



**Exonomia – Numismatic
Fringe Revisited**

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Also of note, this presentation, as well as my cataloguing of exonomia, would not have been possible without the significant contributions over many many years from other collectors with similar interests to mine. Many of these Exonumists will be attending this RCNA Convention.

Among the most significant contributions were from Alf Wrigley*, Al Munro, Elmer Lupul, James Williston, John Humphrey, Len Buth, Tim Saunders, as well as many others too numerous to list.

I am currently a member of the:

- RCNA - Royal Canadian Numismatic Association
- CNS - Calgary Numismatic Society (Honorary Life Member)
- ENS - Edmonton Numismatic Society
- CATC - Canadian Association of Token Collectors
- CAWMC - Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors
- FCNRS - Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society

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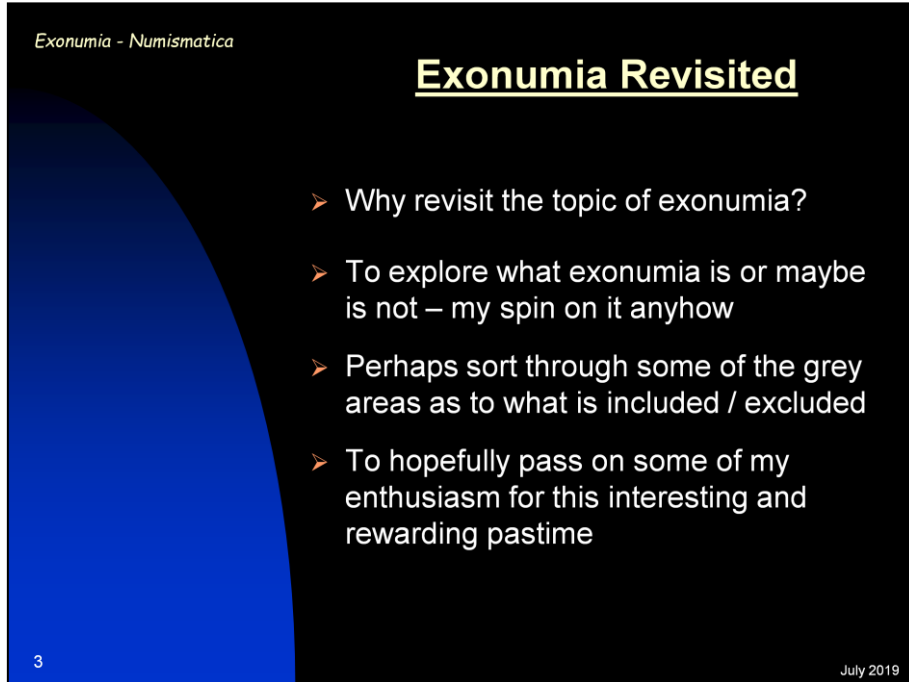
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- Who collects exonomia? Who doesn't?
- A look at a few definitions
- Why is it fun to collect exonomia?
- Possible categories of exonomia
- Publications and websites of interest
- Summary - questions – comments

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- o Why revisit the topic of exonomia?
- o Who collects exonomia? Who doesn't?
- o A look at a few definitions.
- o Why it is so much fun to catalogue, research and collect this stuff?
- o Some of the possible categories of exonomia and numismatic fringe items.
- o A few publications and websites of interest.
- o A Summary, Questions? Comments? 'The feedback booth' .



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Exonomia Revisited

- Why revisit the topic of exonomia?
- To explore what exonomia is or maybe is not – my spin on it anyhow
- Perhaps sort through some of the grey areas as to what is included / excluded
- To hopefully pass on some of my enthusiasm for this interesting and rewarding pastime

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Why revisit the topic of exonomia?

The purpose of this presentation is to basically explore what exonomia maybe is, maybe is not and to hopefully sort through some of the grey areas as to what to include or exclude as exonomia. Well, at least my personal spin as to how I see it. I would also hopefully pass on some of what I have learned about the topic and to convey my thoughts and enthusiasm on why I think these various items are so much fun to catalogue, research and collect. I am hoping this will prompt others to seek out the many experts to learn more. Given that this is the start of the 2019 RCNA Annual Convention you do not have to look very far to find many of the current exonomia experts.

