

Gold Certificates are colorful and vivid and are among the most attractive of all currency issues. Their reverses are a brilliant golden orange, symbolic of the gold coin they represent.

Although there were nine emissions of gold certificates, only four of the issues were circulated to any extent, namely the fourth, seventh, eighth and ninth issues.

The first three issues appeared between 1865 and 1875. Some of the notes were printed on only one side. They remained in general within the confines of banks and clearing houses and were used in settling gold balances.

The fifth and sixth issues were series of 1888 and 1900 and consisted of 5,000 and 10,000 Dollar notes only.

The fourth issue was the earliest for general circulation. The notes of this issue are series of 1882 and consist of all denominations from 20 to 10,000 Dollars. The 20, 50 and 100 Dollar notes are still occasionally seen.

The seventh issue consisted only of 10 and 20 Dollar notes of the series of 1905, 1906 and 1907. The 20 Dollar notes of 1905 are considered the most beautiful of all gold certificates because of their color. Their basic design is similar to that of other 20 Dollar notes, but the obverse center portion of the paper is gold tinted and part of the legends are printed in gold ink, and not the black and white of other

issues. These notes also have a red seal and red serial numbers. Thus, the color combination formed by black and white and gold and red, makes a very pleasing impression and has earned them the nickname "Technicolor Notes."

The eighth issue consisted only of 1,000 Dollar Notes of the series of 1907.

The ninth and last issue of Gold Certificates forms the notes that are most frequently seen today. These notes are series of 1913 and 1922 and the issue consisted of all denominations from 10 to 1,000 Dollars. The series of 1913 appears only on 50 Dollar notes. See the text for a complete tabulation.

The obligation on gold certificates is as follows, "This certifies that there have been deposited in the Treasury of the United States of America ... Dollars in gold coin payable (or repayable, series 1882) to the bearer on demand."

In addition to the preceding, the notes of series 1922 bear the following, "This certificate is a legal tender in the amount thereof in payment of all debts and dues public and private. Acts of March 14, 1900, as amended and December 24, 1919."

**THE REVERSES OF ALL GOLD CERTIFICATES ARE A BRILLIANT GOLDEN ORANGE COLOR.**

## Gold Certificates of the First Issue. Act of March 3, 1863.

### DESIGN 1 4 6 -B

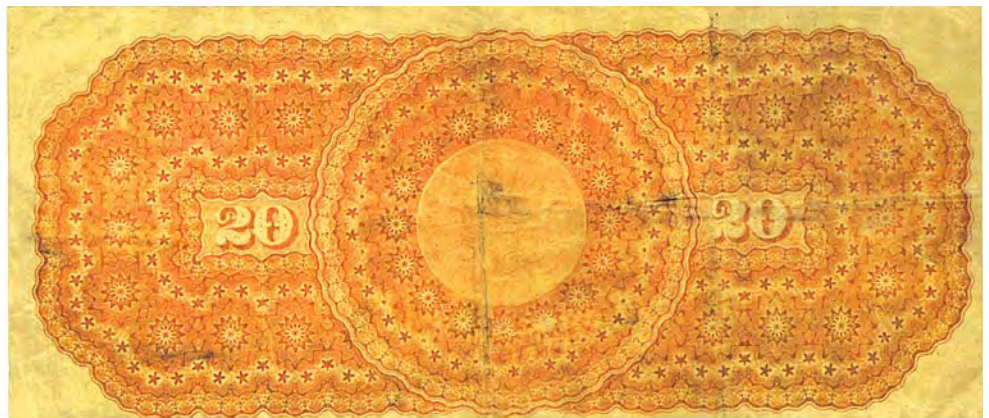
(Note 1166b)

Eagle on draped shield. Countersigned and dated by hand. These notes have one or more handwritten signatures.



### Design 1 4 6 -B Reverse

Illustration courtesy of Martin Gengerke.



1166b. 20 Dollar Note.

