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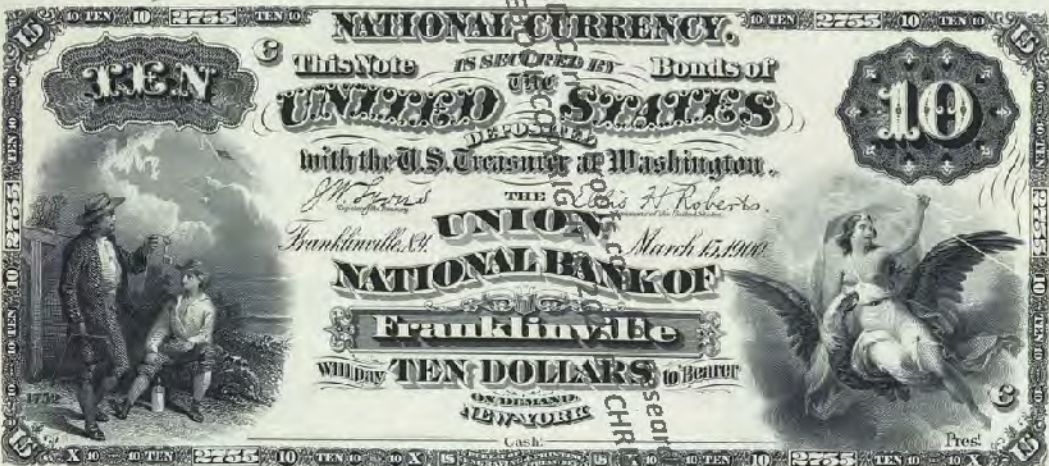
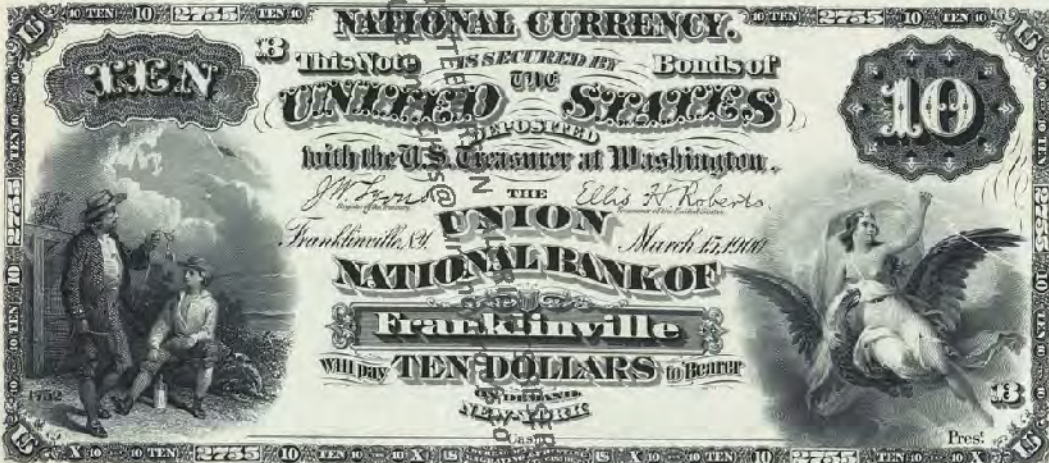
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## New York - Banks Issuing National Currency – Table 17

| Charter | Name of Bank                                                         | City          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2755    | Farmers National Bank of Franklinville, New York                     | Franklinville |
| 2755    | Union National Bank of Franklinville, New York                       | Franklinville |
| 2765    | Ontario County National Bank of Canandaigua, New York                | Canandaigua   |
| 2827    | Second National Bank of Cortland, New York                           | Cortland      |
| 2827    | Second National Bank and Trust Company of Cortland, New York         | Cortland      |
| 2838    | National Bank of Sandy Hill, New York                                | Sandy Hill    |
| 2845    | Adams National Bank, New York                                        | Adams         |
