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# Iowa - Banks Issuing National Currency - Table 1

The state of Iowa had 496 Banks with Charters in 301 cities that issued national currency.

Charter	Name of Bank	City
15	First National Bank of Davenport, Iowa	Davenport
18	First National Bank of Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City
66	First National Bank of Lyons, Iowa	Lyons
66	First National Bank of Lyons at Clinton, Iowa	Clinton
80	First National Bank of Keokuk, Iowa	Keokuk
107	First National Bank of Ottumwa, Iowa	Ottumwa
117	First National Bank of Marion, Iowa	Marion
147	First National Bank of Oskaloosa, Iowa	Oskaloosa
299	First National Bank of Mount Pleasant, Iowa	Mount Pleasant
317	First National Bank of Dubuque, Iowa	Dubuque
323	First National Bank of McGregor, Iowa	McGregor
337	First National Bank of Centreville, Iowa	Centreville
351	First National Bank of Burlington, Iowa	Burlington
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389	First National Bank of Des Moines, Iowa	Des Moines
398	First National Bank of Washington, Iowa	Washington
405	First National Bank of Lansing, Iowa	Lansing
411	First National Bank of Marshalltown, Iowa	Marshalltown
483	City National Bank of Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Cedar Rapids
485	Second National Bank of Des Moines, Iowa	Des Moines
493	First National Bank of Decorah, Iowa	Decorah
500	First National Bank of Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Cedar Rapids
650	First National Bank of Newton, Iowa	Newton
692	Muscatine National Bank, Muscatine, Iowa	Muscatine
751	National State Bank of Burlington, Iowa	Burlington
792	First National Bank of Waterloo, Iowa	Waterloo
846	Merchants National Bank of Dubuque, Iowa	Dubuque
848	Davenport National Bank, Iowa	Davenport
922	National State Bank of Mount Pleasant, Iowa	Mount Pleasant
950	National State Bank of Des Moines, Iowa	Des Moines
977	Iowa City National Bank of Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City
994	Clinton National Bank, Iowa	Clinton
999	First National Bank of Maquoketa, Iowa	Maquoketa
1101	National State Bank of Oskaloosa, Iowa	Oskaloosa
1299	First National Bank of Bloomfield, Iowa	Bloomfield
1403	National Bank of Winter set, Iowa	Winter set
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1441	State National Bank of Keokuk, Iowa	Keokuk

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Charter	Name of Bank	City
1475	First National Bank of Fairfield, Iowa	Fairfield
1479	First National Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa	Council Bluffs
1540	National State Bank of Dubuque, Iowa	Dubuque
1577	Merchants Exchange National Bank of Muscatine, Iowa	Muscatine
1577	First National Bank of Muscatine, Iowa	Muscatine
1581	First National Bank of Independence, Iowa	Independence
1593	First National Bank of Vinton, Iowa	Vinton
1611	Fort Madison National Bank of Fort Madison, Iowa	Fort Madison
1618	Osage National Bank, Osage, Iowa	Osage
1629	First National Bank of Grinnell, Iowa	Grinnell
1661	First National Bank of Fort Dodge, Iowa	Fort Dodge
1671	Citizens National Bank of Davenport, Iowa	Davenport
1684	Pacific National Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa	Council Bluffs
1696	First National Bank of Leon, Iowa	Leon
1724	First National Bank of Chariton, Iowa	Chariton
1726	Iowa National Bank of Ottumwa, Iowa	Ottumwa
1744	Merchants National Bank of Burlington, Iowa	Burlington
1757	First National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa	Sioux City
1762	Washington National Bank, Washington, Iowa	Washington
1776	First National Bank of Osceola, Iowa	Osceola
1786	First National Bank of Sigourney, Iowa	Sigourney
1799	First National Bank of Albia, Iowa	Albia