DESIGN 146-C

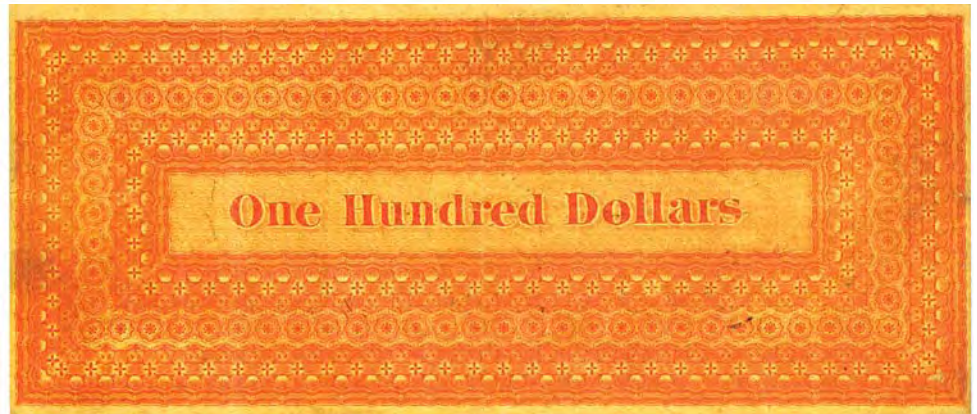
(Note 1166c)

Eagle on draped shield. Countersigned and dated by hand.



Design 146-C Reverse

Illustration courtesy of Heritage Auction Galleries.



- 1166c. 100 Dollar Note.
- 1166d. 500 Dollar Note.
- 1166e. 1,000 Dollar Note.
- 1166f. 5,000 Dollar Note.
- 1166g. 10,000 Dollar Note.

- DESIGN 146-d
- DESIGN 146-e
- DESIGN 146-f
- DESIGN 146-g

## Gold Certificates of the Second Issue. Act of March 3, 1863.

Countersigned and dated in 1870 or 1871 by hand.

- 1166h. 100 Dollar Note. Head of Benton.
- 1166i. 500 Dollar Note. Head of Lincoln.
- 1166j. 1,000 Dollar Note. Head of Hamilton.
- 1166k. 5,000 Dollar Note. Head of Madison.
- 1166l. 10,000 Dollar Note. Head of Jackson.

- DESIGN 146-h
- DESIGN 146-i
- DESIGN 146-j
- DESIGN 146-k
- DESIGN 146-l

## Gold Certificates of the Third Issue. Act of March 3, 1863.

Countersigned and dated by hand.

DESIGN 146-M

(Note 1166m)

Head of Thomas Hart Benton (1782-1858), who served in the United States Senate and House of Representatives for over 30 years.

This note is printed on only one side. The reverse is blank.

This illustration, of a canceled note, courtesy of the National Numismatic Collection, Smithsonian Institution.



- 1166m. 100 Dollar Note. Series of 1875.
- 1166n. 500 Dollar Note. Series of 1875.
- 1166o. 1,000 Dollar Note. Series of 1875.
- 1166q. 10,000 Dollar Note. Series of 1875.

- Head of Lincoln
- Head of Hamilton.

- DESIGN 146-n
- DESIGN 146-o
- DESIGN 146-q

# Gold Certificates of the Fourth and Later Issues.

## 10 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 1 4 7

(Notes 1167–1173a)

Bust of Michael Hillegas, the first Treasurer of the United States, 1775-1789.

(The obverse of the 1907 issue differs slightly from the 1922 issue. The reverses are similar.)



### Design 1 4 7 Reverse

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0481.

“Mules” are identified by the letter “m.” Please refer to Appendix III for a guide as to their identification.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1167.	1907	Vernon Treat	Gold							
1168.	1907	Vernon McClung	Gold							
1168*.	1907	Vernon McClung	Gold							
1169.	1907	Napier McClung	Gold Act of 1882							
1169*.	1907	Napier McClung	Gold Act of 1882							
1169a.	1907	Napier McClung	Gold Act of 1907							
1170.	1907	Napier Thompson	Gold Act of 1882							
1170a.	1907	Napier Thompson	Gold Act of 1907							
1171.	1907	Parker Burke	Gold							
1171*.	1907	Parker Burke	Gold							
1172.	1907	Teehee Burke	Gold							
1172*.	1907	Teehee Burke	Gold							
1173.	1922	Speelman White	Gold							
1173m.	1922	Speelman White	Gold							
1173*.	1922	Speelman White	Gold							
1173* <b>m</b> .	1922	Speelman White	Gold							
1173a.	1922	Speelman White	Gold, small serial nos.							
1173a <b>m</b> .	1922	Speelman White	Gold, small serial nos.							
1173a*.	1922	Speelman White	Gold, small serial nos.							
1173a* <b>m</b> .	1922	Speelman White	Gold, small serial nos.							

