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The museum has a program called the Friends of the NNC that provide funds to various digitization and education projects that are a priority for the numismatic community and the department.

If you would like more information about the program you can find it here: <a href="http://americanhistory.si.edu/giving/friends-of-numismatics">http://americanhistory.si.edu/giving/friends-of-numismatics</a>

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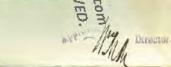
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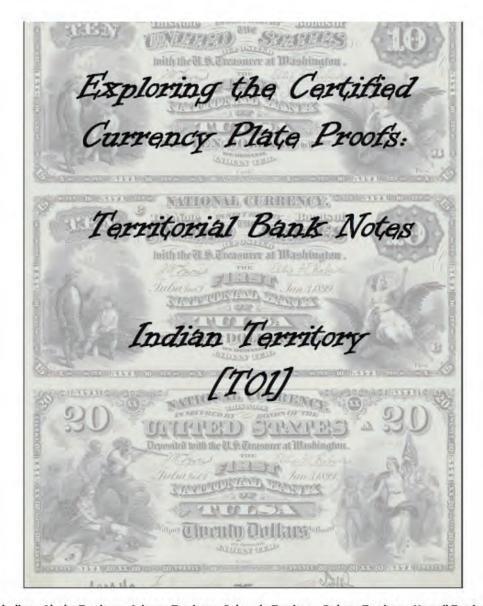


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