

## X. TREASURY OR COIN NOTES

These notes were issued as a result of the Legal Tender Act of July 14, 1890. This Act authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to issue these notes in payment for silver bullion purchased by the Treasury Department. The entire issue of these notes thus became backed by metallic reserves. The notes were redeemable in actual coin, but whether silver or gold coin should be paid out was left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The coin notes were issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, and 1,000 Dollars of the series of 1890 and 1891. A 500 Dollar note with portrait of General Sherman was also authorized and a plate made, but only a proof impression of the note is known; it was

not placed in circulation.

The notes of the 1890 Series are especially attractive because of the intricate designs on the reverse. The 1890 notes are all rare today, especially in new condition.

The obligation on the Treasury or Coin Notes is as follows: "The United States of America will pay to bearer ..... Dollars in coin ... This note is a legal tender at its face value in payment of all debts public and private except when otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract."

### 1 Dollar Notes

#### DESIGN 85

(Notes 347–349)

Bust of Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War under Presidents Abraham Lincoln, 1862–1865, and Andrew Johnson, 1865–1868.



#### Design 85 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0219.

With autograph of Treasurer J.N. Huston.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
347.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown						
348.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Large Brown						
349.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						

#### DESIGN 86

(Notes 350–352)

The obverse is similar to Design 85.

The reverse is as shown.

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0225.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
350.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						
351.	1891	Tillman	Morgan	Small Red						
352.	1891	Bruce	Roberts	Small Red						



## 2 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 87

(Notes 353–355)

Bust of General James McPherson, Union Army general and a hero of the Battle of Vicksburg. Engraved by Charles Burt.



### Design 87 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0226.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
353.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston							
354.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
355.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							

### DESIGN 88

(Notes 356–358)

The obverse is similar to Design 87.



### Design 88 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0227.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
356.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
357.	1891	Tillman	Morgan							
358.	1891	Bruce	Roberts							



## 5 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 89

(Notes 359–361)

Bust of General George H. Thomas, Union Army general famous as “the Rock of Chickamauga.” His portrait was engraved by Lorenzo J. Hatch.



### Design 89 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0232.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
359.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston							
360.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
361.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							

### DESIGN 90

(Notes 362–365)

The obverse is similar to Design 89.



### Design 90 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0233.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
362.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
363.	1891	Tillman	Morgan							
364.	1891	Bruce	Roberts							
365.	1891	Lyons	Roberts							



## 10 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 9 1

(Notes 366–368)

Bust of Philip H. Sheridan. He succeeded Sherman as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army in 1884.



### Design 9 1 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0239.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
366.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston							
367.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
368.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							

### DESIGN 9 2

(Notes 369–371)

The obverse is similar to Design 91.



### Design 9 2 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0240.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
369.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
370.	1891	Tillman	Morgan							
371.	1891	Bruce	Roberts							



## 20 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 9 3

(Notes 372–374)

Bust of John Marshall, fourth Chief Justice of the United States, who served on the Supreme Court from 1801-1835. He was also Secretary of State from 1800-1801.



### Design 9 3 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0245.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
372.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston							
373.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							
374.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker							

### DESIGN 9 4

(Notes 375–375a)

The obverse is similar to Design 93.



### Design 9 4 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0246.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
375.	1891	Tillman	Morgan							
375a.	1891	Bruce	Roberts							



## 50 Dollar Note

### DESIGN 9 5

(Note 376)

Bust of William H. Seward, Secretary of State from 1860-1869. He negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia, a transaction which at the time was called "Seward's Folly." This note is extremely rare as only 25 pieces are still reported outstanding on U.S. Treasury books.



### Design 9 5 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0247.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
376.	1891	Rosecrans Nebeker	Small Red							

## 100 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 9 6

(Note 377)

Bust of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, 1801-1870, the first man to hold the rank of Admiral in the U.S. Navy.



### Design 9 6 Reverse

This is the famous "Watermelon" note, so called because of the shape of the large zeros.

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0248.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
377.	1890	Rosecrans Huston	Large Brown					—		—



DESIGN 9 7

(Note 378)

The obverse is similar to Design 96.



Design 9 7 Reverse

Note illustrated from collection of the American Numismatic Association, no. 1987.0126.0249.



No.	Series	Signatures	Seal	VG8	F12	VF20	EF40	CU60	Ch63	Gem65
378.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red						

500 Dollar Note

DESIGN 9 7-A

(Note 379)

Bust of General William Tecumseh Sherman, famous for his march to the sea during the Civil War.



Design 9 7-A Reverse

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No.	Series	Signatures	Seal
379.	1891	Bruce	Roberts



## 1,000 Dollar Notes

### DESIGN 98

(Notes 379a–379b)

Bust of General George Gordon Meade, commander of the Union troops at the Battle of Gettysburg.



### Design 98 Reverse

"The Grand Watermelon."

Only 25 notes are outstanding of this design combined with Design 98-a.

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



No.	Series	Signatures	Huston	Seal
379a.	1890	Rosecrans	Huston	Large Brown
379b.	1890	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red

### DESIGN 98-A

(Notes 379c–379d)

The obverse is similar to Design 98.



### Design 98-A Reverse

Illustration courtesy Heritage Auction Galleries.



379c.	1891	Tillman	Morgan	Small Red
379d.	1891	Rosecrans	Nebeker	Small Red