## A Countersigned Gold Certificate, Series of 1882

Illustrated to show the minor differences between the countersigned and normal issues of Series of 1882.

Notes 1175, 1175a, 1189, 1189a, and 1202 are countersigned. 1175a and 1189a have engraved signatures. Ther others are hand-signed.

This illustration courtesy of Heritage Auction Galleries.



## 20 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 148

(Notes 1174–1178)

Bust of President James A. Garfield, engraved by Charles Burt.



### Design 148 Reverse

Large eagle carrying a lightning bolt. This vignette, named "Ocean Telegraph," commemorated the completion of the Atlantic cable in 1858.

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0483.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1174.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1175.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
The above note with autographed countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.										
1175a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
The above note with engraved countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.										
1176.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1177.	1882	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown						
1178.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						

### DESIGN 149

(Notes 1179–1187)

Bust of George Washington (The obverses of the 1905, 1906 and 1922 issues all differ slightly in some respects. The reverses of all issues are similar.)

Numbers 1179 (shown) and 1180 are the famous "Technicolor" notes, so called because of their coloring.



### Design 149 Reverse

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0486.

"Mules" are identified by the letter "m." Please refer to Appendix III for a guide as to their identification.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1179.	1905	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1180.	1905	Lyons	Treat	Small Red						
1181.	1906	Vernon	Treat	Gold						
1182.	1906	Vernon	McClung	Gold						
1182*.	1906	Vernon	McClung	Gold						
1183.	1906	Napier	McClung	Gold						
1183*.	1906	Napier	McClung	Gold						
1184.	1906	Napier	Thompson	Gold						
1185.	1906	Parker	Burke	Gold						
1185*.	1906	Parker	Burke	Gold						
1186.	1906	Teehee	Burke	Gold						
1186*.	1906	Teehee	Burke	Gold						
1187.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1187m.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1187*.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1187*m.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						

## 50 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 150

(Notes 1188–1197)

Bust of Silas Wright, 1795-1847, famous contemporary figure in government. He was both a U.S. Senator (1833-1844) and Governor of New York (1845-1847). Wright's portrait was engraved by Charles Burt from a painting by Alonzo Chappell.



### Design 150 Reverse

Eagle on Draped Shield.

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0489.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1188.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1189.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
The above note with autographed countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't Treasurer, and payable at New York.										
1189a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
The above note with engraved countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't Treasurer, and payable at New York.										
1190.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1191.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1192.	1882	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown						
1192a.	1882	Rosecrans	Huston	Small Red						
1193.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1194.	1882	Lyons	Treat	Small Red						
1195.	1882	Vernon	Treat	Small Red						
1196.	1882	Vernon	McClung	Small Red						
1197.	1882	Napier	McClung	Small Red						

## DESIGN 151

(Notes 1198–1200a)

Bust of Ulysses S. Grant.



## Design 151 Reverse

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0491.

“Mules” are identified by the letter “m.” Please refer to Appendix III for a guide as to their identification.

Note: Number 1200a below only exists as a mule.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1198.	1913	Parker	Burke	Gold						
1199.	1913	Teehee	Burke	Gold						
1200.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1200m.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1200*	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1200*m.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold						
1200a.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold, small serial nos.						

## 100 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 152

(Notes 1201–1215)

Bust of Thomas Hart Benton, who served in both the U.S. Senate, 1821–1851, and in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1853–1855. (The obverse of the 1882 issues differs in several minor respects from the 1922 issue. The reverses are similar.)



## Design 152 Reverse

Eagle on fasces.

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1984.0128.0354.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1201.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1202.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
<i>The above note with autographed countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't Treasurer, and payable at New York.</i>										
1202a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						Three known
<i>The above note with engraved countersignature by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't Treasurer, and payable at New York.</i>										
1203.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1204.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1205.	1882	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown						
1206.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1207.	1882	Lyons	Treat	Small Red						
1208.	1882	Vernon	Treat	Small Red						
1209.	1882	Vernon	McClung	Small Red						
1210.	1882	Napier	McClung	Small Red						
1211.	1882	Napier	Thompson	Small Red						
1212.	1882	Napier	Burke	Small Red						
1213.	1882	Parker	Burke	Small Red						
1214.	1882	Teehee	Burke	Small Red						
1215.	1922	Speelman	White	Small Red						
1215*.	1922	Speelman	White	Small Red						

