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### Money Collection, 1773-2004

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## A Guide to the Money Collection, 1773-2004

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Money Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1773-2004
<b>Content Abstract:</b>	Consisting of several types of negotiable instruments, the Money Collection includes examples of Texas, Confederate, United States, and foreign exchange media gathered from various sources. The bulk of the collection is made up of paper money and other negotiable documents.
<b>Identification:</b>	DRT 7
<b>Extent:</b>	2.75 linear feet (2 boxes, 2 oversize folders)
<b>Language:</b>	Materials are primarily in English. Some documents are in German and Spanish; a handful are in French, Russian, Japanese, and Arabic.
<b>Repository:</b>	DRT Collection at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

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### Scope and Content Note

Consisting of different types of negotiable instruments, the Money Collection includes examples of Texas, Confederate, United States, and foreign exchange media gathered from various sources.

The bulk of the collection is made up of paper money and other financial documents organized by the government or another entity that issued the items. From the Republic of Texas are examples of government currency authorized at different times during that period as well as audited drafts, scrip, bonds, and other notes issued to individuals in payment for service to Texas or in exchange for other debt instruments. Some of these items were issued to noted Texas figures, including Thomas F. McKinney, Reuben M. Potter, and Juan N. Seguín.

Texas state government instruments include treasury warrants from the Civil War era, issued to individuals for military and civil service, and bond coupons. Local government notes are represented by a small number of items from counties and cities dating from the Republic and Civil War eras.

Notes circulated in Texas by private entities also date from the Republic of Texas and the Civil War periods. Noteworthy is the currency of Kelsey H. Douglass of Nacogdoches, a merchant who circulated elaborately engraved notes in 1840.

The collection includes a large amount of Confederate States of America currency from several issue dates. There are also some examples of oversize bonds issued by the Confederate government.

Government-issued notes from states other than Texas are represented by a few items dating from the Civil War. Private notes, primarily from southern banks and businesses, were issued immediately before and during the Civil War.

Paper money from the English colonies in America includes items from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Currency from the Revolutionary War era is also in the collection and includes items from Pennsylvania, the United Colonies, and the United States. The remainder of the U.S. currency consists of fractional denominations from the 1860s and 1870s, used for the purchase of postage stamps or for payment of government dues in small amounts.

A miscellany of foreign notes includes currency from Mexico, German states, Canada, France, Russia and the Soviet Union, Japan, and several other nations. Two oversize German bonds are also included.

Finally, included are a few facsimiles or copies of paper money and representations of currency used for satirical or advertising purposes.

Only a few coins are part of the collection, most of them miscellaneous items from different countries and time periods. A Mexican coin dated 1835 is the most noteworthy item.

Commemorative coins, medals, and medallions are housed in the library's Artifacts Collection.

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## Index Terms

### Personal Names

Douglass, Kelsey H. (Kelsey Harris), d. 1840.  
Lubbock, Francis Richard, 1815-1905.  
McKinney, Thomas Freeman, 1801-1873.  
Potter, Reuben M. (Reuben Marmaduke), 1802-1890.  
Seguín, Juan Nepomuceno, 1806-1890.

### Genres/Formats

Bank notes--Texas.  
Bank notes--United States.  
Bonds--Confederate States of America.  
Bonds--Texas.  
Coins.  
Fractional currency.  
Negotiable instruments--Texas.  
Paper money--Confederate States of America.  
Paper money--Texas.  
Paper money--United States.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Materials were donated by various individuals and gathered by staff at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library. The nucleus of the collection came as part of William E. Howard's donation to the Library. This is an artificial collection.

