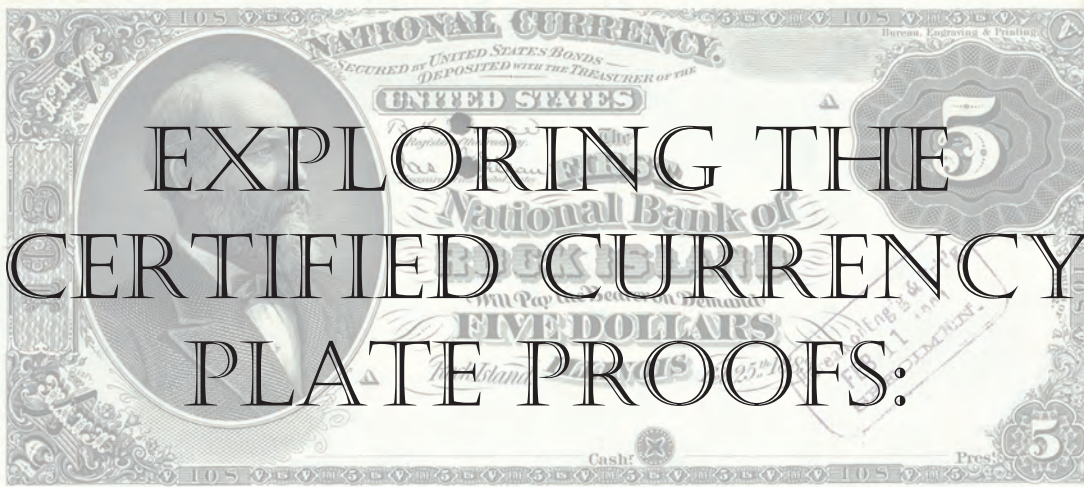




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A detailed image of a five-dollar United States Treasury note from 1891. The note features a portrait of a man with a beard and a bow tie. The text on the note includes "NATIONAL CURRENCY", "SECURED BY UNITED STATES BONDS", "DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURER OF THE", "UNITED STATES", "The FIRST", "National Bank of", "NEW YORK", "Will Pay the Bearer on Demand", "FIVE DOLLARS", "Rock Island, ILLINOIS", "Feb. 25th 1893", "FEB 11 1891", "RECEIVED", "of Eng'g & Archt.", "SPECIMEN". The text "ILLINOIS PART 5" is overlaid in large, bold, black letters across the center of the note.

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Charter	Name of Bank	City
2829	Champaign National Bank, Champaign, Illinois	Champaign
