggs, second Edward Coppinger, and third Harry Lessin; Paper Money, first place Arthur Fitts III, second, Sally Kirka, third, John Mullen; Medals, first place Ralph Bartlett, second, Robert Heath, Juniors, first place Charles Tillen, second Heidi Rolston, third, Joseph Coppinger.

Special awards went to John Kittredge, who received the Krajewski Memorial Award for best Polish exhibit; Steven Taylor, A.N.A. Governor, received the Irene D'Esposito Memorial Award for his Best of Show exhibit, "Jackson's Missing Finger. Robert Wester's exhibit on Sylvester S. Crosby was non-competitive but tied to the subject of the 1982 NENA medal which Wester designed. Ken Fancher was exhibit chairman, with Wester assisting, and Belva Mohle in charge of trophies and program.

NENA dues of \$1.00 per year should be sent to Treasurer James Rolston, Box 60, Greenland, N.H. 03840. Pay several years at one time and save postage and bother. Life membership is \$1 a year to age 75.

NASHUA COIN CLUB WILL HOST
NHMA SHOW APRIL 23-24, 1983

The National Guard Armory, Nashua, site of the 1964 show, will be the place where the NENA Spring Coin Show will be held Apr. 23 and 24. John Noffle, is the General Chairman. Ed and Sunny Dame will be in charge of the bourse. Roger Levesque is in charge of advertising. Charles Curfman is in charge of security. Fred Benson is in charge of the reception desk, and Bill Wells is in charge of the raffle. An 8ft. bourse table with back-up table is \$80.

There should be plenty of room for dealers desiring bourse tables, and stamp dealers will be welcome as in recent years. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Ed Dame, 1 Holt Ave., Nashua, N. H. 03060 for more information. The Nashua club always hosts a very fine show, so reserve Apr. 23 and 24 now.

NEW ENGLAND NUMISMATIC ASSN. THANKS

The New England Numismatic Association would like to extend a sincere thank-you to NENA for hosting the recent 38th Annual Conference and Convention at Merrimack, N.H. The comments expressed by dealers and attendees were most favorable and though the final accounting is not quite complete, it appears that a substantial amount will be available to promote numismatics throughout New England.

A special thanks goes to the following NENA members who served on the organizing committee: Fred Benson, Kenneth Fancher, Paul Hojlo, Fred MacPhail, Robert Maisch, Belva Mohle, Charles Nims, Wayne Rich, Elizabeth and James Rolston, and Robert Wester. Thanks to all NENA members who took a turn at the registration table.

James Rolston, Past President, NENA.

NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

Nashua Mall, Exit 6, DW Hwy, Mar. 24, 25, 26, 27
First Sunday Shows, Holiday Inn,
Portsmouth, N.H. 1st Sunday each month.
Maine Numismatic Assn., Apr. 16-17,
Elks Lodge, 1945 Congress St., Portland.
NENA Annual Show, Apr. 23-24, National
Guard Armory, R.3, South, Nashua, N.H.
Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition,
Oct. 15-16, Concord Community Ctr., 39 Green.
Maine Num. Assn. Sept. 17-8, Elks Lodge

PRECIOUS METALS BILL REVISED
BY SENATOR PODDLES' COMMITTEE

Senator Poddles and her committee have done a lot of work on the Precious Metals bill which was assigned to her committee for interim study. Many of the changes made by the committee are favorable to collectors and dealers in coins and related items.

Some changes are as follows: any sale which totals less than \$50. is exempt from law's requirements. Any article containing less than 10% gold, silver, or platinum is exempt.

The thumb print requirement has been eliminated. Instead, anyone selling over \$50.00 in precious metals will be required to show identification such as a driver's license with photograph, or a signed picture of the seller, to be kept by buyer.

Provisions are made for participants in a coin show, craft or antique show to obtain registration for 10% of the annual fee if 10 or more dealers are participating, which should be helpful for out of state dealers wishing to participate in NENA annual coin show, Tri-State Exhibition, Nashua Mall shows etc.

Senator Poddles has expressed her willingness to discuss the bill with any who have suggestions. Her office is room 101-A in the legislative office building first floor, back of the State House, Concord.

I believe a copy of the present bill may be obtained by Writing Sen. Eleanor Poddles, Room 101A, Legislative Office Building, Concord, N. H. 03301. The bill will not be scheduled for hearing before Mar. 1 according to Sen. Poddles.

You may wish to contact your own senator and representatives regarding your feelings about this bill. If you calmly state your objections to specific parts of the bill they will probably be inclined to go along with you. One of the more general objections expressed by some is that threatens the privacy of investments or business deals, which may cause people to refuse to deal or encourage them to go to a black market dealer who does not abide by the law. One benefit may be discouraging the "Fly-by-night dealers at motels with full page ads who buy for cash anything offered.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS PRECIOUS METALS ASSOCIATION

The Fall 1981 Nonagon, Page 374, gave information on the work of New Hampshire Precious Metals Association fighting the original Precious Metals bill introduced and passed by the House in 1981. It was mainly through the efforts of this association that the Senate did not pass the bill, but sent it to interim study.

N. H. Numismatic Association voted a contribution of \$25 with another \$25 to be available if needed, at our 1982 annual meeting. Any other clubs or individual who would be interested in supporting the work of this groups should contact President John Alward, Goffstown; Vice President Robert Lavoie, Manchester; Secretary, Pat Irpiano, Auburn, or Treasurer John Huff, Salem. Other directors are Bruce Bretton, Nashua, Wayne Rich, Concord, and Robert Emond, Laconia.