Exonomia is a topic where each individual collector will decide, based on their collecting experiences and preferences, what fits where in the categories of exonomia and what they believe does not belong. There is no right or wrong answer as long as it is not taken so seriously that it spoils the collecting, researching and cataloguing experience.

One of the best starting places for anyone who wishes to find out more about exonomia, as well as many other numismatic related topics, is by purchasing the Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Courses (Part I & II) which contain many excellent well written sections.

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Who Collects Exonomia?

- I would bet that most Numismatists attending the 2019 RCNA Convention have exonomia related items in their collections
- Are there any Numismatists in the room who do not have any exonomia related items somewhere in their collections?
- Collectors – Accumulators – Hoarders!

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Who collects exonomia?

It would probably be a much shorter list if the question was who does not collect exonomia. I would bet that most Numismatist attending the 2019 RCNA Convention have exonomia related items in their collections.

And many of those collectors will have a well researched and prized collection(s) of exonomia related pieces.

Are there any Numismatists in the room who do not have any exonomia related items somewhere in their collections, accumulations or hoards?

NOTE: *Collectors* – gather, organize and study; *Accumulators* - hunt and share;
Hoarders – collect, accumulate and keep everythingsomewhere.

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A Few Definitions

- Numismatics
- Exonomia
- Paranumismatica
- Numismatic Collateral
- Numismatic Fringe
- Back-of-the-Book
- So-Called Dollars

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A look at some of the more common definitions:

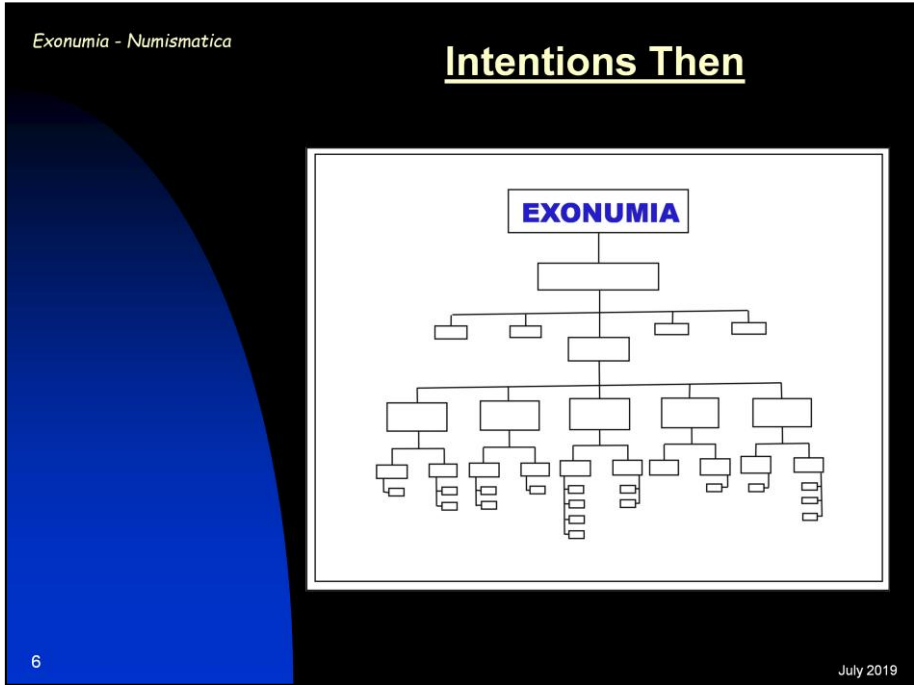
Exonomia, numismatica, paranumismatics, numismatic collateral, numismatic fringe, back-of-the-book, so-called-dollars, etc.. What are the most likely definitions, keeping in mind that there have been many articles and various definitions and variations written in many publications and given at presentations over the past fifty plus years.

- o *Numismatics* - The study or collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money and related objects.

To ensure all numismatic related topics were included *Numismatica Canada* was the title chosen for the combined publication of the Canadian Association of Token Collectors and the Canadian Numismatic Research Society starting with the first issue in January 2002.

- o *Exonomia* (ek-suh-noo-mia / eg'zanumia)- In the words of Russell Rulau of Sidney, Ohio 'San Diego is the birthplace of the word Exonomist. As a San Diegan, I contrived this word from two classical roots - "exo" meaning out of, or away from and "nummis" a coin. It was my intention to provide a single term, **possessing dignity**, to describe a collector of tokens, medals, scrip, and other numismatic items "out of the" mainstream of coins.' (October 1960). Exonomia was included in Webster's Dictionary in 1965.