| 2850    | First National Bank of Wellsville, New York                          | Wellsville    |
| 2860    | Fort Plain National Bank, Fort Plain, New York                       | Fort Plain    |
| 2869    | Fultonville National Bank, Fultonville, New York                     | Fultonville   |
| 2873    | National Bank of Troy, New York                                      | Troy          |
| 2892    | First National Bank of Springville, New York                         | Springville   |
| 2916    | Lake Shore National Bank of Dunkirk, New York                        | Dunkirk       |
| 2920    | Merchants National Bank of Amsterdam, New York                       | Amsterdam     |
| 2976    | Sprague National Bank of Brooklyn, New York                          | Brooklyn      |
| 2976    | Sprague National Bank of New York, New York                          | New York      |
| 2996    | Owego National Bank, Owego, New York                                 | Owego         |
| 3011    | Chenango National Bank of Norwich, New York                          | Norwich       |
| 3011    | Chenango County National Bank and Trust Company of Norwich, New York | Norwich       |
| 3047    | First National Bank of Watkins, New York                             | Watkins       |
| 3154    | Farmer's National Bank of Granville, New York                        | Granville     |
| 3166    | National Bank of Westfield, New York                                 | Westfield     |
| 3171    | First National Bank of Mechanicville, New York                       | Mechanicville |
| 3174    | Merchants National Bank of Plattsburgh, New York                     | Plattsburgh   |
| 3183    | First National Bank of Herkimer, New York                            | Herkimer      |
| 3186    | Homer National Bank, Homer, New York                                 | Homer         |
| 3193    | First National Bank of Marathon, New York                            | Marathon      |
| 3232    | Peoples National Bank of Greenport, New York                         | Greenport     |
