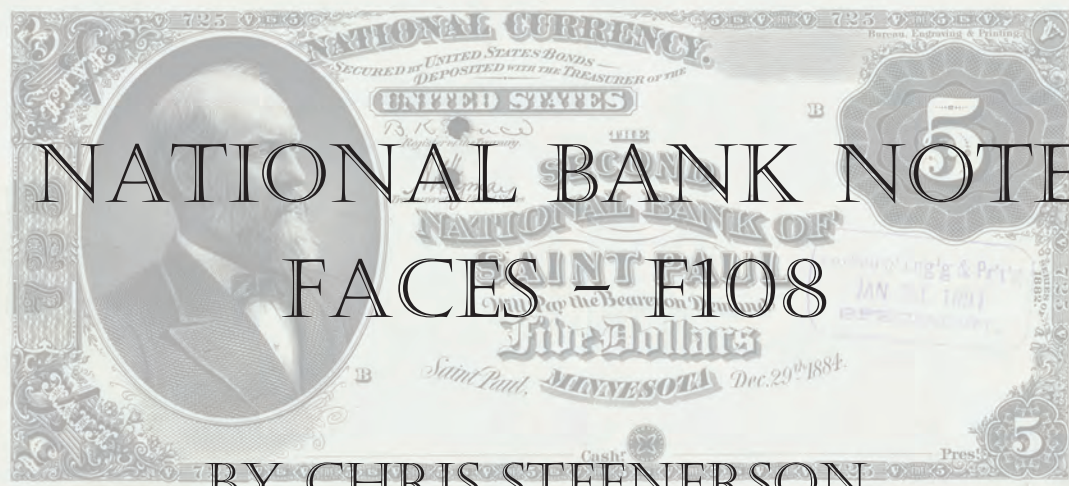


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The state of Minnesota had 200 banks with charters in 62 cities that issued national currency.

Charter	Name of Bank	City
203	First National Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	Saint Paul
496	First National Bank, Hastings, Minnesota	Hastings
550	First National Bank, Winona, Minnesota	Winona
579	First National Bank, Rochester, Minnesota	Rochester
631	First National Bank of New Ulm, Minnesota	New Ulm
710	First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
710	First and Security National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
710	First National Bank in Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
710	First National Bank and Trust Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
719	National Exchange Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
725	Second National Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	Saint Paul
1258	National Marine Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	Saint Paul
1487	First National Bank, Red Wing, Minnesota	Red Wing
1514	First National Bank, Stillwater, Minnesota	Stillwater
1538	Merchants National Bank of Hastings, Minnesota	Hastings
1597	First National Bank, Shakopee, Minnesota	Shakopee
1623	State National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
1643	United National Bank of Winona, Minnesota	Winona
1683	First National Bank of Mankato, Minnesota	Mankato
1683	First National Bank and Trust Company of Mankato, Minnesota	Mankato
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1686	First National Bank of Faribault, Minnesota	Faribault
1690	First National Bank of Austin, Minnesota	Austin
1740	First National Bank of Lake City, Minnesota	Lake City
1782	Winona Deposit National Bank, Winona, Minnesota	Winona
1783	Lumbermen's National Bank of Stillwater, Minnesota	Stillwater
1794	First National Bank of Saint Peter, Minnesota	Saint Peter
1830	First National Bank of Saint Anthony, Minnesota	Saint Anthony
1830	Merchants National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
1842	Second National Bank of Winona, Minnesota	Winona
1863	Citizens National Bank of Faribault, Minnesota	Faribault
1911	First National Bank, Owatonna, Minnesota	Owatonna
1954	First National Bank, Duluth, Minnesota	Duluth
2005	Citizens National Bank, Mankato, Minnesota	Mankato
2006	North Western National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota	Minneapolis
2020	Merchants National Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	Saint Paul
2030	First National Bank, Fergus Falls, Minnesota	Fergus Falls
2073	First National Bank, Northfield, Minnesota	Northfield
2088	Union National Bank, Rochester, Minnesota	Rochester



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