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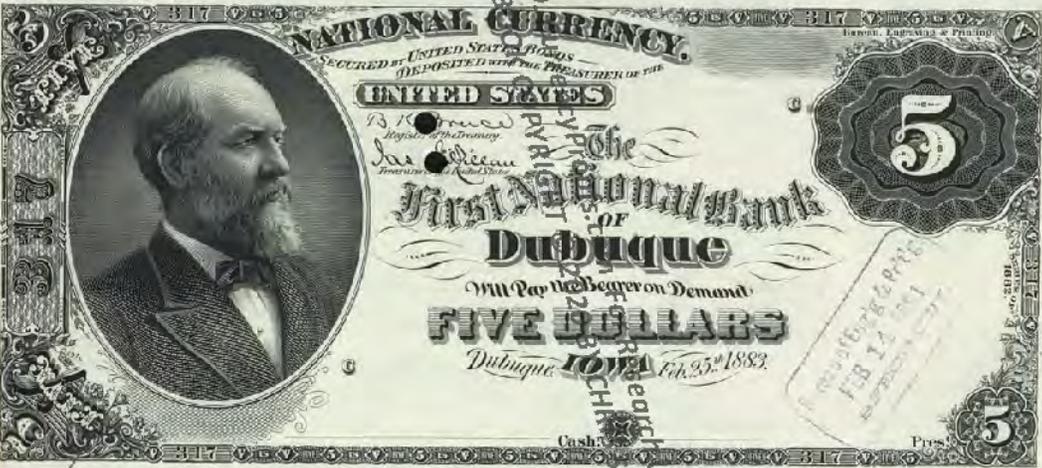
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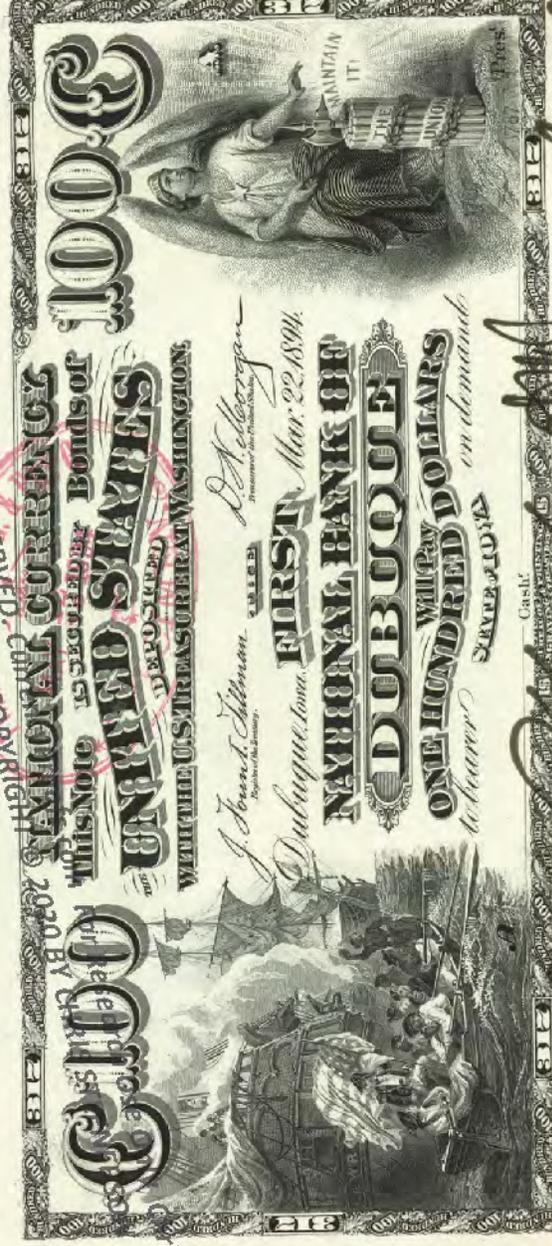
