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The E-Sylum: Volume 18, Number 16, April 19, 2015, Article 12

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## Massachusetts Banks Issuing National Currency - Table 4

| Charter | Name of Bank                                                   | City        |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 554     | National Bank of Commerce, Boston, Massachusetts               | Boston      |
| 558     | Randolph National Bank, Randolph, Massachusetts                | Randolph    |
| 572     | Millbury National Bank, Millbury, Massachusetts                | Millbury    |
| 578     | Howard National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts                  | Boston      |
| 582     | Shawmut National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts                 | Boston      |
| 583     | Lancaster National Bank of Lancaster, Massachusetts            | Lancaster   |
| 583     | Lancaster National Bank of Clinton, Massachusetts              | Clinton     |
| 584     | Mechanicks National Bank of Newburyport, Massachusetts         | Newburyport |
| 588     | First National Bank of Malden, Massachusetts                   | Malden      |
| 589     | Essex National Bank of Haverhill, Massachusetts                | Haverhill   |
| 590     | Fall River National Bank, Fall River, Massachusetts            | Fall River  |
| 594     | First National Bank of Danvers, Massachusetts                  | Danvers     |
| 595     | Peoples National Bank of Roxbury, Boston, Massachusetts        | Boston      |
| 595     | Peoples National Bank of Roxbury at Boston, Massachusetts      | Boston      |