2858	Drovers National Bank of Union Stock Yards, Lake, Illinois	Lake
2875	Freeport National Bank, Freeport, Illinois	Freeport
2875	First National Bank of Freeport, Illinois	Freeport
2878	Peoria National Bank, Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
2894	Continental National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
2894	Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
2915	First National Bank of Urbana, Illinois	Urbana
2926	First National Bank of Paxton, Illinois	Paxton
2945	Aurora National Bank, Aurora, Illinois	Aurora
2951	Peru National Bank, Peru, Illinois	Peru
2965	First National Bank of Homer, Illinois	Homer
2997	National Bank of El Paso, Illinois	El Paso
2997	First National Bank of El Paso, Illinois	El Paso
3003	First National Bank of Biggsville, Illinois	Biggsville
3043	First National Bank of Petersburg, Illinois	Petersburg
3043	State National Bank of Petersburg, Illinois [1929 only]	Petersburg
3070	German American National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3102	Calumet National Bank of South Chicago, Illinois	South Chicago
3102	Calumet National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3138	Galesburg National Bank, Galesburg, Illinois	Galesburg
3156	First National Bank of Metropolis, Illinois	Metropolis
3179	Metropolitan National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3190	Second National Bank of Belvidere, Illinois	Belvidere
3214	Central National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3214	Central National Bank and Trust Company of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3254	Merchants