

# Manhattan Coin Club Minutes

December 15, 2021

The Manhattan Coin Club met December 15, 2021 at the American Legion, Manhattan, KS. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by MCC President Randy L. This was a well-attended in-person meeting with no viewers published online thanks to Matt O.

We had one new youth visitor who attended with his mother. Mike D. Mike collects coins.

## **Old Business:**

Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were discussed and approved. Last month's door prize winners were given their winnings. Dale for the adult and J.T. for the youth each one a 2021 silver eagle.

## **New Business:**

Club President Randy L. brought up:

1. The International Numismatic Congress will be held in Warsaw, Poland, 11-16 September 2022. <https://inc2022.pl>
2. The 2022 National Money Show® will take place at the historic Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO, Mar. 10-12, 2022. <https://www.money.org/NationalMoneyShow>
3. The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Guide Book of United States Paper Money" is a collector's guide to U.S. paper currency from the Civil War era to date. This detailed reference provides a catalog and price guide for notes from \$10,000 down to \$1 face value, Treasury notes of the War of 1812, encased postage stamps, Fractional Currency, and error notes. It also covers hobby topics such as signatures on U.S. currency; grading standards; star notes; the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; how cash is designed, printed, and distributed; and how to collect, store, and care for collectible paper money.
4. The recent spate of silver bullion buying sparked an increase in fraudulent or misleading online advertising, attempting to lure unsuspecting retail buyers to purchase counterfeit United States silver dollars, officials of the Anti-Counterfeiting Educational Foundation warn. <https://www.coinworld.com/news/precious-metals/acef-warns-of-silver-scams-preying-on-some-customers>.
5. Numismatic Guaranty Corporation is now the Numismatic Guaranty Company.
6. President Randy also talked about amateur divers who discovered a trove of 53 Roman gold coins in Spain. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/amateur-divers-find-hoard-of-53-roman-gold-coins-in-spain-180978768/>

## **Coin Show:**

Matt O. updated the membership on our coin show in March, 2022. He has placed show information on different websites. He contacted the and due to a misunderstanding our dues for 2021 were not paid. It was believed that when clubs have been members for 50 years they would not have to pay dues. That only applies to individuals. A motion was made and passed without objection to pay \$50 to cover our 2021 membership and \$75 to pay for our 2022 membership.

## Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Dave S. was not present but is doing well and hopes to have his new location at 1318 West Loop Place, that he hopes to have open by the end of the week.

## Auctions:

Member Doyle R. was unable to attend also but members pointed out some upcoming auctions.

1. T&A Auctions will have a coin auction, Saturday, December 18th, 2021 at 10:00 AM in Hutchinson, KS.
2. The Junction City Coin Show will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

You may find information on auctions at: <https://kansasauctions.net>.

With no further business the meeting concluded following the close of the bid board.

*Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!*

## Program:

Chuck T. had the program and presented on Santa currency and handed out a Christmas quiz.

## **When Santa Claus Showed Up on U.S. Currency**

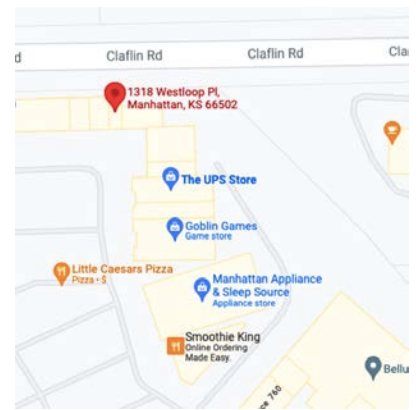
By Suzanne Woolley



\$20 private bank note, 1850s. Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Money can be so boring. Or, at least, U.S. paper currency. Green, black, cream, some president's head. With the holiday season upon us, there are holiday stamps, holiday checks, holiday-themed toilet paper. Would it be so horrible to have holiday-themed currency?

They didn't think so before the U.S. Treasury stepped in to un-democratize the design of U.S. currency. Before it did that in 1861, there actually was holiday-themed currency featuring Santa Claus, and earlier versions of St. Nicholas.



“From 1793 to 1861, when the U.S. Treasury was given exclusive rights to produce legal tender, thousands of different styles of bank notes were created by U.S. banks,” and prominent on some of their holiday-themed currency, a [blog post](#) from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York tells us, was Santa Claus.

Santa was extremely popular back then, the post says, thanks to a.) Christmas becoming an official holiday in many Northern states, and b.) the printing in 1823 of the poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas” by Clement Clarke Moore (that was the original title; today, it's known as “The Night Before Christmas”). Here's another image of a Santa bank note from that era from, yes, Saint Nicholas Bank in New York:



Source: Heritage Auctions, Inc.

