



LIBERTY SEATED EXONUMIA

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“Exonumia” are numismatic items other than coins and currency. Shown are a few tokens made in the ‘Hard Times,’ whenever coins became scarce after 1837, as well as some items improvised in camps during the Civil War employ elements of the ‘Liberty Seated design’ to give a sense of kinship with the value/worth of genuine Federal money. Coin substitutes include gambling hall counters and poker chips, business/trade tokens, sutler tokens, political campaign pieces, and patriotic/military Items. I toss in counterfeit coins, as well as counter stamped, engraved, and ‘repurposed’ coins, when given new functions besides ‘spendable money,’ such as items of personal identification, affiliation, or “love tokens” into the widening bucket of collectible exonumia. Here are some great examples.



Love Token for “J.C.” of Decatur Ind(iana) neatly incorporates the eagle from an 1857 Seated Liberty Quarter



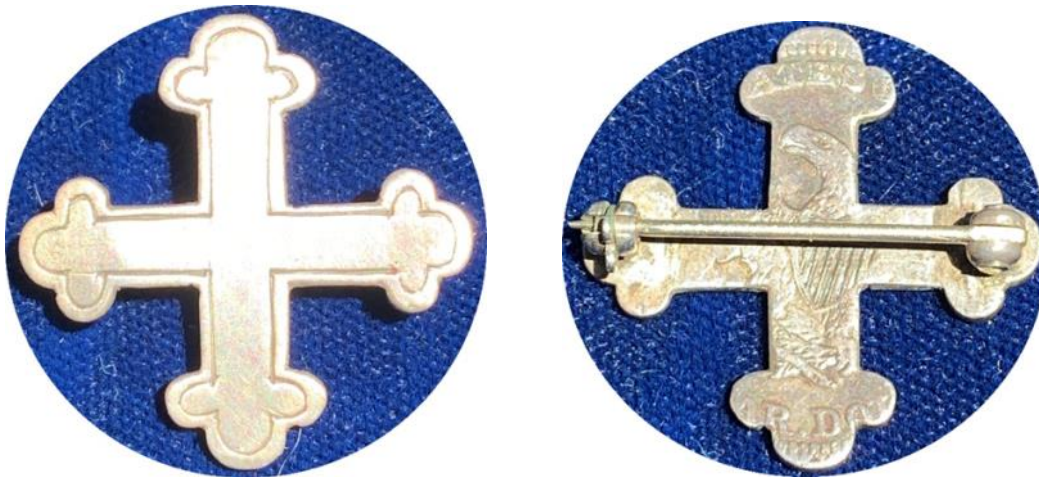
“Vaux Hall” Tavern imitation half dime of Benjamin Jury (Proprietor from 1848 – 1850) in German silver, a merchant token from Baltimore, Maryland



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Civil War Union, Army of the Potomac, 2nd Corps, 1st Division Trefoil "Club" Corps Badge with red diamond insert on Seated Liberty Quarter host. Army corps badges were used by Union forces in the Civil War from 1862 – 1865 after a mishap at the Battle of Fair Oaks, when in the confusion of battle, command could not tell which troops were friendlies. The 2nd Corps fought in battles at Seven Pines, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and Bristow Station. This badge may have been created after some elements of the 3rd Corps (Diamond) were reassigned into the 2nd Corps after losses mounted later in the war.



Civil War Confederate, Maryland "Botonee" Cross on Seated Liberty Quarter host. These ID pins were made for the 'Old Line State' as an unofficial symbol / badge and worn by Maryland's officers and soldiers including the 1st Maryland Cavalry and 1st Maryland Infantry that sided with the Confederates. The Botonee Cross (French for 'Button' Cross) comes from the British heraldry of the Crossland family crest, ancestors of the first Lord Baltimore (George Calvert) later used on the Maryland State flag.

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Well worn, personal identification tag on 1842 Seated Liberty Dime inscribed on the reverse for “Hosea E. Bartlett of Littleton, NH” who was born on May 2, 1844. He married Helen Smith who passed, and later married Carrie Blakely. They lived in St. Jolmsbury, Vermont.



“T. Bailey” counter stamps on obverse and reverse of an 1853-O Arrows & Rays Seated Liberty Quarter host (purpose uncertain)



Gothic ‘C’ “Love Token” pin made from an 1862 Seated Liberty Quarter host

Consider expanding your collection to include Liberty Seated exnumia!

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