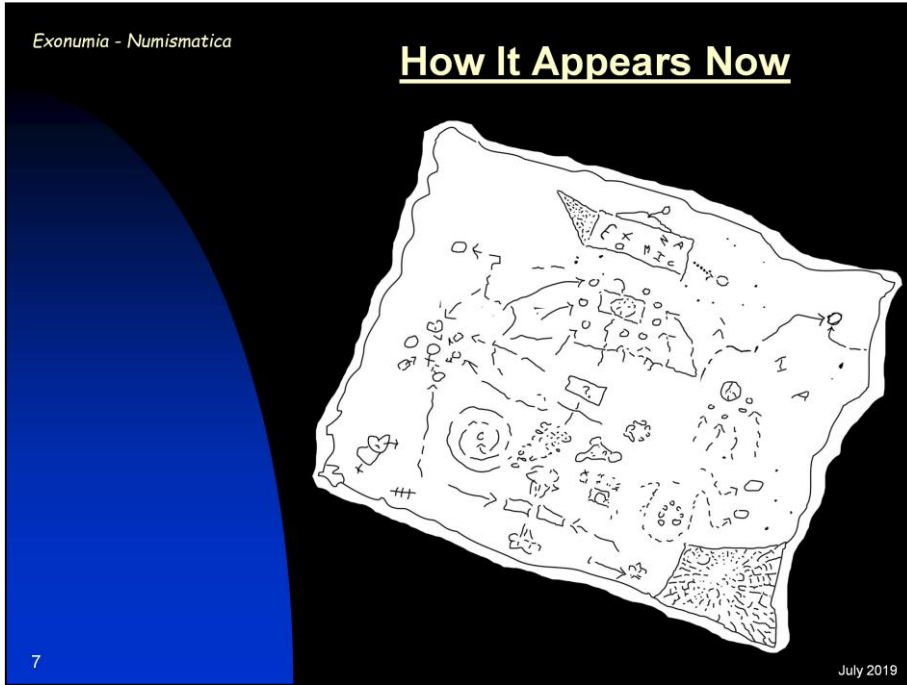
- A Dictionary of Canadian Numismatics - by R.C. Wiley - CN Journal 1988
‘Unfortunately the word is already being applied too loosely.’
 - Exonomia and Related Items - by Marvin Kay – CNA Correspondence Course 2005 – ‘Exonomia is a fabricated word invented by numismatists to describe any and all items that resemble money but are not specifically coins, medals, banknotes or tokens.’
 - o *Paranumismatica* - Equivalent British term for exonomia.
 - o *Numismatic Collateral* - used by Lewis Tauber in his writings in Canadian Coin News (-2014-) .
 - o *Numismatic Fringe* - used by Jeff Fournier in his writings in Canadian Coin News March 2016 - present).
 - o *Back-Of-The Book* - term used by a local collector when requesting to see tokens, woods, etc. found in “Dealers Junk Box” - **No** - not to Exonomists anyhow.
 - o *So-Called Dollars* - Jeff Shelvin “U.S. medals approximately the size of a US silver dollar that were struck to commemorate a historical event (1800-1960’s)”.
- From the Hibler and Kappen *So-Called Dollars* 2nd Edition book they define them as “This present work is restricted to medals of an exposition, commemorative, monetary and kindred nature. ...From the beginning, however, it was necessary to establish the following specific limitations in order to contain our efforts within a manageable perimeter.
1. United States only;
 2. Minimum diameter - Size 21 (1-5/16 inch or 33 mm);
 3. Maximum diameter - Size 28 (1-3/4 inch or 45 mm); but silver Bryan dollars are listed;
 4. No holed or looped material unless struck plain also. Our No’s 1 to HK-3 are the sole exceptions;
 5. No plastic, fiber or similar material unless issued also in one or more metals;
 6. No school, college or athletic medals: no coin club or U.S. Armed Forces medals;
 7. No calendar or store cards; no trade tokens or emergency money.
- Visit the *so-calleddollars.com* website to view what is generally included.
 - o If all of these definitions are overused, meaning including more than what was originally intended, does it really matter? Try to keep it simple when explaining to non-numismatists or Exonomists or as Jeff Fournier pointed out “Sometimes a coin is just a coin.”