It wasn't exactly sentiment fueling the banks' creativity. One motivation was that, since a lot of people kept the collectible bills as keepsakes, they wouldn't be eager to redeem the bills for their underlying value in gold. If they did keep them and passed them down through the years, their heirs would be

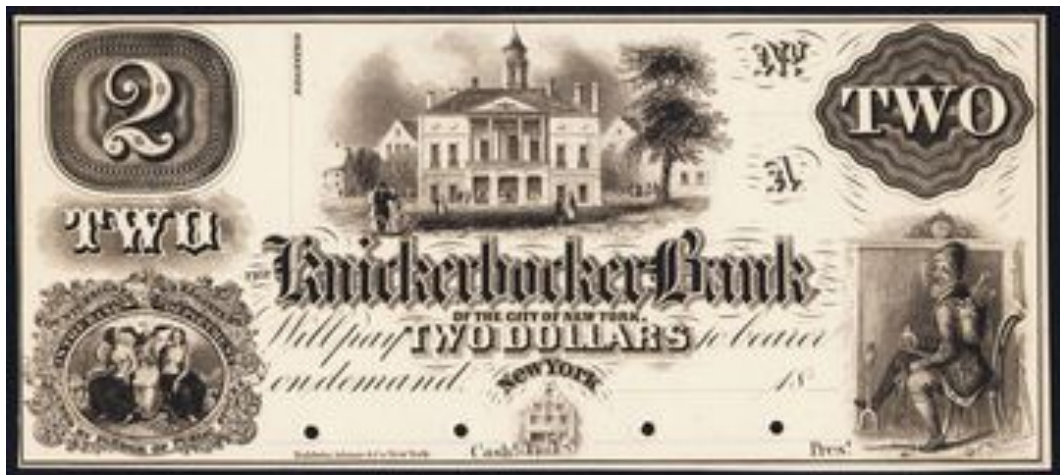
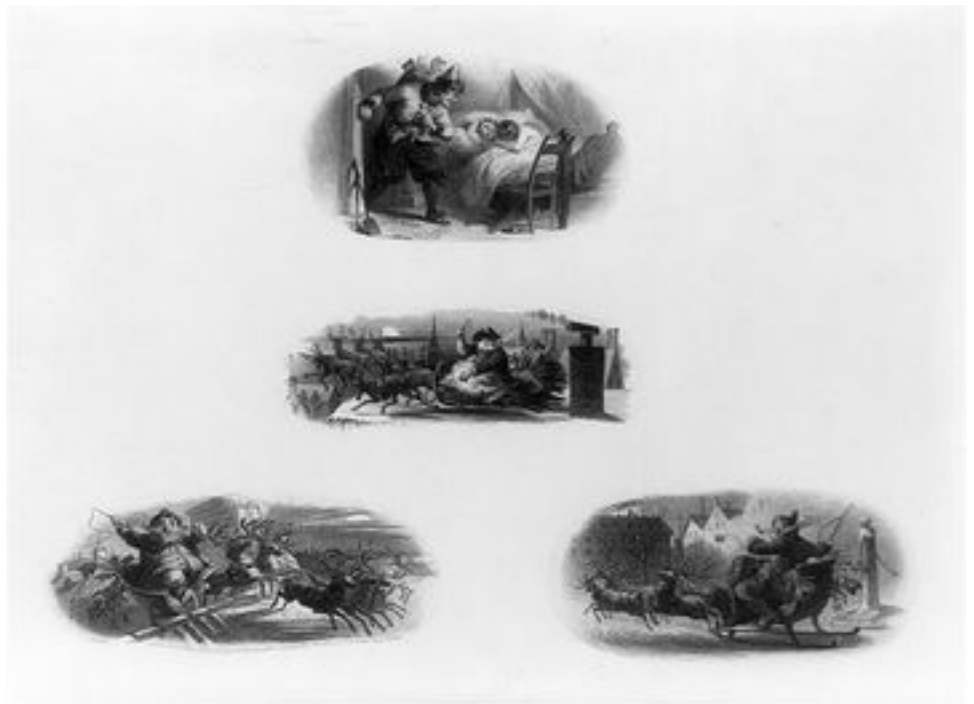
happy: One obsolete Santa bank note sold for \$40,000 in 2011, according to Heritage Auctions.

Here are other examples of the bank notes, including a few of the visual "vignettes" featured on many of them. The top one here shows a somewhat svelte Santa visiting two children in bed. Apparently, the [early version of Santa](#), or "Sinterklass," brought over by early Dutch settlers was much thinner than the rotund Santa of today:



Bank note vignettes showing Santa Claus visiting two children in bed and Santa Claus in sleigh. Source: Library of Congress

And here's another New York bank note, and a detail from it of a *really* trim Santa. Michelle Obama would likely be a fan of this version of Santa -- if he weren't smoking a pipe.



Source: Heritage Auctions, Inc.

Junction City  
**COIN SHOW**

Public Welcome!!!  
FREE ADMISSION

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2022**  
**9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Elks Lodge  
723 S Washington St  
Junction City, KS  
(about half a mile north of exit 296 on I70)

***BUY, SELL, TRADE***  
***Coins, Bullion, Currency, Tokens***  
***Food for Purchase***

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