National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3254	Merchants and Illinois National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3278	Union National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3279	Galena National Bank, Galena, Illinois	Galena
3287	Farmer's National Bank of Knoxville, Illinois	Knoxville
3294	City National Bank of Dixon, Illinois	Dixon
3296	Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3296	Commercial-German National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3296	Commercial National Bank of Peoria, Illinois	Peoria
3296	Commercial Merchants National Bank and Trust Company of Peoria, Illinois [1929 only]	Peoria
3303	Old National Bank of Centralia, Illinois	Centralia
3323	First National Bank of Earlville, Illinois	Earlville

Charter	Name of Bank	City
3369	Lincoln National Bank, Lincoln, Illinois	Lincoln
3376	First National Bank of Paris, Illinois	Paris
3376	First National Bank and Trust Company of Paris, Illinois	Paris
3377	First National Bank of Abingdon, Illinois	Abingdon
3407	John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City, Illinois	Farmer City
3465	Spring Valley National Bank, Spring Valley, Illinois	Spring Valley
3500	American Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3502	Park National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3503	Atlas National Bank of Chicago, Illinois	Chicago
3548	Illinois National Bank of Springfield, Illinois	Springfield
3579	First National Bank of Taylorville, Illinois	Taylorville
3593	Canton National Bank, Canton, Illinois	Canton

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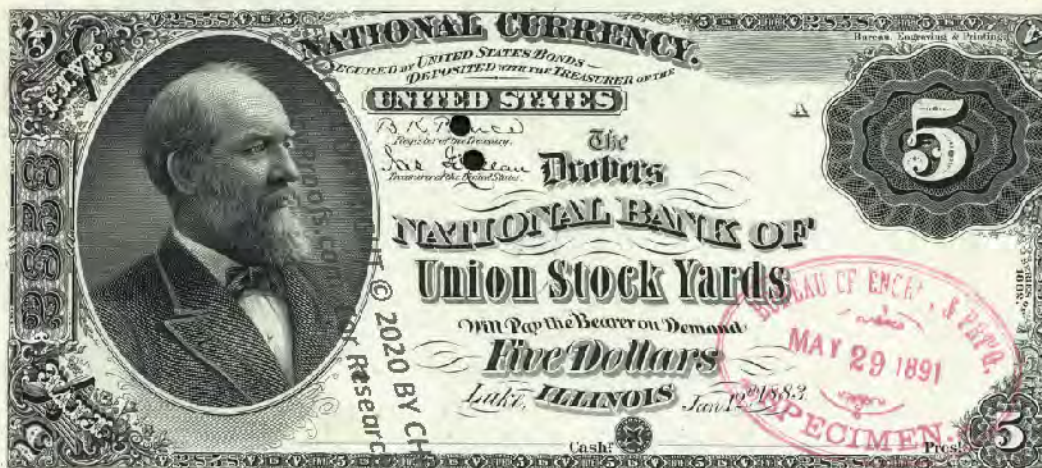


