

# OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, INC.

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JUST ANOTHER REMINDER - - - DO NOT touch or take anyone's coins without permission. When you do pick up a coin, be careful how you handle it. Poor handling of coins can lower grades of very nice coins. BREATHING on Proof coins can often have an affect on coins.

You live and attend school in New Jersey so you should know a little bit about New Jersey coins. Yes there is a great history of New Jersey coinage. A New Jersey Colonial coin is nice to have in one's coin collection. However, they are not inexpensive. You may be able to buy a fair graded one for forty to fifty dollars.

Here is your monthly article and quiz:

On October 19, 1781, the Revolutionary War ended. The BRITISH ARMY SURRENDERED at Yorktown and the fighting was over--but the United States, as we know it today, was still more than six years away. During the years between the end of the Revolution and George Washington's inauguration as our first President, America was governed under "Articles of Confederation" that were not very effective. Adding to the general problems, some STATES BEGAN ISSUING THEIR OWN MONEY. It was profitable, and nothing in the Articles prevented states from putting out their own coins.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WAS THE FIRST, authorizing 100 pounds of PURE COPPER to be made into coins. They were EQUAL TO THE ENGLISH HALF PENNY and it took 108 of them to make just ONE SPANISH DOLLAR. Not many of these New Hampshire coins are still around today although one sold in 1980 for \$13,000. The coin was dated 1776.

In CONNECTICUT, a convicted counterfeiter made the dies for that state's coins. They are more available today, and cheaper, than those that were produced by New Hampshire. You can purchase these colonial coins for as little as \$40.

The most common state coins were issued by NEW JERSEY. Three million of these copper coins were produced--and they were the first to feature the motto "E PLURIBUS UNUM" which U.S. coins later adopted. Authority was granted by the New Jersey Colonial legislature for three individuals to produce the coins by June 1788. Coins were produced in Morristown and Rahway, New Jersey although some of the coins were minted in New York state. The New Jersey coins reflect a HORSE'S HEAD WITH A PLOW and the legend "NOVA CAESAREA (New Jersey). The reverse has a United States SHIELD and the legend E PLURIBUS UNUM (One composed of many). In 1787, "CAMEL HEAD" & SERPENT HEAD varieties were produced. There are only three dates of the Colonial New Jersey Coppers. They are 1786, 1787 and 1788, however, there are many, many varieties to collect.

In addition to New Hampshire, Connecticut and New Jersey, the states of Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont also issued colonial coppers during this time period. Some of these coins may have been in the pockets of George Washington, John Adams or Thomas Jefferson. MASSACHUSETTS WAS THE FIRST STATE to refer their Colonial coins as "cents."

(continued on reverse)

**FOUNDED IN 1970 AT LAKEHURST, NJ**

**National Coin Week Show/Exhibit in April --- Annual Show/Exhibit in September**

If you find yourself further interested in COPPER COINS, then you may be interested in finding out more about the Early American Coppers (EAC) club and/or the Colonial Copper Collectors Club (C4). They have meetings at the A.N.A. Convention as well as other regional and state Coin Shows.

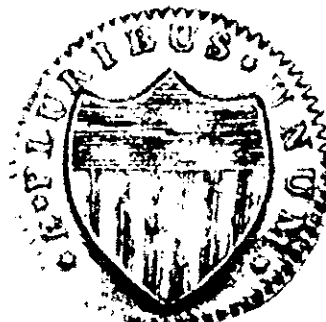
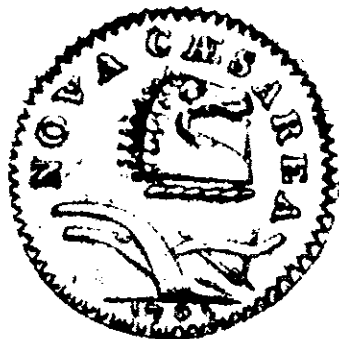
HERE IS YOUR QUIZ FOR FREE COINS - Match the answer in Column "B" to the statement in Column "A" -

<u>ANSWER</u>	<u>COLUMN A</u>	<u>COLUMN B</u>
----	(1) Massachusetts coppers	(A) Surrendered at Yorktown
----	(2) NJ reverse of 1786 copper	(B) Out of many, one
----	(3) NJ towns colonial coins were produced	(C) Made dies for Connecticut
----	(4) British Army	(D) 1st state to issue own coins
----	(5) NJ obverse of 1786 copper	(E) Most common State coins
----	(6) New Hampshire	(F) Horse Head with plow
----	(7) NJ coppers were dated	(G) Morristown & Rahway
----	(8) Convicted Counterfeiter	(H) U.S. Shield & E Pluribus Unum
----	(9) NJ State coins	(I) 1786, 1787, 1788
----	(10) E Pluribus Unum	(J) 1st state to call coins cents

FOR A BONUS COIN: Why do you think States began issuing their own money?

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 (date) (name - please print) (age)



*New Jersey struck nearly 3,000,000 coppers, all with the motto "E PLURIBUS UNUM" (Out of many, one).*