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John Wilkinson ephemera on eBay!

See *Provenance* story inside.

2012 Ballot included – Please vote

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New members

Donald Butler
Bruce Smith
Tom Corey

Saline, MI
Bellefontaine, OH
Charleroi, PA

President's Message

This is the last president's message for my term as president of the Conder Tokens Collectors Club. It seems like it has lasted forever, yet indeed the time did indeed go by. I wish I could say it was always fun. I can certainly say it has been interesting.

Our journal started out with a bang this year as did the withdrawal of Jerry Bobbe as journal editor after only a few issues. I for one was greatly saddened by the whole episode. The sadness was replaced with thanks as our new editor Dick Doty took over the thankless task of editing the journal. The entire team including Jon Lusk, and Gary Sriro have done a fantastic job to make sure the journal has gone to the membership; thank you very much gentlemen.

You are receiving in this issue a group of fine folk who are willing to run for office this term and I for one thank all of them for stepping up. Please return your ballot as soon as you can. There is a lot of work ahead. Our by-laws need some revision, we of course have a need for articles or other bits for the journal. Our contributors have done yeoman work to keep the editor supplied with material to edit. If you would like to volunteer in the future I'm sure our new president will welcome it.

I thank all of those who helped me these past few years and look forward to having some time to look at my tokens as well as the other areas of numismatics I enjoy. Have a great New Year. Remember, this is my hobby, I do it for fun.

Larry

A Preliminary Estimate
of
The Production of Eighteenth-Century Trade Tokens
of the United Kingdom
Based on Tonnage Figures in Pye, Waters, Bell, &c.
To which are added the precise figures for the productions
of the
SOHO MINT
Discovered by R. G. Doty, March-May 1993
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Base: Approximately 5,150 halfpennies of average weight equaled one hundredweight (cwt) of copper. **Unless the general consensus is that an issue was predominantly intended for trade or another legitimate purpose, it will not be listed. This may land me in trouble with traditionalists, but it seems to me that if a round piece of metal doesn't explicitly or implicitly promise redemption by someone somewhere, it's a medalet, jeton, or advertisement – but not a piece of money. Anyone's welcome to add his two cents –er, tuppence: I haven't worked this material over in many years, and there's much I've forgotten or never knew, but that you know.**

ENGLAND

BEDFORDSHIRE

D&H 3 – Leighton Buzzard, one ton (= 20 cwt) 1/2d 103,000

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

D&H 3 – Aylesbury 1/2d [no mintage figures found; unlikely to have been over] 5,150

D&H 20 – Chesham 1/2d 10,300

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

D&H 12 – County 1/2d 103,000

D&H 36-38 – County 1/4d 61,000

CHESHIRE

D&H 5-6 – Chester, Roe 1/2d 15,500

D&H 7 – Macclesfield, Roe – Type 1 1/2d 25,750

D&H 9-15 – Macclesfield, Roe – Type 2 1/2d 103,000

D&H 16-57 – Macclesfield, Roe – Type 3 1/2d 1,030,000

Who issued the Yarmouth tokens?
D&H Norfolk 53 and 54

By Jon D. Lusk



Obverse lettering:

UNDIQUAQUE COLLIGITUR Ex: 1796 (The Latin phrase only appears on D&H 54.)

Reverse lettering:

BOULTER'S EXHIBITION OF NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL CURIOSITIES Ex: YARMOUTH

Edge lettering:

PUBLISHED BY JO^S DAN^L & JN^O BOULTER • • * •

“My project”, pursuing information on the issuers of provincial 18th century tokens, has presented me with many puzzles. A case in point is the title of this article, *Who issued the Yarmouth tokens?* My starting point for research is always looking at what previous authors have had to say about a token, in this case the D&H 53 and 54 tokens from Yarmouth. I have found three authors that deal with these tokens and their issuers. Chronologically they are:

SAMUEL¹ seems to indicate that it's two people, J. D. and J. Boulter, presumably this is meant to be J. D. Boulter and J. Boulter.

BELL² postulates that it's two people as well, but with different last names. Joseph Daniel and John Boulter

BROOKE³ makes a case for three people, all with the last name of Boulter and first names of Joseph, Daniel, and John.

Each author has a different opinion on how to interpret the edge inscription. Brooke's in depth analysis and his finding of documents, contemporary with the token issuing, suggests he has the correct view of interpreting the edge and that there are three issuers of the token. Brooke's article gives the roles played by each and the relationships between them as:

1. Dr. Daniel Boulter, founder and developer of Boulter's Museum, first opened in 1778. By 1797 it had expanded to three rooms. In 1794, for health reasons, he transferred the museum to his nephew John.
2. Joseph Boulter, brother of Daniel.
3. John Boulter, nephew of Daniel, a goldsmith and jeweler, and apparently the manager of the museum until it closed in 1802.

My task of finding the issuers of the token seems almost done here. Just one loose end to tidy up: “Who was John's parent that made him the nephew of Daniel?” Resolve this and I can move on to the next item on my *To Solve* list.

Who was Isaac Wood?
&
Why do I think he was instrumental in issuing the Salop Woollen Manufactory token,
Shropshire D&H 19-22?

By Jon D. Lusk



Obverse: SHREWSBURY 1793 HALFPENNY
Reverse: SALOP WOOLLEN MANUFACTORY
Edge: PAYABLE AT SHREWSBURY + +

For those readers that are not fully up on county designations, Salop is an alternative, and more archaic, name for Shropshire, and Shrewsbury is the county town.

First, a review of what other authors have had to say about these tokens:

Samuel¹ – Thinks that it might be a woollen mill 5 miles from Shrewsbury at the Isle.

Bell² – Repeats what Samuel says.

Dykes³ – Says the Salop Woollen Manufactory appears to have been a flannel mill operated by the firm of Cook and Mason at the Isle on the Severn just upstream from Shrewsbury.

Preston-Morley⁴ – Builds on the article by Dykes by expanding the people involved to White Cooke, Sons and Mason.

¹ Samuel, *The Bazaar, Exchange and Mart, and Journal of the Household* – (1880-1889) republished in book form Davissons, Ltd., (1994)

² Bell, R. C., *Commercial Coins* – (1963) Corbitt & Hunter Ltd., Newcastle upon Tyne

³ Dykes, Dr. David – (1999) *John Gregory Hancock and the Westwood Brothers: An Eighteenth-Century Token Consortium*, *British Numismatic Journal*, pp. 173-186

⁴ Peter Preston-Morley, – (2011) *18th Century British Trade Tokens Auction T10*, 5 October 2011, Appendix, item 719.