Intentions Then

This is probably what the authors and creators of these various terms envisioned. Everything being in nicely organized categories with sub-categories as needed.

Maybe defined to fit a specific need of a specific group of collectors.



How It Appears Now

This is likely what the authors or creators of the various definitions would see as to how things look in today's world. Especially with the introduction of the Internet and the various websites where individuals can just randomly chose whatever buzz words they picked up. A prime example of this of course would be eBay.

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Why Is It Fun Collecting Exonomia

- Started with little or no cost
- No end to the variety
- Not replaced by digital currency
- Collect by theme
- Raises lots of research ideas
- Interaction with like minded collectors
- Great opportunity to learn & teach

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Why it is so much fun to collect, research and catalogue this stuff?

- o Collections can be started with little or no cost;
- o A few of the items, i.e. HBC and I.G. Baker & Co. tokens can be very expensive;
- o There is no end to what has been issued or will continue to be issued;
- o Most will not be replaced by digital currency (unable to hold in your hand);
- o Easily collected by theme - i.e. trains, planes and automobiles, Canadian Tire, Canada100/150, Numismatic Convention medals, etc.
- o Not regulated by Government – i.e. not issued as legal tender;
- o Condition is generally not as important as coins and paper money;
- o Generally “Not stuffy and boring” JF;
- o Raises lots of questions leading to research and maybe even cataloguing;
- o Various exonomia and other collectibles come and go in cycles - document the cycles;
- o Interaction with other similar minded collectors - being helped and helping others;
- o May help draw out closet collectors;
- o Great opportunity to learn as well as teach.

My hat is off to the many writers and presenters who have over many years added immensely to my enjoyment of being an Exonomist.



Possible Categories Of Exonomia: - numismatic fringe items - and the opening of Pandora’s Box. The lines between the various categories can be fuzzy at the best of times:

Altered Money

- Elongated - Flattened - Squished coins
- Countermarked, counter-stamped, engraved coins and Pre-Confederation tokens
- Encased coins - tokens
- Love Tokens
- Hobo Nickels / Trench Art
- Coins made into jewellery / tools
- Shredded bills (macerated)
- Put-A-Penny (only slightly altered)

Tokens - Good For’s

- Not all marked as good for’s
- Could include some encased, woods, spinners, CT Money, others

Woods

- Many issued by the CAWMC members
- many are tokens because they are “good for’s”
- a very few also have encased coins or are spinners, or both

Medals

- Medallions
- Medallions
- Medalets
- Personalized Medallions

Newer entries into exonomia

- Challenge Coins (not new but a resurgence taking place)
- Geocoins - Pathtags
- Shopping Cart Tokens
- Bit-Coins - digital currency

Decision Makers - Spinners

- Mostly for advertizing
- Some are tokens?
- Branches outside of Exonomia - spinner bottle openers
(visit www.just-for-openers.org)

Others

- Golf ball markers
- Tags - Mining, Tool Checks, Animal Control, Other
- Leather Coasters (fur) - does include tokens
- Trade Dollars - Municipal Trade Tokens
- So Called Dollars - Certain USA Medals
- Jacoby Gold Jewellery Pieces and other
- Mark Pennies - RBP Pennies - others
- Keychains - sometimes if commemorative or even tokens
- Casino chips – tokens
- Etc, etc, etc...

Ephemera - Exographica - Notaphily - Scripophily

- Paper or cardboard tokens
- Canadian Tire Coupons (also issued tokens and medallions)
- Scrip
- Cheques
- Money Orders
- Obsolete paper money
- Lottery Tickets
- Stock Certificates
- Coupons and receipts of all descriptions
- Financial Money Transfer Documents
- Post Cards with coin images
- Business Cards
- Encased postage stamps
- etc, etc....

Sometimes Included / Excluded:

- Coins (except altered coins)
- Some paper and cardboard items
- Royal Canadian Mint Products?
- Credit Cards
- Gift Cards
- Telephone Cards
- Photocopy Access Cards
- Discount Cards - Coupons
- Pins - Pinback Buttons (except maybe coin themed ones)
- Mirrors (encased coins exceptions)
- Chauffeur and other badges
- Buttons
- Watch Fobs
- Ribbons
- Matchbook covers (a great collection of Yukon known)
- Bottle Caps
- Chocolate coins
- etc...

Notice the trend - includes except, does not include except.

