

ABOUT TEXAS MOSTLY



S. Louis Moore

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The note illustrated is a \$10 Third Charter Plain Back national bank note signed by S.L. Moore as assistant cashier. The bank was chartered on April 22, 1902 with charter number 6224 and then voluntarily liquidated on March 15, 1927. The total amount of issued notes was \$201,050 and the amount out at close was \$12,195. The First National Bank of Commerce, charter number 4021, assumed the Planters and Merchants circulation. The P&M issued \$10 and \$20 notes in the following Third Charter types—Red Seals, Date Backs, Plain Backs with the 1902 charter date and also Plain Backs with the 1922 re-chartered date making this last type a so-called "Fourth Charter" note.



D ID anybody in your coin club sign national bank notes as an officer of a national bank? Well, one member of the Dallas Coin Club did. He was S. Louis Moore, Dallas Coin Club member 302. Below is what I learned about him with the help of his son, Louis Moore, Jr., who I thank immensely.

S.L. Moore was born in 1888 and lived in Commerce, Texas most of his life. He worked at The Planters and Merchants National Bank of Commerce, Texas from 1908 to 1924. He was an assistant cashier of the bank from 1910 to 1915 before being promoted to cashier. In 1924 he entered business for himself and through the years was a professional in the fields of insurance, real estate and retail.

Mr. Moore was a numismatist going back to his banking days. He joined the American Numismatic Association in 1921 with membership number 2221. He would take his son on numismatic visits to B. Max Mehl in Ft. Worth and William A. Philpott. His numismatic interests included U.S. gold coins and he talked on the subject several times before the Dallas Coin Club. He served the club in several capacities, most notably as a member of the Hotel and Convention Space Committee for the 1953 American Numismatic Association convention held in Dallas at the Baker Hotel. He also served as the club's president in 1960. The year 1960 is important in Dallas Coin Club history because in that year the club had 100,900 fine silver medals struck to commemorate the club's 32nd anniversary.

Mr. Moore collected for over 60 years and owned a wide range of coins, including many early gold coins, pioneer gold, early proof coins, currency and Mexican coins. He passed away in 1964.

As a collector of North Texas national bank notes and Dallas Coin Club memorabilia, as well as serving the Dallas Coin Club in several capacities throughout the years, I was happy to combine all of these interests into one article.

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