

The Altered \$10 Note of the Southern Bank of Bainbridge, Georgia

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The original Southern Bank note



Note altered to The Sussex Bank



Note altered to The Andover Bank

In the January, 1959, issue of *The Numismatist*, the late William Dillistin wrote an excellent article entitled "Altered Notes of the Southern Bank of Georgia at Bainbridge." This article contained a concise history of the Southern Bank and illustrations of its various notes, most of which were altered to the Sussex Bank of Newton, New Jersey. One of these was the ten dollar note of the Southern Bank accompanied by a description. Dillistin stated that no altered notes of that particular ten dollar bill could be found. The author suspected that the ten dollar note had been altered to the Sussex Bank of Newton, because in "Hodges Journal of Finance and Bank Note Reporter (New York)" under Sussex Bank - Newton, could be found the following quotation on altered bank notes: "10's altered - female in loose robes. Washington on right."

I am fortunate to have in my collection an original ten dollar note of the Southern Bank of Georgia, along with this same note to two different northern banks.

Dillistin's suspicion that the ten dollar Southern Bank note was altered to the Sussex Bank of Newton, New Jersey, was well founded, although he stated that he had never seen one. Illustrated here is the Southern Bank note in the ten dollar denomination altered to the Sussex Bank of Newton. The vignettes are the same; only names and location have been changed. The title "Southern Bank" has been changed to the "Sussex Bank"; "of Georgia" directly beneath the title of the Southern Bank has been neatly erased and "of Newton" has been substituted. The "State of Georgia" over the picture of the young girl carrying wheat has been changed in the altered note to the "State of New Jersey." To make the alteration complete, "Bainbridge" in the lower left side of the note has been changed to "Sussex Co." The

New African Notes

By Jerome H. Remick

The Republic of Uganda issued its first bank notes on August 15, 1966, in the 5, 10, 20, and 100 shillings denominations. The notes are of different color and design, but all are the same 80 mm. by 147 mm. size.

The 5 shilling note is blue. Its obverse side shows the coat of arms of Uganda. On the reverse is a large waterfall amid a gently undulating terrain. The 10 shilling note is brown and also shows the coat of arms on the obverse. The reverse shows natives picking cotton.

The coat of arms appears on the obverse of the 20 shilling purple. Its reverse depicts a grouping of two lions, three elephants, a zebra and a gazelle. The 100 shilling note is green. A very small representation of the coat of arms plus a large bird appear on the obverse side. On the reverse is an engraving of a modern building with the coat of arms superimposed on it.

All these notes are issued by the Bank of Uganda and signed by the governor and secretary. Each note has a watermark of an outstretched palm of a hand with the five fingers extended.

The Republic of Kenya issued its first currency notes on September 15, 1966, in the same denominations as

signatures were also changed. This note is not listed in Wismer, and since Dillistin did not know whether such a note actually existed, I feel it is fairly rare.

Neither Dillistin nor the bank note reporters made mention of the fact that this note was also altered on the Andover Bank of Andover, Massachusetts. In this note, "The Southern Bank" has been changed to "The Andover Bank." Note that the "The" has not been changed. The "State of Georgia" over the vignette on the right has been changed to "Massachusetts." "Of Georgia" beneath "The Southern Bank" has been eliminated entirely. One can see the white erasure mark over the letter "E" in the word "TEN." This is very evident on the altered note, and it shows up well on the photograph also. The word "Andover" has replaced the word "Bainbridge" in the left portion of the note. This note is not listed in Wismer's list of notes of Massachusetts banks.

The Southern Bank of Bainbridge was one bank whose notes were altered quite frequently to other banks who were more prosperous and much more solvent, as evidenced by this one particular note which had not been known previously. This tends to prove that the ten dollar note of the Southern Bank of Bainbridge was altered not only to one bank, but to at least two.

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Uganda. Tanzania issued its initial notes of 5, 10, 20 and 100 shillings on June 14, 1966. Tanzania includes Zanzibar and Tanganyika. Thus all four former members of the East African Currency Board (Uganda, Kenya, Zanzibar and Tanganyika) now have their own bank notes. The bank notes of the East African Currency Board will become obsolete.

Readers desiring crisp, uncirculated notes of Tanzania, Uganda or Kenya should write to Mr. Joseph Carvalho, Currency Office, Box 55, Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Mr. Carvalho makes a very small service charge and is very prompt with shipments. In sending checks to Africa, it is recommended that letters be registered, as there is still some pilfering of the mails.

It's in the Books

By Earl Hughes

QUESTION: Approximately what would my proof obsolete state bank note be worth if I should decide to sell?

ANSWER: Nine years ago eight proof notes sold at an average of \$22.50, while the ninth note, a \$1,000 Bank of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa., proof sold for \$110. *Unreserved Auction Sale James, Inc.*, Mar. 27, 1956