### Processing Information

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### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Paper money

Box	Folder	
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1		Republic of Texas, 1836-1845
		Currency, 1837-1840
	1	Printed note, "Star note," Act of 1837 June 9
	2	Engraved notes, 4 items, Act of 1837 June 9
	3	Engraved notes, change notes, 2 items, Act of 1837 December 14
	4	Engraved notes, "Redbacks," 11 items, Act of 1839 January 19
	5	Engraved notes, change notes, 3 items, Act of 1840 February 5
	6	Audited drafts/treasury warrants, 15 items, 1836-1845
		Geo. H. Bringhurst, 1844
		E. R. Ewing, 1836
		M. C. Hamilton, 1844

- John C. Hays, 1844  
S. L. Jones, 1845  
John Kirby, 1837  
M. P. Norton, 1845  
William Phelps, 1837  
R. A. Porter, 1836  
R. M. Potter, 1845  
Sam Ralph, 1844  
John N. Seguin, 1837  
James Shaw, 1842  
Daniel J. Toler, 1843  
Hiram D. Yates, 1836
- 7 Naval scrip, 3 items, 1841  
Archd. McPhee, 1841  
John Rurrie, 1841  
Geo. Stacy, 1841
- 8 Consolidated fund notes, 3 items, 1837  
Isaac McGary, 1837  
Thomas F. McKinney, 1837  
Charles D. Sayre, 1837
- State of Texas, 1861-circa 1879
- 9 Treasury warrants, 57 items, 1861-1865  
J. Abbott, 1862  
A. P. Blocker, 1863  
G. W. Breedlove, 1862  
J. M. Breedlove, 1862  
N. M. Burford, 1862  
R. D. Carr, 1862  
A. R. Crozier, 1862  
I. Q. Dashiell, 1862  
R. DeCordova, 1864  
G. H. Doran, 1862  
T. W. Dougherty, 1862  
H. Dulahanty, 1862  
I. P. Dumas, 1862  
B. G. Duval, 1862  
C. T. Freeman, 1865  
W. M. Gilleland, 1862  
J. R. and R. C. Goodman, 1862  
Hamilton Co., 1864

W. B. Hamilton, 1862  
H. A. Hamner, 1862  
W. N. Hardeman, 1862  
I. Harrell, 1862  
R. K. Hartley, 1862  
I. M. Hays, 1862  
J. W. Hutchins, 1862  
M. Kennedy, 1861  
I. C. Kerbey, 1862  
J. C. Kuchbury, 1862  
W. A. Kuykendall, 1862  
F. R. Lubbock, 3 items, 1862  
N. B. McDonald, 1862  
A. D. McGinnis, 1864  
Medina County, 1863  
J. A. Mitchell, 1862  
E. H. Moore, 3 items, 1862  
N. C. Raymond, 1865  
H. Redmond, 1862  
N. G. Shelley, 1862  
C. Shemme, 1862  
W. A. Smith, 1865  
R. A. Sneed, 1862  
J. M. Steiner, 1862  
W. C. Twitty, 1862  
J. Van Nostrand, 2 items, 1862 and 1864  
R. S. Walker, 1863  
[Unknown first name] West?, 1862  
Williamson Co., 1864  
H. Winkel, 1862  
J. R. Worrall, 3 items, 1862  
T. Wright, 1862

- 10 Bond coupons, 21 items, circa 1870-1879  
11 Texas city and county notes, 18 items, 1838-1865  
Austin, 2 items, circa 1840-1849  
Austin County, 1862  
Brazoria County, 1862  
Burleson County, 1862  
Grimes County, 1862  
Harrison County, 1862