| 601     | Washington National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts              | Boston      |
| 603     | New England National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts             | Boston      |
| 609     | National City Bank of Boston, Massachusetts                    | Boston      |
| 612     | Massasoit National Bank of Fall River, Massachusetts           | Fall River  |
| 614     | Lechmere National Bank of East Cambridge, Massachusetts        | Cambridge   |
| 614     | Lechmere National Bank of Cambridge, Massachusetts [1929 only] | Cambridge   |
| 615     | National Rockland Bank of Roxbury, Boston, Massachusetts       | Boston      |
| 615     | National Rockland Bank of Roxbury at Boston, Massachusetts     | Boston      |





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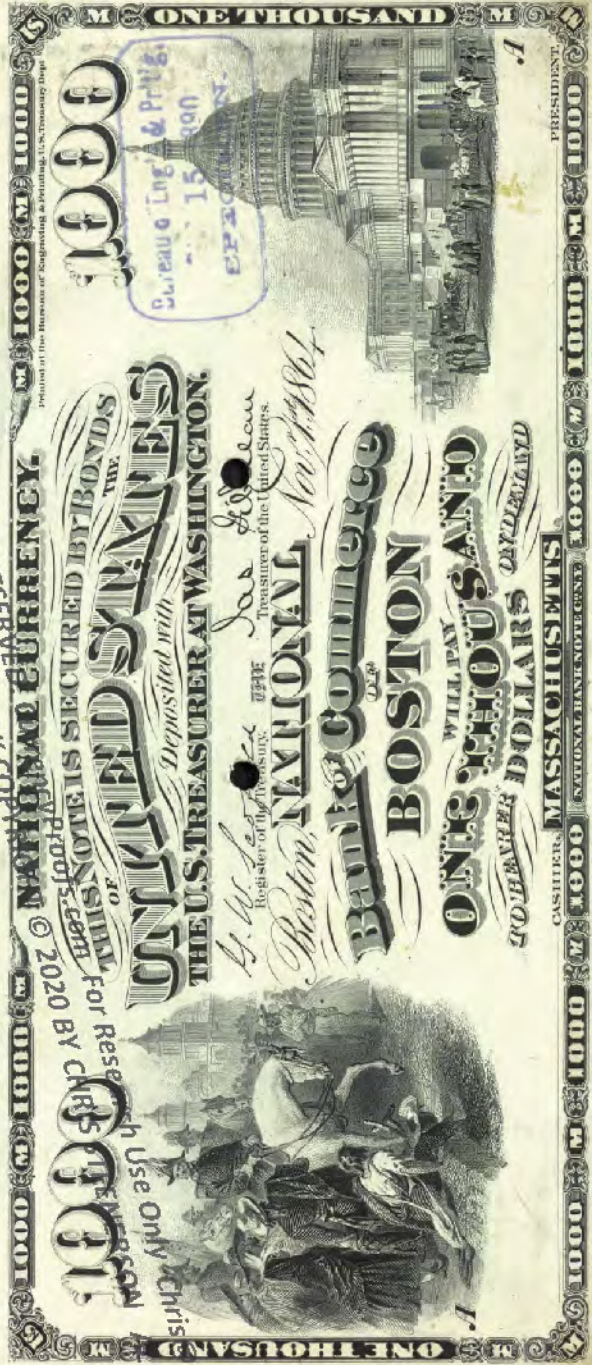
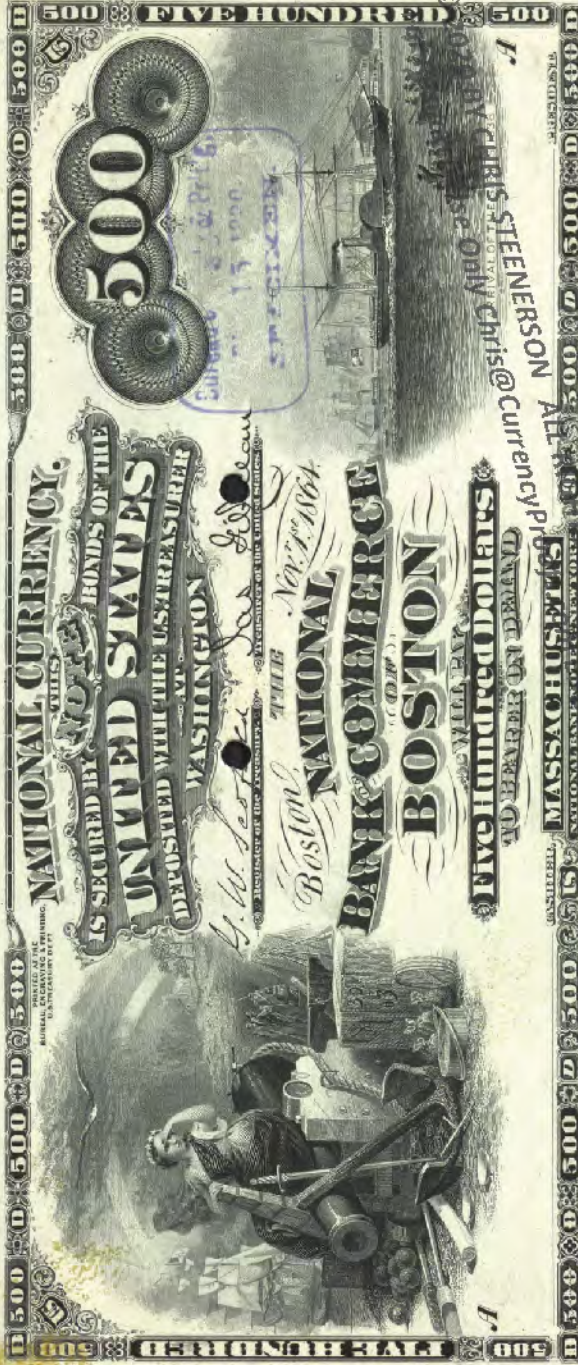
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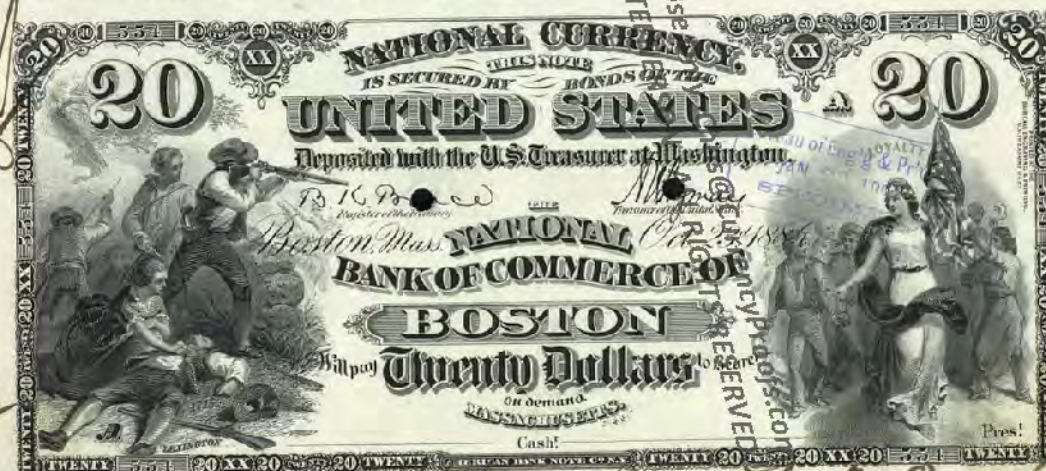
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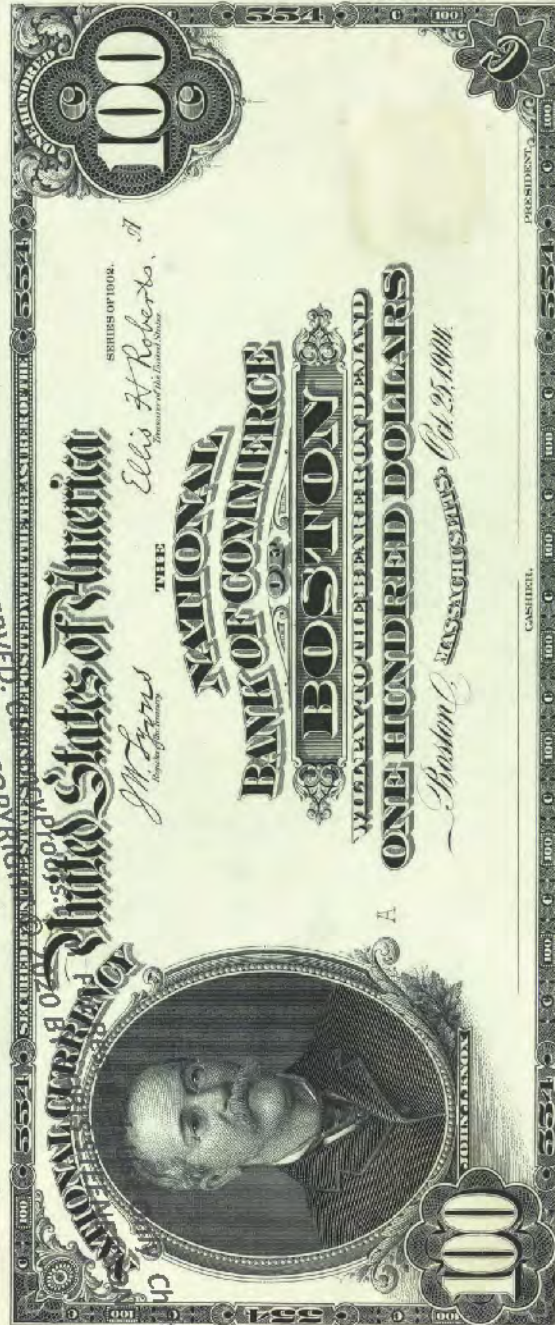
