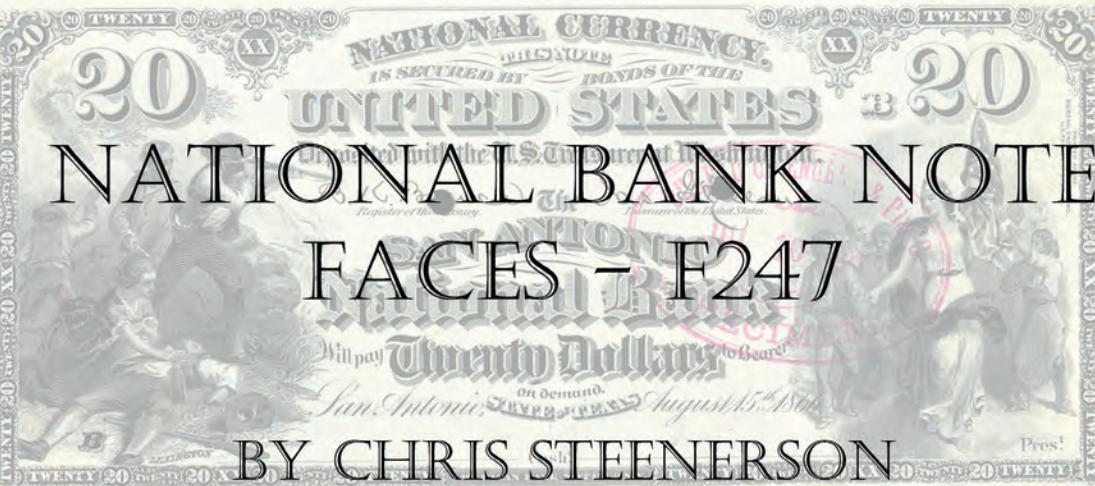
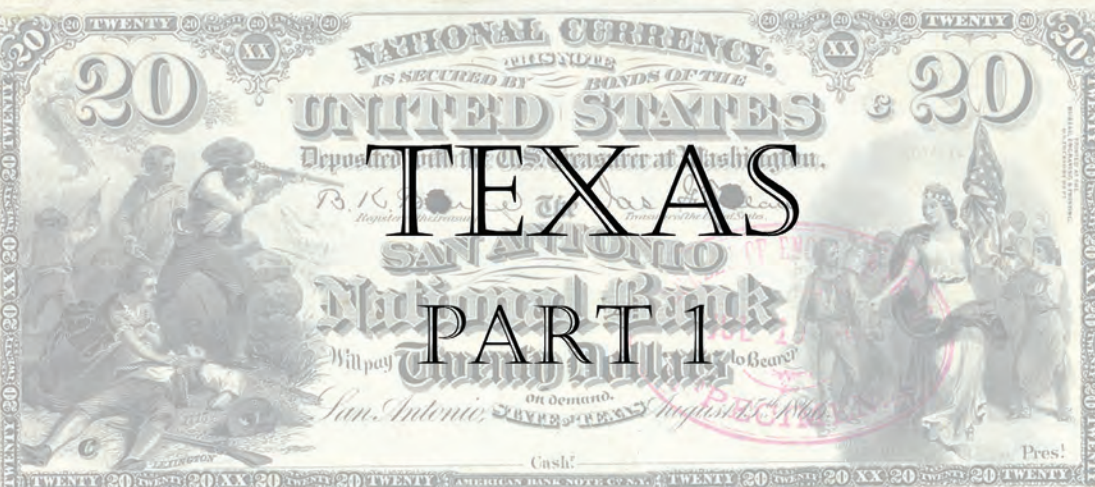


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1644	First National Bank of Houston, Texas	Houston
1657	San Antonio National Bank, San Antonio, Texas	San Antonio
1777	National Bank of Jefferson, Texas	Jefferson
2092	National Exchange Bank of Houston, Texas	Houston
2099	First National Bank of Denison, Texas	Denison
2118	First National Bank of Austin, Texas	Austin
2157	First National Bank of Dallas, Texas	Dallas
2189	Waco National Bank, Waco, Texas	Waco
2189	First National Bank of Waco, Texas	Waco
