

ABOUT NATIONALS MOSTLY

BY FRANK CLARK

John J. Rowe -- National Bank President, Paper Money Collector

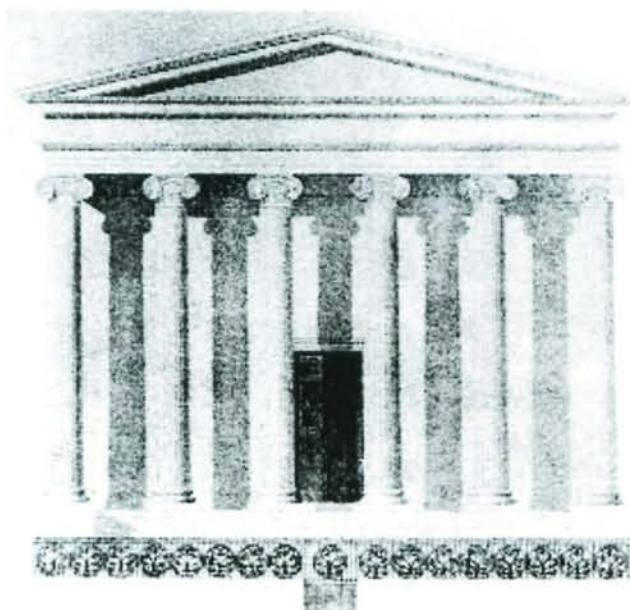
NO, THIS ARTICLE IS NOT about the paper money dealer with the same name, but a different middle initial. John J. Rowe was president of the First National Bank of Cincinnati, charter #24, during the Series 1929 era. He succeeded his father, W.S. Rowe, as president of the bank.

Pictured is a Type 1 \$10 with John J. Rowe's lithographed signature. Later John J. Rowe would become the president of the Fifth-Third Union Trust Company of Cincinnati. He also was a curator of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Cincinnati.



In July 1948 he published in their bulletin an article entitled, "Early Money and Banks in Cincinnati Pre-Civil War." It is mentioned that the examples pictured are from his extensive collection.

Eleven note issuing entities are discussed along with the monetary conditions of the time. A copy of this volume resides within the SPMC library. ♦



Architect's elevation shows Eagle Bank face

Dear Fred,

With reference to page 155 in the March/April 2006 *Paper Money* issue, the vignette on the New Haven Eagle Bank currency is a design by Ithiel Town (a well-known classical revival architect) and two proposed buildings for the bank. It was to be a six pillar building at the corner of Church and Chapel streets. The bank failed in 1825 before it could be constructed. The notes I am discussing were printed by N. & S.S. Jocelyn of New Haven. Ithiel Town's front elevation drawing of the six column Eagle Bank is in the archives of the New Haven Colony Historical Society, 114 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, CT 06510.

Sincerely, Richard Hegel

Municipal Historian for the City of New Haven ♦



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