| 3244    | Peoples National Bank of Sandy Hill, New York                        | Sandy Hill    |
| 3244    | Peoples National Bank of Hudson Falls, New York                      | Hudson Falls  |
| 3245    | Peoples National Bank of Salem, New York                             | Salem         |
| 3282    | National Exchange Bank of Albany, New York                           | Albany        |
| 3283    | National Bank of Le Roy, New York                                    | Le Roy        |



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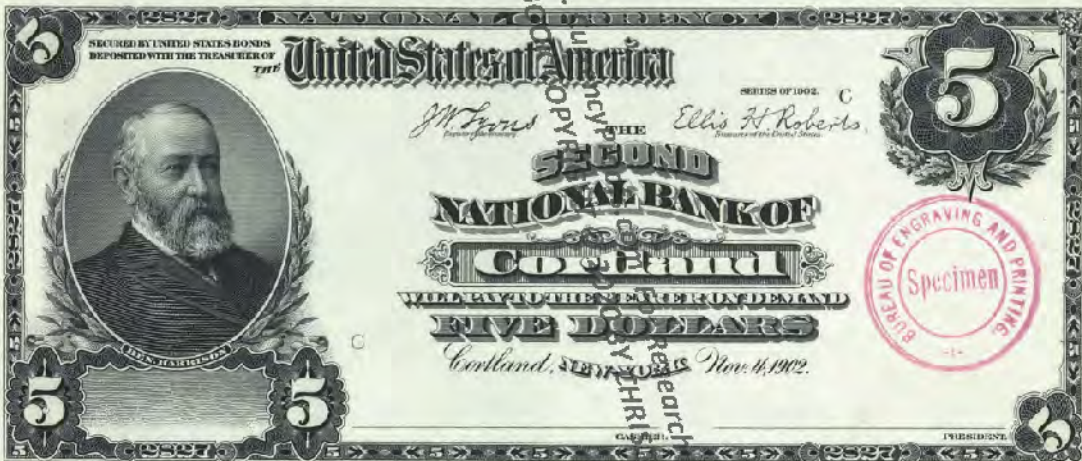
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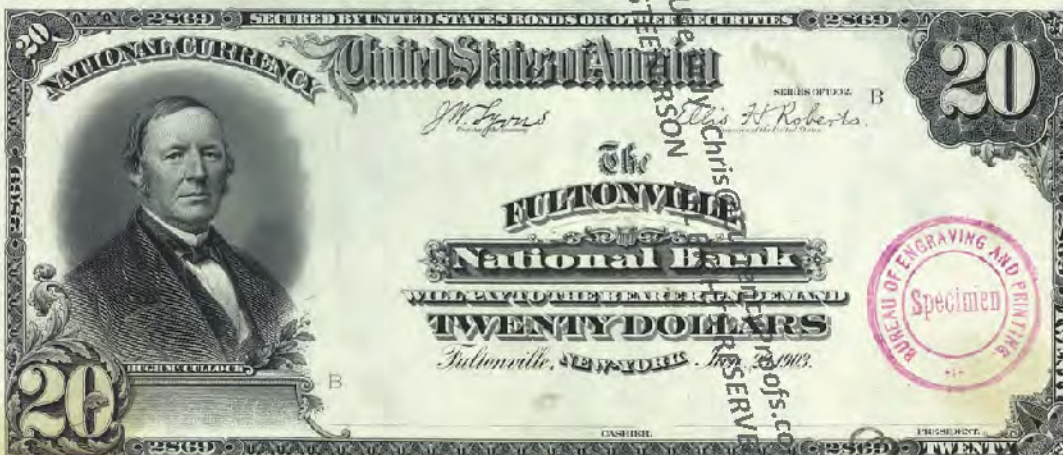
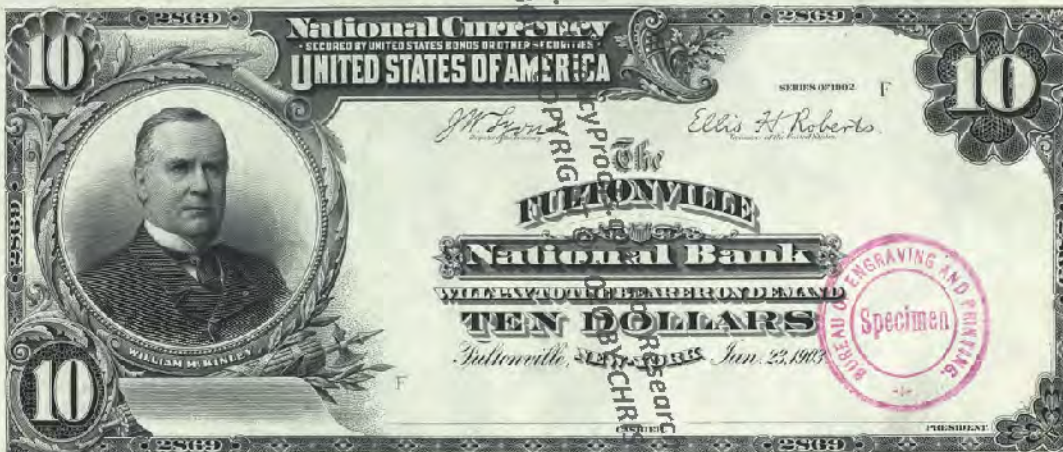
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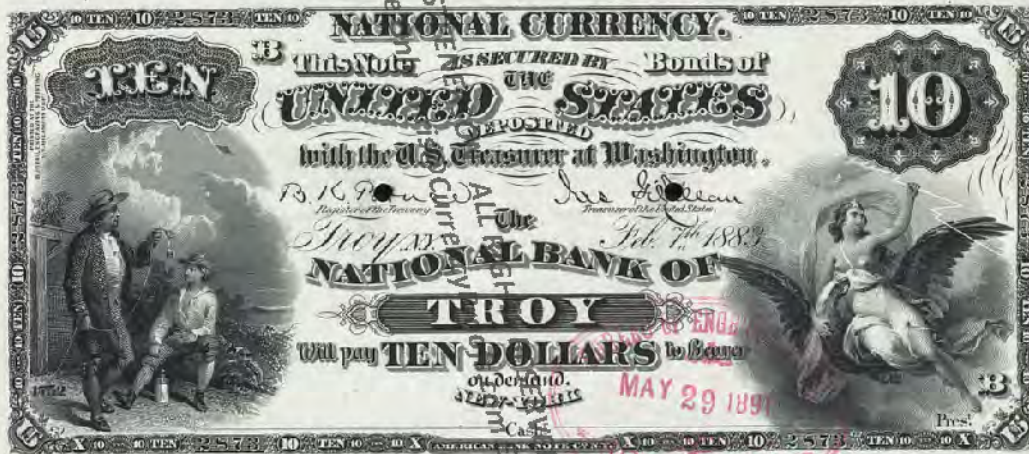


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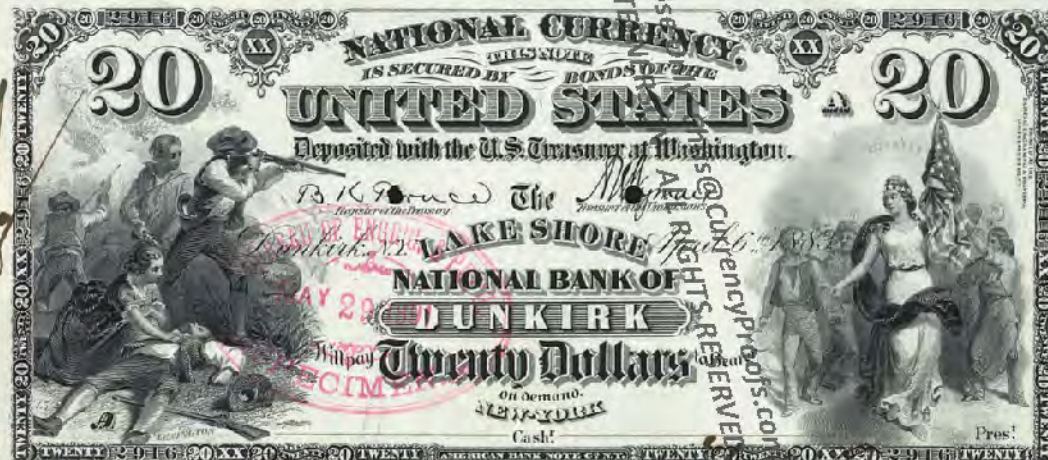
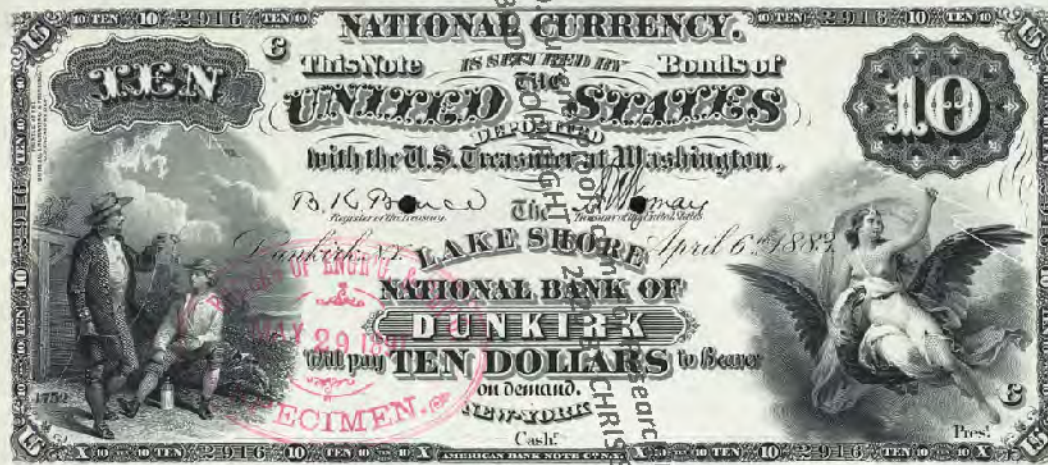
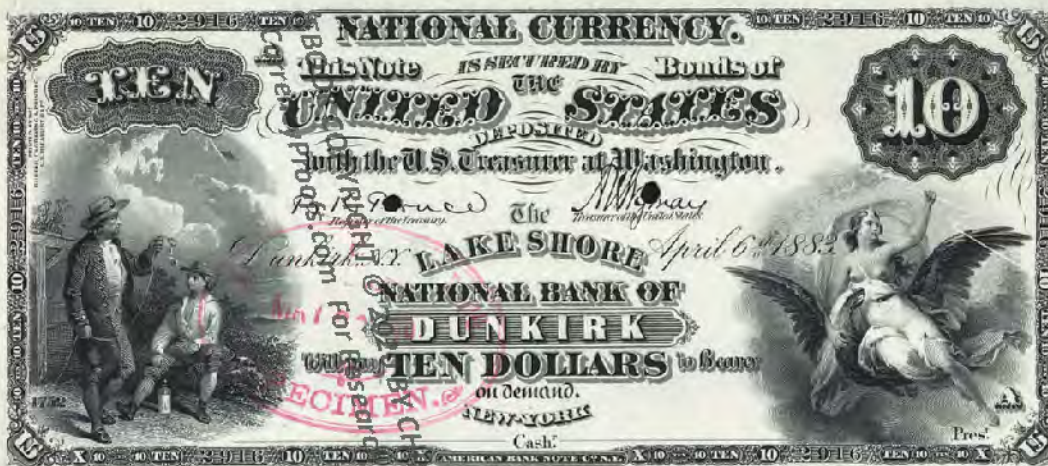


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