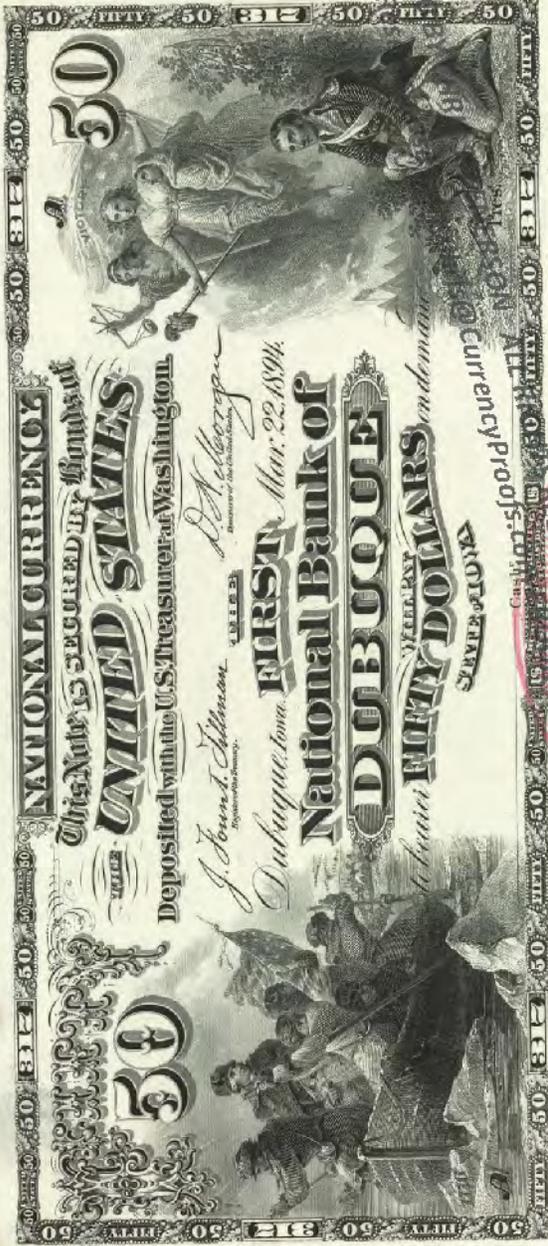
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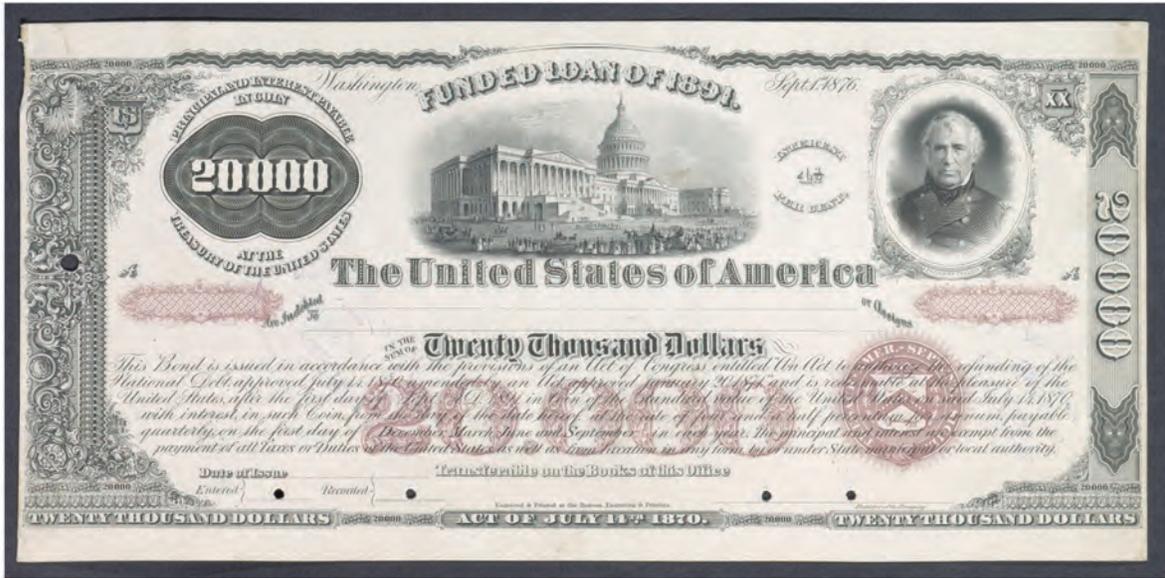


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