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Altered Money

- Squished – Flattened - Elongated
- Counter-stamped - Engraved
- Encased Coins - Tokens
- Love Tokens
- Hobo Nickels - Trench Art
- Coin Jewellery
- Shredded – Mutilated Bills

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Altered Money

Squished – Flattened - Elongated

- elongated pennies most common
- flattened – who has not put pennies on the train tracks

Counter-stamped - Engraved

- engraved, marked coins and pre-confederation tokens

Encased Coins - Tokens

- tokens (in aluminum, brass, Lucite or other)
- due to process these coins are damaged
- some are also tokens
- some are spinners

Put-A-Penny

- not true altered money since the penny can be removed undamaged
- can be considered as coins and tokens

Love Tokens

- some plain
- many very elaborate with intertwining letters
- some with scenes

Hobo Nickels – Trench Art

- as the name implies done by hobos for selling
- many modern ones being produced

Coin Jewellery

- includes coins and early tokens
- silver coins made into rings - Edward V 25¢ 22 mm size 6 (my little finger) (James sometimes wears a newly created one)
- not those found in bezels which can often be removed undamaged
- often jewellery pieces are removed to sell as gold pieces (Jacoby)

Shredded Bills (macerated)

- often referred to as macerated money
- mostly available in bags with the stated value indicated
- some are found in Lucite and also made into jewellery
- mine is neatly folded and though not destroyed I have no intention of unfolding it
(16 mm)



Altered Money – Squished / Flattened / Elongated Coins

- o Most are one cent coins with many being American because that is what worked best in the machines that were manufactured in the U.S.
- o Newer machines usually use copper or clad blanks with some now also using aluminum blanks.
- o Some ten and twenty five cent examples as well as a few tokens.
 - Calgary Zoo copper clad cent
 - Atlas Coal Mine (near Drumheller, AB) aluminum
 - Calgary Stampede clad 1965 U.S. ten cents
 - Calgary Stampede clad 1980 U.S. twenty-five cents



Altered Money – Counter-stamped / Engraved

- o There are many examples of engraved, counter-stamped and marked pre-confederation tokens and coins
- o Many pre-confederation tokens were counter-stamped by local merchants due to a lack of circulating currency
- o Not as many counter-stamped coins but a good example is the J.O.P. Silver Dollars.
- o There are many cross-over counter-stamped such as tokens, encased coins.
- o Currently an eBay seller includes counter-stamped transportation tokens.
- Victoria Nobis Est. halfpenny token stamped 'P.*D' possibly used by Peter Devlin a silversmith in Montreal circa 1842 (Breton 720 – L-49A)
- 1857 Bank of Upper Canada one half-penny token counter-stamped 'T.H. Robinson Druggist Orillia' (Breton 720 – PC-5D)
- 1920 Canadian large cent counter-stamped 'Al Azhar Temple June -1922 Calgary Alta.'
- Canadian 5 cent silver (1870-1901) with the full Lord's Prayer hand engraved by Robert Hall Giese of London, Ontario



Altered Money – Encased

- o First appeared in Buffalo NY at the 1901 Pan American Exposition.
 - o Many different shapes and sizes including round, horseshoes, chamber pots, etc.
 - o Most encased have Canadian or American cents with a few higher denomination coins as well.
 - o Most encased are made of aluminum but they also come in brass, bronze, other metals and plastic.
 - o Many early Canadian encased included U.S.A. Indian Head cents since the manufacturers were generally from the United States.
- Chamber Pot: A.L. White & Co. Greenwood B.C. 1907 U.S. Indian Head cent
 - Horseshoe: Calgary Stampede 1950 Canadian cent
 - Maple Leaf: Hamilton Ontario souvenir 1915-1921 Canadian large cent
 - Round: Palace Hotel Calgary 1905 U.S. Indian Head cent counter-stamped 'A.E. May'
 - Irregular: Bothwell Times, Bothwell, Ontario 1902 U.S. Indian Head cent
 - Brass: H.J. Carmichael Buick, Oshawa, Ontario 1939 Canadian silver dollar
 - Plastic: Dalt's Car Market, Toronto, Ontario 1951D U.S. cent