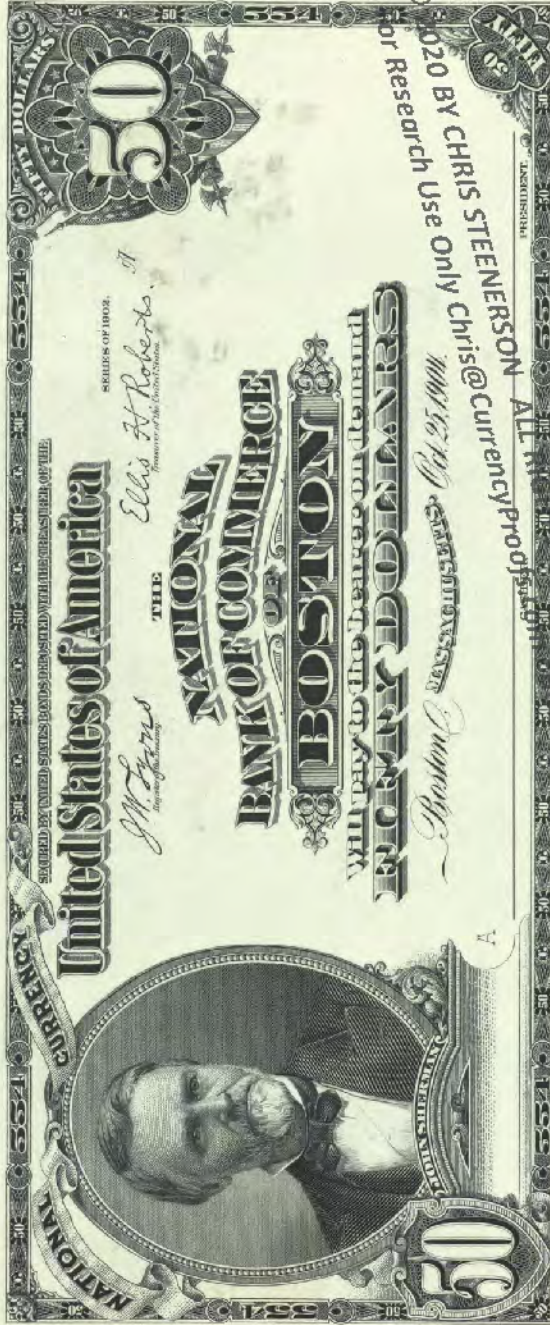


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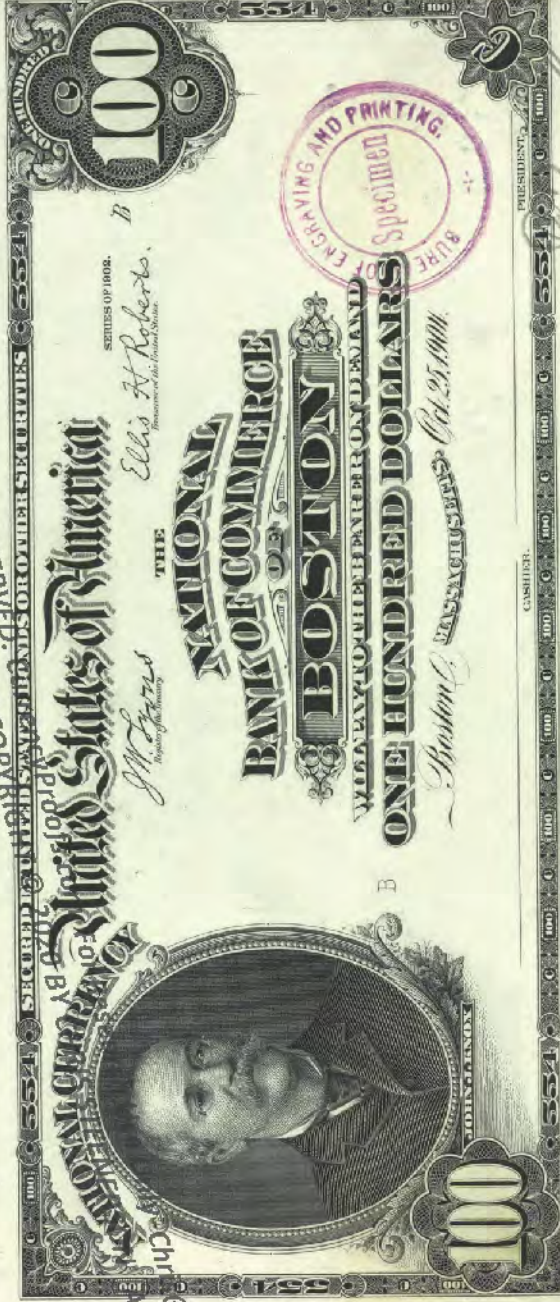
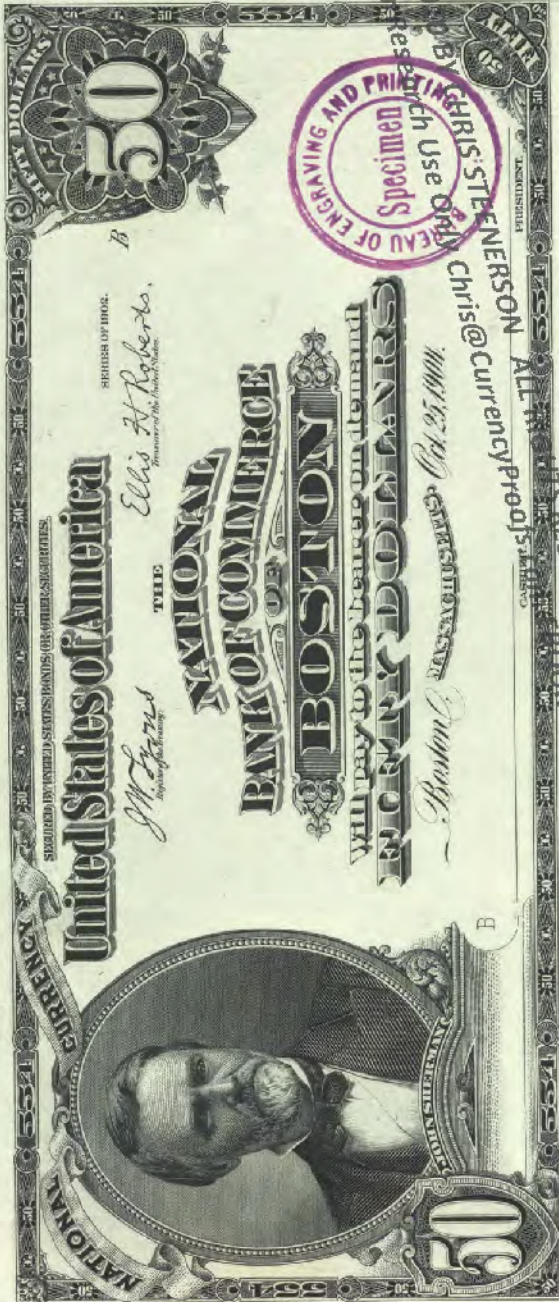
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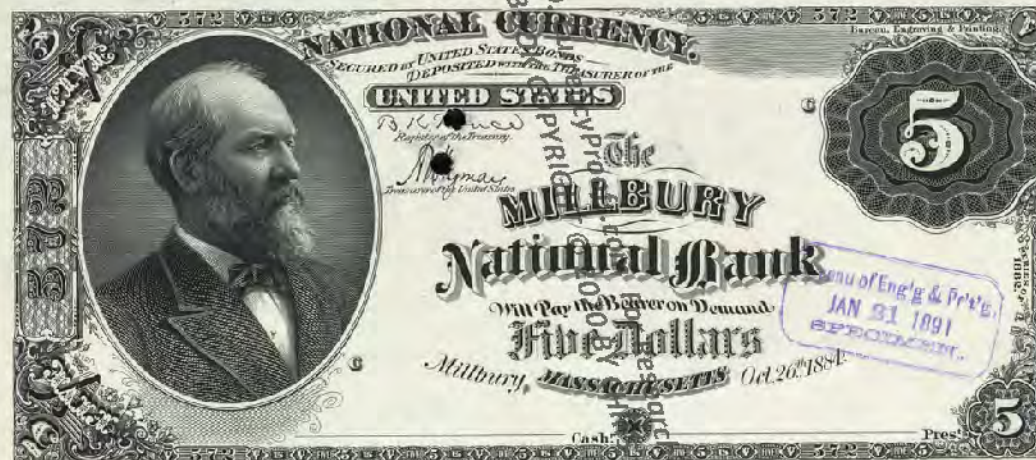




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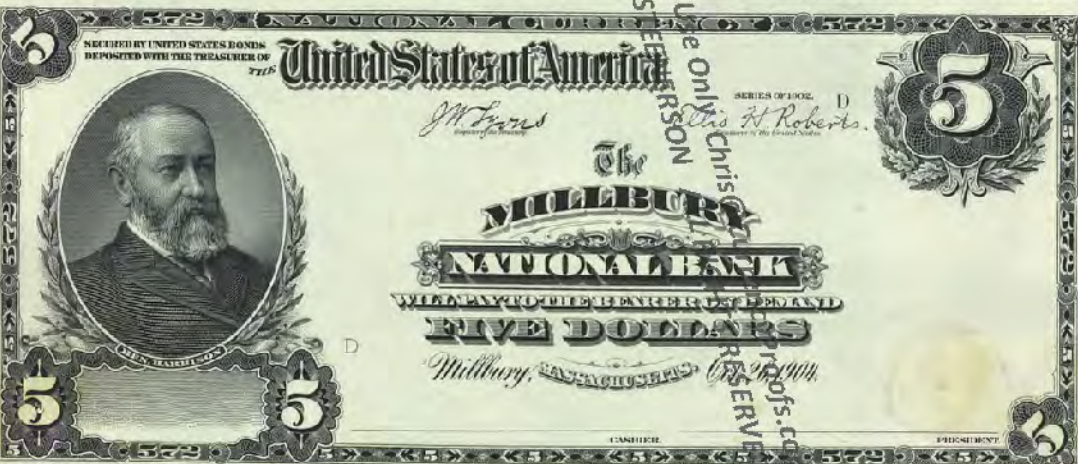
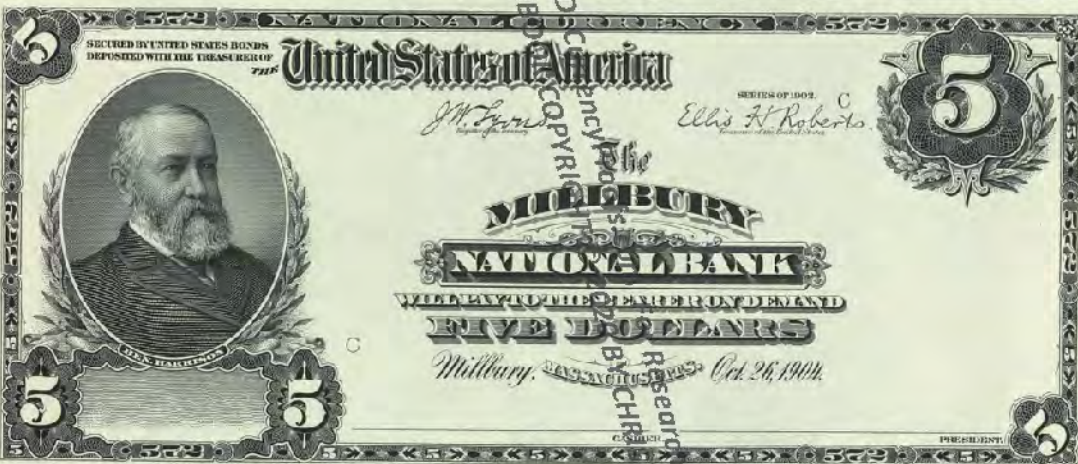
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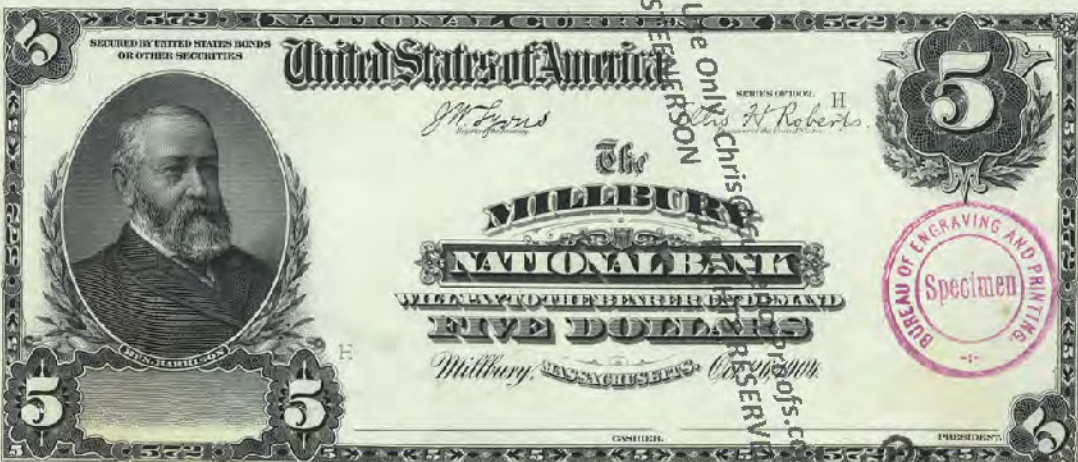
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