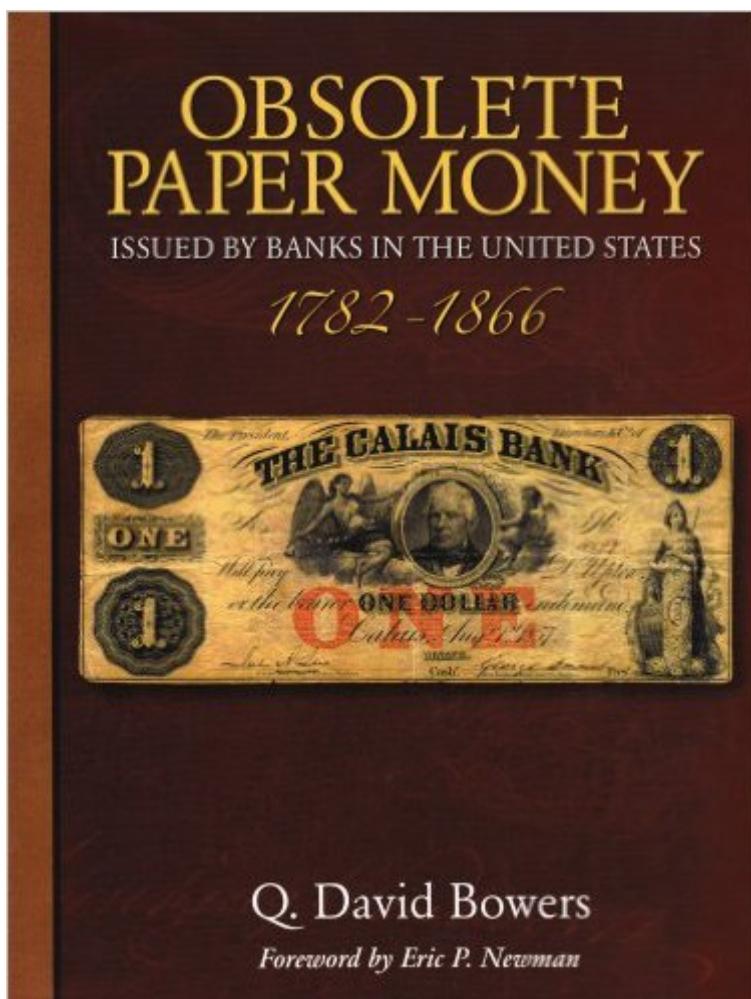


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# Obsolete Paper Money: Issued By Banks In The United States 1782-1866: A Study And Appreciation For The Numismatist And Historian



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Award-winning author and historian Q. David Bowers explores the fascinating world of "obsolete currency" - the colorful, ornate paper money that first circulated in the 13 colonies and served American commerce up through the Civil War. Hardcover, Illustrated; 616 Pages. by Q. David Bowers, Foreword by Eric P. Newman

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most expertise. I liked the book.

Dave Bowers is perhaps the greatest living author about coins and banknotes. This is well worth the money and is a great read. Most Americans are not familiar with the money that was actually used by our forbearers. It was much more beautiful in appearance than the dull dead presidents we have today. Mr. Bowers is also doing the Whitman Encyclopedia of Obsolete Paper Money. He has written five volumes so far. These are lavishly illustrated and also worth the money and the read.

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This will be the authority on broken bank notes and obsolete currency for years to come. Mr. Bowers is no doubt one of the very few individuals in the world that could bring all this material together and make an extremely readable and much needed volume available to numismatists and students of economic history.

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