2349	First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas	Fort Worth
2359	City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas	Fort Worth
2455	City National Bank of Dallas, Texas	Dallas
2477	First National Bank of Weatherford, Texas	Weatherford
2486	Milmo National Bank of Laredo, Texas	Laredo
2486	First National Bank of Laredo, Texas	Laredo
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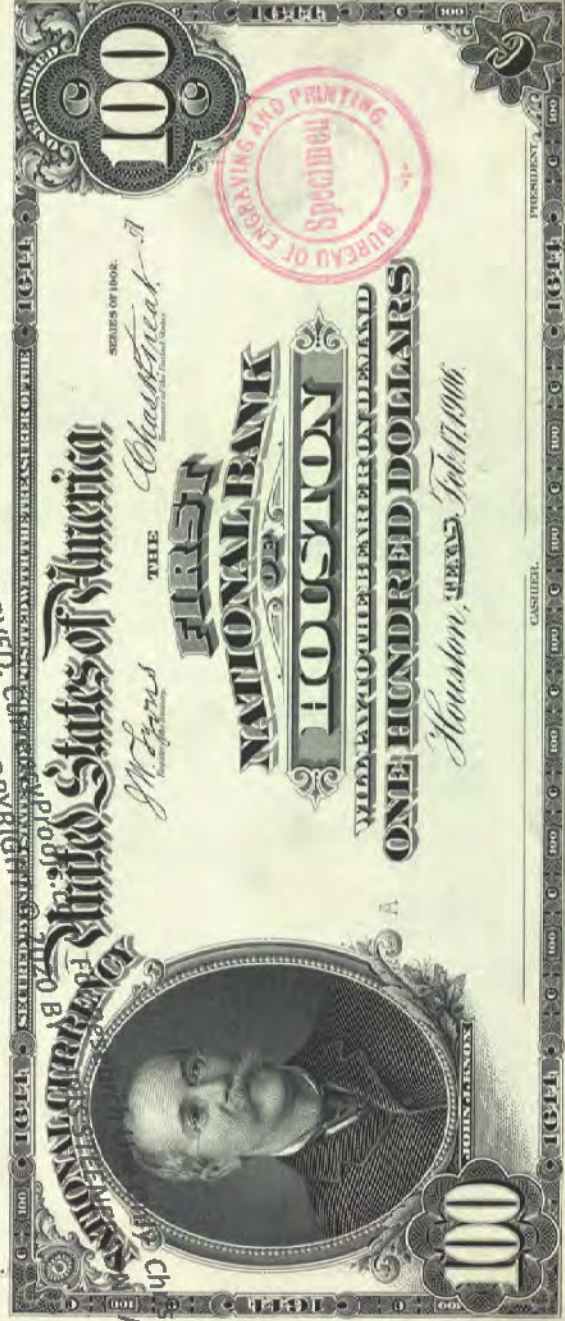
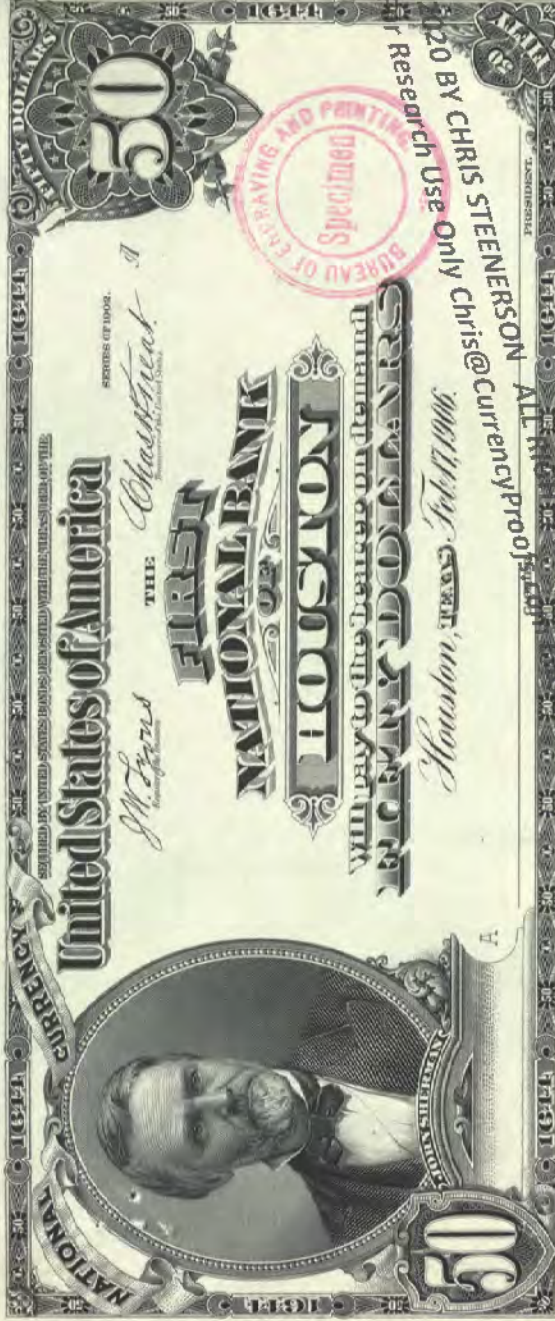
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Civil War Bonds  
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