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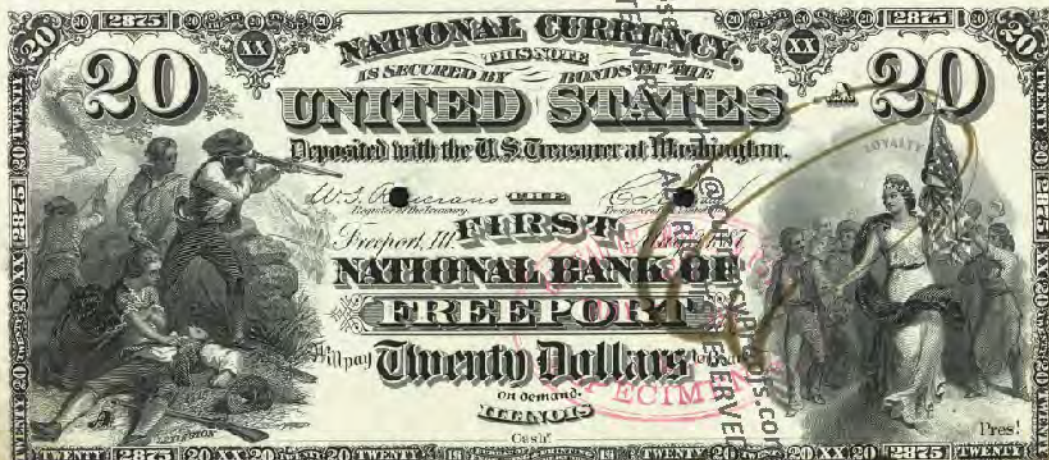
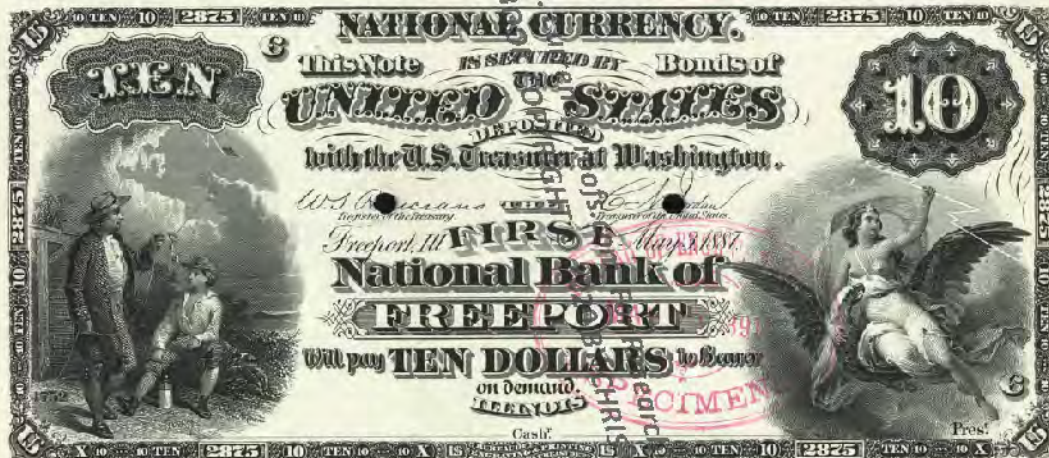
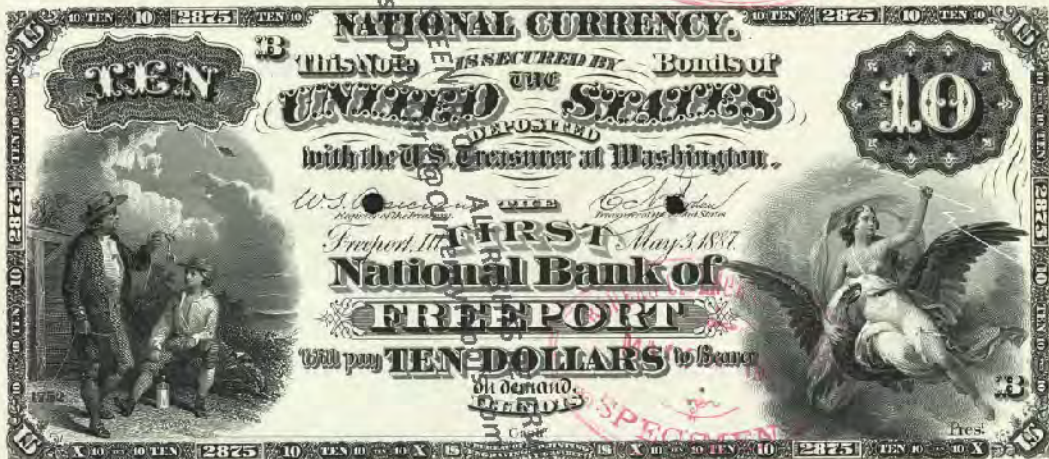
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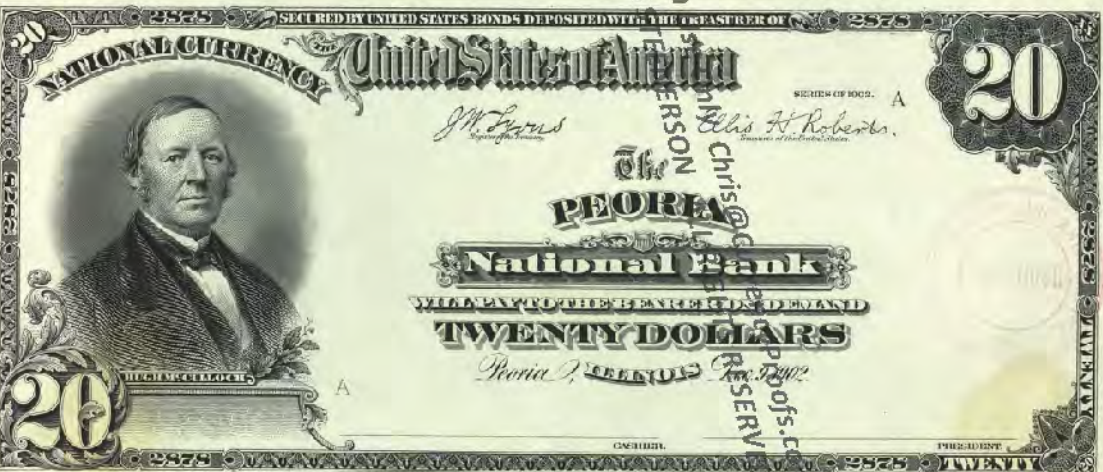
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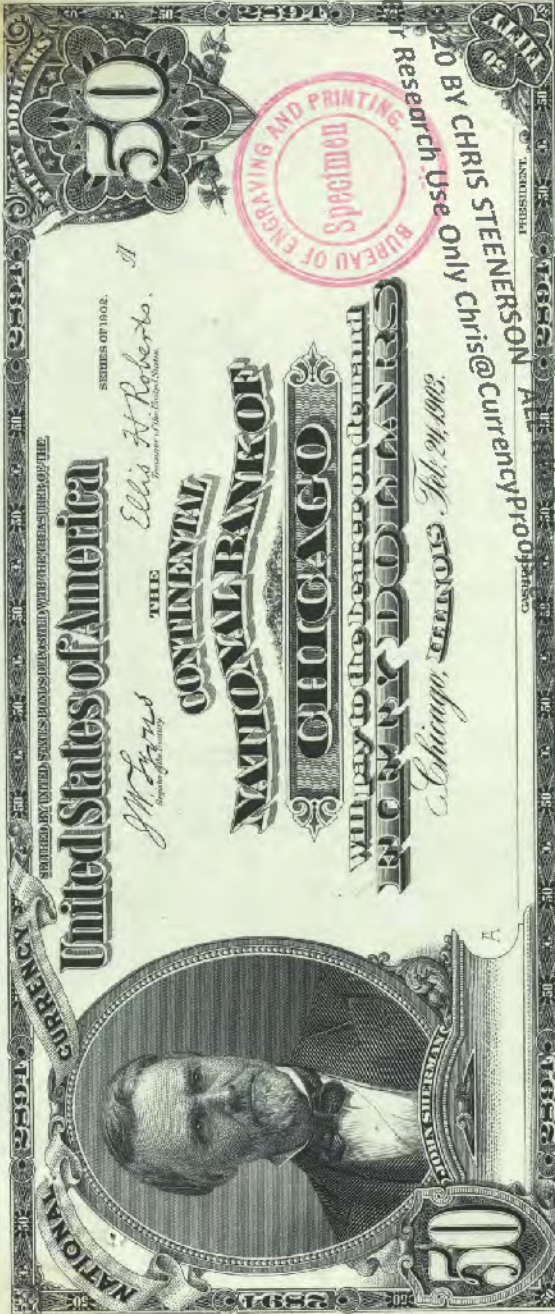
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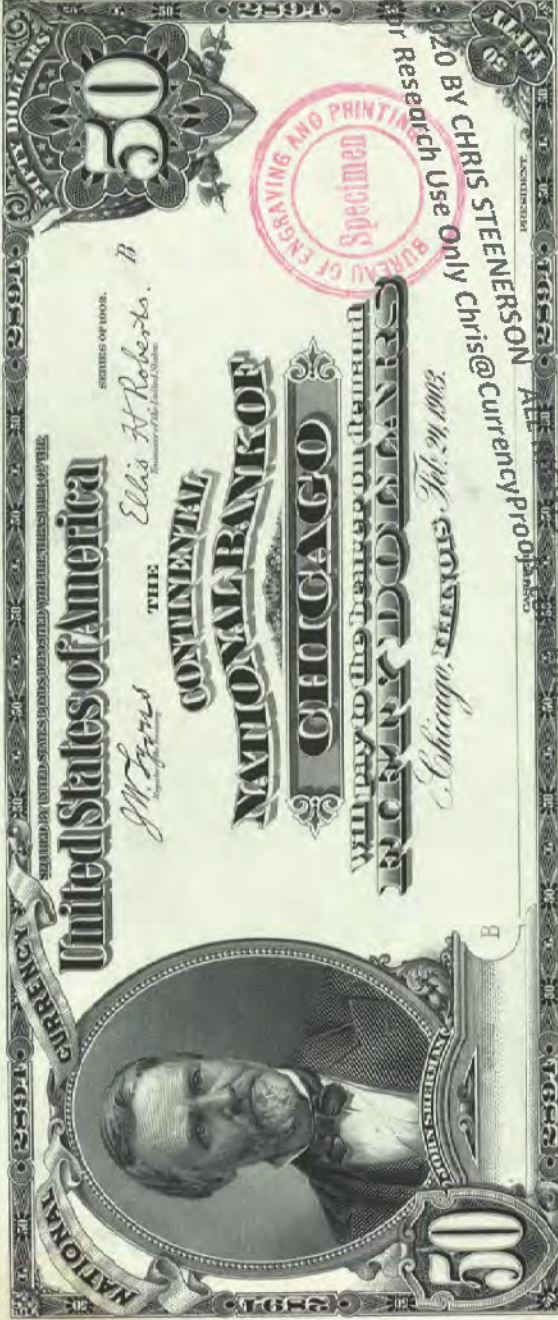
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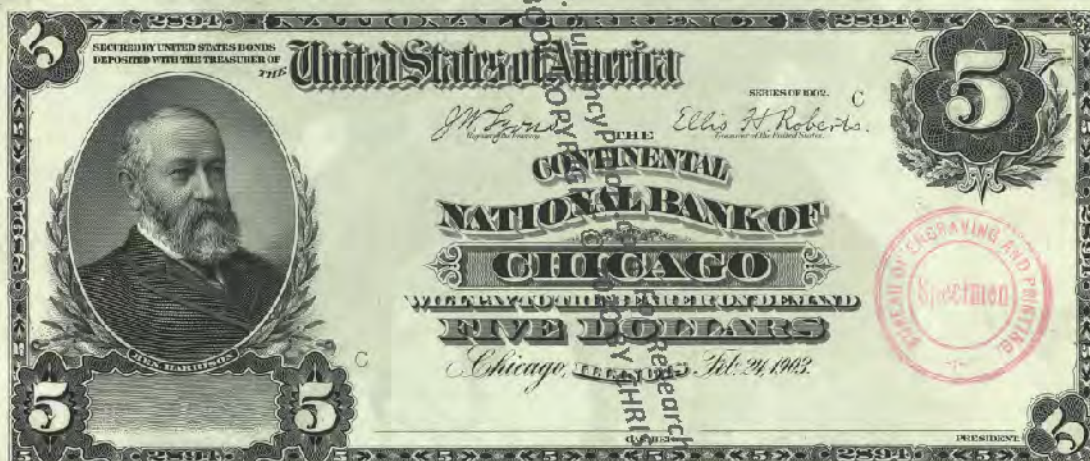
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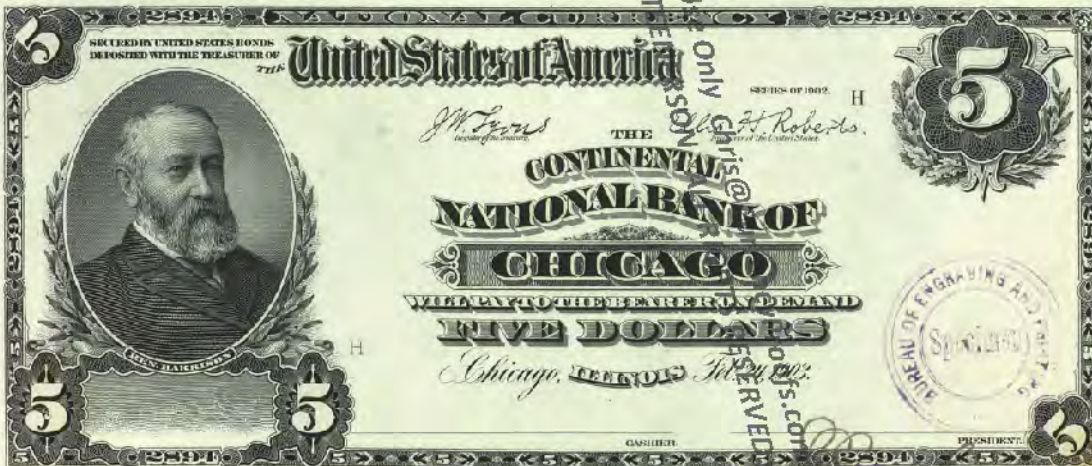
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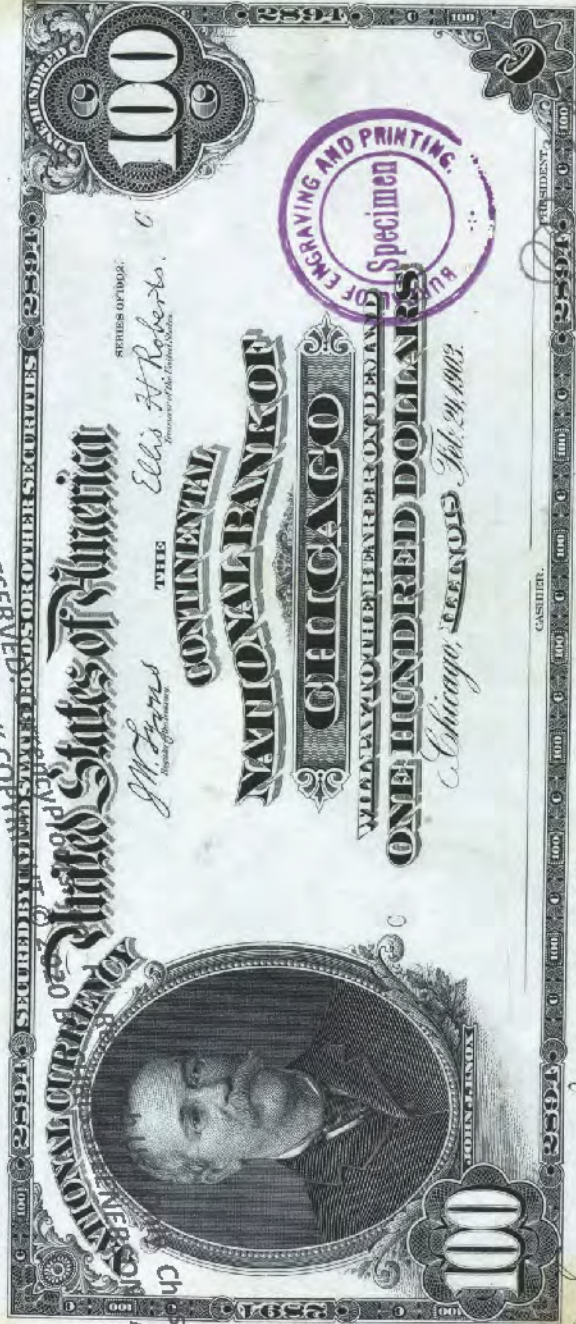
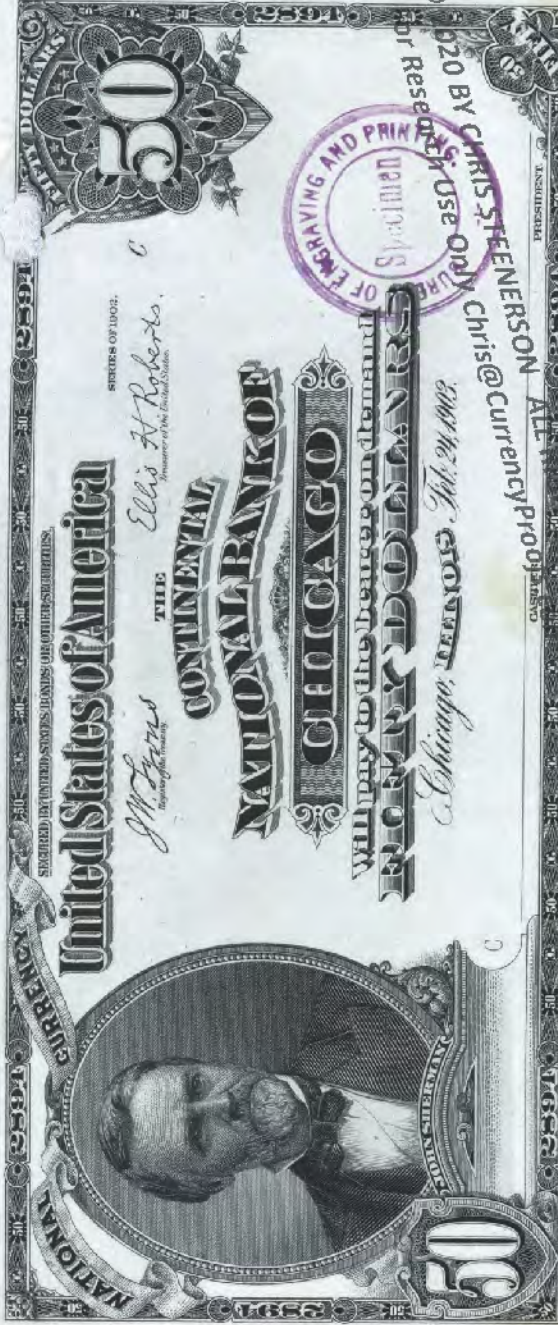
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