Altered Money – Encased

- o There are quite a few American issued encased with Canadian coins used.
 - o There are a lot of coins, medallions, tokens, etc. encased in Lucite, resin, plastic, etc.
 - o Encased can also include bi-metal tokens (non coin) pieces as well.
 - o Encased are pretty much all bi-metal pieces and cross-over to bi-metal collectors, token collectors as some are good for's, advertising collectors, mirror collectors, theme collectors, etc.
 - o Many newer encased coins are being introduced by collectors and dealers with generally higher denomination coins and in some cases bimetal.
 - o It seems that most encased collectors include a few of the 'Put-A-Penny Coin' in their collections.
 - o Some have no coins as the coins have been removed with some having an inappropriate coin inserted. The coins removed from encased are almost always damaged due to the pressure applied during the manufacturing process, and on the coins removal.
- U.S. Issued: American Museum Of Atomic Energy Neutron Irradiated 1953 Canadian ten cents silver. As this process only worked on silver dimes visitors to the museum would provide the coin to be neutron irradiated. This led to many Canadian ten cent coins going through the process.
 - Lucite Encased: Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta 1967 Canadian five cents
 - Lucite Encased: encased HBC tokens issued by Fort Edmonton
 - Encased Token: Tanana Hotel Bar & Pool Room, Dawson, Y.T. 25¢ token
 - Encased Token: Manitoba token issued by J.J. Healey The Rialto Barber Shop
 - Bimetal Encased: an encased core but neither a coin or token
 - Put-A-Penny: Cliff Robinson Store, London, Ontario 1927 Canadian cent
 - Mirror Encased: one of Scott Douglas's mirrors with a 2009 Canadian cent



Altered Money – Love Tokens / Hobo Nickels / Trench Art

Love Tokens

- some plain
- many very elaborate with intertwining letters
- some with scenes
- most often made into some kind of jewellery

Hobo Nickels

- as the name implies done by hobos for selling
- many modern ones being produced

Trench Art

- most likely not done in the trenches but done by others for the soldiers
- brass cartridges and other spoils of combat often used for trench art

- Love Token: 1876 U.S. twenty-five cents with what appears to have the initials 'E A' engraved
- Love Token: Canadian twenty-five cents with the initials 'H F' engraved
- Trench Art: on a Canadian 1922 five cents
- Modern: 1964 U.S. fifty-cents engraved with the bust of President Richard Nixon and the slogan 'Let Me Make This Perfectly Clear'
- Not As It Seems: 1856 Napoleon II Dix Centimes – made from two coins expertly hinged to reveal a coat of arms



Altered Money – Jewellery / Shredded Bills

Coin Jewellery

- many encased coins could also be considered as jewellery
- includes coins and early tokens
- silver coins made into rings (also currently being produced - James)
- coins in bezels can be removed undamaged but are sometimes included
- often jewellery pieces are removed to sell as gold pieces (Jacoby)

Shredded Bills (macerated)

- often in Lucite of one form or another
- sometimes in jewellery
- Coin Brooch: Nova Scotia 1856 Halfpenny token enamelled and made into a brooch
- Encased: 1908 Canadian Large Cent 'One Of The First Coins Made In Canada'
- Encased Picture: 1900 Canadian large cent with portrait of Queen Victoria
- Ring Coin: Edward V Canadian 25¢ 22 mm size 6 (fits my little finger)
- Gold: Jacoby of Vancouver, B.C. 1926 dated 9 k gold jewellery piece
- Brooch: three Jacoby 1914 dated 9 k gold jewellery pieces made into a brooch
- Shredded Bill: since I do not have, and did not want to shred some money just to make an example, I have included a tightly folded Canadian \$1 bill that I do not intend to unfold.

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Tokens

- “Good For’s”
- Pre-Confederation Tokens
- Communion Tokens
- Early Merchant Tokens
- Newer Plastic
- Can Also Include Some:
 - Encased Coins
 - Woods
 - Canadian Tire Scrip
 - Others

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Tokens - Good For’s

Tokens are usually referred to as “Good For’s” because they were meant to be a medium of exchange.

- o Pre-confederation tokens are usually included as numismatics rather than exonomia
- o Communion Tokens another specialty area with most being issued in Eastern Canada
- o Not all tokens have a stated value or exchange intent stated on them
- o Early Merchant Trade Tokens (Due Bills)
 - mostly made of copper, bronze, brass or aluminum
- o The majority of newer tokens are made of plastic
 - milk tokens
 - bread tokens
 - service organizations
- o Mavericks – the fun of researching and finally finding by whom where from
- o Tokens from towns that no longer exist
- o Fake or counterfeit tokens
- o Others
 - could include some encased coins, woods, spinners, Canadian Tire money, etc...