## 500 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 1 5 3

(Notes 1215a-1217)

*Bust of Abraham Lincoln.*



### Design 1 5 3 Reverse

*The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1976.0701.0041.*



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1215a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1215b.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
<i>(The above note is countersigned by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.)</i>										
1215c.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1215d.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1216.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1216a.	1882	Parker	Burke	Small Red						
1216b.	1882	Teehee	Burke	Small Red						
1217.	1922	Speelman	White	Small Red						

# 1,000 Dollar Notes

## DESIGN 1 5 4

(Notes 1218–1218g)

Bust of Alexander Hamilton.



## Design 1 5 4 Reverse

Illustration courtesy of Martin Gengerke.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1218.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1218a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
(The above note is countersigned by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.)										
1218b.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1218c.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1218d.	1882	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown						
1218e.	1882	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						
1218f.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1218g.	1882	Lyons	Treat	Small Red						

## DESIGN 1 5 4-A

(Notes 1219–1220)

Bust of Alexander Hamilton.



## Design 1 5 4-A Reverse

The note illustrated is from the collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0496.



No.	Series	Signatures		Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1219.	1907	Vernon	Treat	Gold							
1219a.	1907	Vernon	McClung	Gold							
1219b.	1907	Napier	McClung	Gold							
1219c.	1907	Napier	Burke	Gold							
1219d.	1907	Parker	Burke	Gold							
1219e.	1907	Teehee	Burke	Gold							
1220.	1922	Speelman	White	Gold							

5,000 Dollar Notes

DESIGN 1 5 5

(Notes 1221–1222a)

Bust of James Madison.



Design 1 5 5 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.



No.	Series	Signatures		Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1221.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown							
1221a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown							
(The above note is countersigned by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.)											
1221b.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown							
1221c.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red							
1221d.	1882	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red							
1221e.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red							
1221f.	1882	Vernon	Treat	Small Red							
1221g.	1882	Vernon	McClung	Small Red							
1221h.	1882	Napier	McClung	Small Red							
1221i.	1882	Parker	Burke	Small Red							
1221j.	1882	Teehee	Burke	Small Red							
1222.	1888	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red							
1222a.	1888	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red							

# 10,000 Dollar Notes

## DESIGN 1 5 6

(Notes 1223–1225)

Bust of Andrew Jackson.

## Design 1 5 6 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the  
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1223.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
1223a.	1882	Bruce	Gilfillan	Brown						
(The above note is countersigned by Thomas C. Acton, Ass't. Treasurer, and payable at New York.)										
1223b.	1882	Bruce	Wyman	Brown						
1223c.	1882	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1223d.	1882	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						
1223e.	1882	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red						
1223f.	1882	Vernon	Treat	Small Red						
1223g.	1882	Teehee	Burke	Small Red						
1224.	1888	Rosecrans	Hyatt	Large Red						
1224a.	1888	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						

1225. The note previously listed as No. 1225 has been reclassified according to signature combination as Numbers 1225a-1225h below.

All known notes have been redeemed and have no legal tender value. Most are canceled although non-canceled specimens are occasionally seen. The reverses are blank.

These notes were in storage at the Old Post Office in Washington, DC and have status as collectible issues today by virtue of having been thrown from windows onto the street when the building caught fire on December 13, 1935. All notes offered for sale owe their existence to having been retrieved and saved by pedestrians who were then unable to redeem them for face value. Many will display evidence of water and/or fire damage. Although a total of 357,000 of the notes were printed for all signature combinations combined, very few are known of any but No. 1225h. The numbers known are shown in (parentheses). As of this writing the valuations were fairly consistent regardless of rarity.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
1225a.	1900	Lyons	Roberts	Small Red (4)						
1225b.	1900	Lyons	Treat	Small Red (7)						
1225c.	1900	Vernon	Treat	Small Red (27)						
1225d.	1900	Vernon	McClung	Small Red (3)						
1225e.	1900	Napier	McClung	Small Red (27)						
1225f.	1900	Napier	Burke	Small Red						
1225g.	1900	Parker	Burke	Small Red (10)						
1225h.	1900	Teehee	Burke	Small Red (316)						