The senate bill at present would require dealers to deliver daily reports to the chief of police or selectmen, unless specifically exempted in writing. The reports would be serially numbered with description of each article purchased, and detailed description of seller.

This section of the bill is especially onerous to dealers and can probably be eliminated if strong opposition is shown at the hearing or by letters to Sen. Poddles.

Another requirement of the original bill which is still included is the holding for at least 10 days in New Hampshire of all precious metals purchased. Some would go along with a holding period of 3 to 5 days. Others would go along with the 10 day period provided bullion type coins such as bulk silver 90%, 40%, and silver nickels, Canada 80%, and 50% silver coins, Kruggerands and other currently made or common gold coins were exempt from the holding period, since the dealer could replace these with coins of equal value if they turned out to be stolen. Rings, jewelry, sterling silver, etc. should probably be held 10 days as they could be hairlocks that could not be replaced if melted.

Although no one likes to be regulated any more than necessary and it will probably cost at least \$100 a year for a dealer's registration, some of our most respected dealers believe it could be beneficial.

N. H. NUMISMATICS

Counterstamps of Dr. G. G. Wilkins

Counterstamps are letters, numeral^s or designs incused on coins later than the original striking. Counterstamps were used by British on Spanish coins to make them legal tender in Great Britain. Many old Brazil coins were counterstamped to change the denomination. The most common counterstamps on U. S. coins are names of individuals or companies. These are probably for advertising purposes or perhaps just an ego trip. Some may have been just to see if the coin ever came back - something like putting a note in a bottle tossed in the ocean.

One of the most prolific counterstamper was Dr. G.G. Wilkins, of Pittsfield, N.H. He used several different varieties of stamps identified by different sizes, different spacing, etc. One variety, which is scarcer than most of the others, includes the name of the town. Otherwise we would not know where these counterstamps originated. There is some question whether Wilkins was a physician or was another kind of doctor, or maybe appropriated the title on his own. His counterstamping activity apparently took place in the early 1860's. Most dates of U.S. large cents from 1816 to 1856 are known with these counterstamps, as well as copper nickel cents, some other U.S. coins, Canadian coins and tokens, etc. Probably the most desirable piece seen is the 1776 Lima, Peru Spanish 2 reales. The 1847 cent with G.E. Gilman Counterstamp plus Wilkins is noteworthy. (I would like to hear from anyone with Wilkins or other New Hampshire counterstamps)WSR.



N. H. NUMISMATICS

Civil War Dog Tags

Several varieties of "dog tags" are shown inside front cover. I will refer to them by number, with top row numbered 1 thru 5, second row 6 thru 10, etc. By far the most common are those with "WAR OF 1861" above eagle, with "UNITED STATES" below as in #16. The reverse usually gave the soldier's name, company, regiment, state, and town incused in a plain field. Some include the rank as "CORP" (corporal) on #17, 1st Sergt on #24, Lt. on #15, and Capt. on #12. More unusual are "Drummer", #4, and "SERG." (Surgeon?), #10. "Cook" has also been seen. The sutler or whoever made up the dog tags may have had little education resulting in errors such as "WAE" for Weare on #4 and possibly "SERG." instead of "SURG" on #10. The 5 incused on #10 may have been due to its use as 5¢ during the scarcity of change at that time.

The nicest of those shown is the Captain's piece combining #1 Washington head with #12. It is light bronze color instead of the usual brass. I also like the #11 and #22 combination which is white metal. The reverse of #13 has Sergeant A.A. Wells/ Co. I/ 5/ NH/ N.H.V./ 1862/ Orange, N.H. "Sergeant in full, 5th on two lines, the date, and extra N.H. make it unusual. #28 is interesting in that R. E. Gilpatrick, Co. D, 5th reg., N.H.V. was from No. Berwick, Maine. Another unusual piece is the common eagle type but in WHITE METAL with W.H. Vokery, Co. C, 11th Reg., N.H.V., Londonderry. Another piece not shown is the common type with Chas. A. Peeler, Co. A, 14th Reg., N.H.V., Hinsdale. A nice piece not shown has #11 Washington obverse with E. D. Kenaston / Co. I, / 2nd Reg. / (ornaments above), / Bull Run, / N.H.V. / July 21, 1861 / Manchester. This dark white metal piece is from an early regiment (I suspect the Drummer piece, #4, should have had a number 10 or later but part omitted as in Weare. The highest number seen is the 22nd Reg. of the Captain's piece. #28 and #13 are both 5th Reg. but most of those seen are from 10th to 15th Regiments. #23 is the reverse of #7. Other unused pieces shown, #2, #3, #6, #8, and #18 have plain reverses.

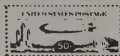
(Thanks to Jim Guinness, Derry Coins & Stamps, for photos & comments. We would like to hear from others who have New Hampshire dog tags. Wayne S. Rich, Box 391, Concord)

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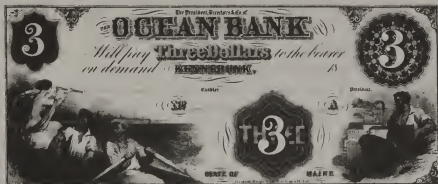
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