- Houston, 2 items, 1865
- Limestone County, 2 items, 1862
- Nacogdoches County, 5 items, 1862
- San Felipe de Austin, 1838
- Walker County, 1862
- 12 Texas private notes, 15 items, 1840-circa 1869 and undated
  - Briscoe, Harris and Co., Harrisburg, undated
  - Kelsey H. Douglass, Nacogdoches, 10 items, 1840
  - Fannin House, Houston, circa 1860-1869
  - T. H. McMahan and Gilbert, Galveston, 2 items, 1862
  - Sour Lake Volcanic Springs Company, Houston, 1862
- Confederate States of America currency, 1861-1864
  - 13 13 items, 1861 September 2
  - 14-16 118 items, 1862 June 2
  - 17 33 items, 1862 December 2
  - 18 Interest-bearing notes, 9 items, 1862
  - 19 6 items, 1863 April 6
  - 20-21 91 items, 1864 February 17
  - 22 Non-Texas state and local currency, 21 items, 1861-1863
    - Alabama, 3 items, 1863
    - Georgia, 1863
    - Louisiana, 5 items, 1862-1863
    - Mississippi, 1862
    - North Carolina, 8 items, 1861-1863
    - Richmond, Virginia, 1862
    - Shreveport, Louisiana, 1862
    - Virginia, 1862

**Box Folder**

- 2 23 Non-Texas private currency, 20 items, 1852-1863 and undated
  - Adrian Insurance Company, Adrian, Michigan, undated
  - Alabama Insurance Co., Atlanta, Georgia, 1862
  - Augusta Insurance and Banking Company, Augusta, Georgia, 1852
  - Bank of Georgetown, Georgetown, South Carolina, 1856
  - Bank of Macomb County, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, 1858
  - Bank of Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, 1861
  - Bank of the State of South Carolina, 1863
  - Crescent City Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1862
  - Erie and Kalamazoo Rail Road Bank, Adrian, Michigan, 1853
  - Farmers' and Exchange Bank of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, 3 items, 1853-1854



		Florida Rail Road Company, 1861
		Mechanics Bank, Augusta, Georgia, 1856
		Mechanics' Savings and Loan Association, Savannah, Georgia, 1861
		Merchants and Planters Bank, Savannah, Georgia, 2 items, 1859
		Mississippi and Alabama Railroad Company, Brandon, Mississippi, 1857
		New Orleans and Texas Overland Mail Co./J. B. Price and Co., Franklin, Louisiana, 1862
		Perrin Bank, Rochester, New York, 1860
24		Colonial American currency, 7 items, 1773-1776
		Colony of New Jersey, 2 items, 1776
		Pennsylvania, 5 items, 1773-1776
		United States currency, 1776-1778 and 1862-1875
25		Revolutionary War period currency, 10 items, 1776-1778
26		Fractional and postage currency, 40 items, 1862-1875
27-30		Foreign currency, 164 items
30		Facsimiles, advertisements, parodies, etc., 20 items
		Oversize items

**Box Folder**

Oversize		Republic of Texas, 1840-1841
1		
		Treasury bonds: Charles De Morse, 2 items, 1840-1841
		Consolidated Fund stock: James Hodges, Sr. and Joseph W. Robertson, 1 item each, 1840
		Confederate States of America bonds, 5 items
		Non-Texas bonds: Arkansas, 1861
		Non-Texas private currency: Bank of Augusta, Augusta, Georgia, uncut and unsigned sheet of four notes, undated
Oversize		Foreign bonds, 2 items, 4 sheets
2		

**Coins**

**Box Folder**

2	32	United States coins, 3 items, 1868, 1921, and 1925
	33	Mexican coins, 4 items, 1835, 1866, and 1968
	34	Miscellaneous coins, various nations, 33 items
	35	Tokens and novelties, 9 items
		El Alamo Chico, wooden nickel

- Brock's Book Store, San Antonio, wooden nickel
- Moglia Family Groceries, San Antonio, token
- Venetian Tavern, San Antonio, token
- VIA, San Antonio, tokens, 2 items
- Windmill Country Store, San Antonio, wooden nickel
- Religious message, wooden nickels, 2 items
- 36 Medals, 5 items, 1994-2004
  - Texas Numismatic Association, 36th convention, 1994
  - Texas Numismatic Association, 37th convention, 2 items, 1995
  - Texas Numismatic Association, 43rd Convention, 2001
  - Texas Numismatic Association, 46th Convention, 2004