Tokens – Good For's

- o Many of the early tokens, such as the Breton, I.G. Baker and HBC tokens, can be quite expensive to acquire.
- o These HBC tokens are another example of crossover exonomia as they can also be collected by those that collect counter-stamped or fur trade theme collectors.
- o If they have value they will be counterfeited which is especially true of the early tokens. See Jim Astwood's excellent article "Fur Trade Tokens – Fakes, Fantasies And Copies" in *Numismatica Canada* Volume 15 No. 1, March, 2016 Issue No. 57.
- o The earlier tokens were issued in metal such as brass, bronze and aluminum with a large variance in the value, service or product stated. A collector just starting to collect tokens could consider trying to get one of each of the many different varieties as possible. Start small and watch how quickly it grows.

- I.G. Baker & Company \$1.00 – Fort Macleod, Alberta
- I.G. Baker & Company \$5.00 – Fort Macleod, Alberta
- I.G. Baker & Company 25¢ counter-stamped by the Hudson Bay Company
- I.G. Baker & Company \$5.00 counter-stamped by the Hudson Bay Company
- HBC 5 listed in Alberta Trade Tokens that was discovered to be a counterfeit token
- G.E. Darling, Alix, Alberta 10¢ token
- Home Plate Cigar Store, Calgary, Alberta 12½¢
- Frank Hotel, Alberta One Drink
- Corona Hotel, Medicine Hat, Alberta 1 Box Of Safety Matches
- Pete's Bake Shop, Aklavik, NWT 2 Loaves bread



Tokens – Good For’s

- o Tokens come in many different shapes and sizes and not all fit nicely into the familiar 2x2” holders. A great example of this is the token issued for those that need a lot of coffee in the morning to get there day started and then keep them going all day, well into the night.
 - o Just because a token is made of metal it does not mean that it is old as many newer tokens such as car wash, video games as well as many others are still being issued.
- W.M. Wilson, Edmonton, Alberta One Loaf Of Bread
 - Alpha Milk Co., Calgary, Alberta 1 Quart Standard Milk
 - Calgary Transit System Type “A” Fare – 26 mm
 - The Coffee Connection, Calgary, Alberta 250 Cups Of Coffee – 77 mm
 - Spot Free Car Wash, Brooks Alberta
 - Chuck-E-Cheese, Non-Local specific game token
 - Brewcade Brewery, Calgary, Alberta a newly issued arcade token
 - McBride’s Bakery, Medicine Hat, Alberta 1 Loaf Of Bread – a recently issued token



Tokens – Good For’s

- o Over the years the use of plastic for tokens made great headway since the cost and varieties of colours made them the tokens of choice by many different companies and organizations such as dairies, bakeries, service and other clubs, discount tokens, etc...
- o The value or intent on a lot of the plastic tokens was not stated but they were generally issued a drink tokens, sometimes pierced for use as coat checks, etc...
- o There has also been a trend to the use of clay and other composite material to use for tokens.

- Pass Dairy Ltd., Bellevue, Alberta 1 Quart Homo Milk
- Dairy Queen, Non-Local specific 5¢ - newer issues in this case are made of aluminum
- Nanton Candy, Nanton, Alberta Kids Scoop ice cream
- Elks Club, Round Hills, Alberta drink token
- Lions Club, Coronation & District, Alberta drink token
- Royal Canadian Legion, Drumheller, Alberta drink token
- Alberta Beach Seniors One Bar Drink
- Canucks Rugby Club, Calgary, Alberta drink token
- Scotia Centre, downtown Calgary, Alberta 10% Discount
- SUGO Italian Restaurant, Calgary, Alberta Ten Dollar Gift Certificate token
- Without Papers Pizza, Calgary, Alberta \$50 Gift Certificate token

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Woods

- Lots issued as advertising
- And as Souvenirs
- Some are 'Good For' tokens
- Many issued by CAWMC members
- Personal & Xmas
- A few have encased coins or are spinners
- Rounds & Flats & TUITs

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Woods

Woods, mostly referred to as 'Wooden Money' or 'Wooden Nickels', were first issued in Canada in 1937 (not counting the early Hudson Bay Company wood tally sticks). Woods did not gain much popularity until the 1960's.

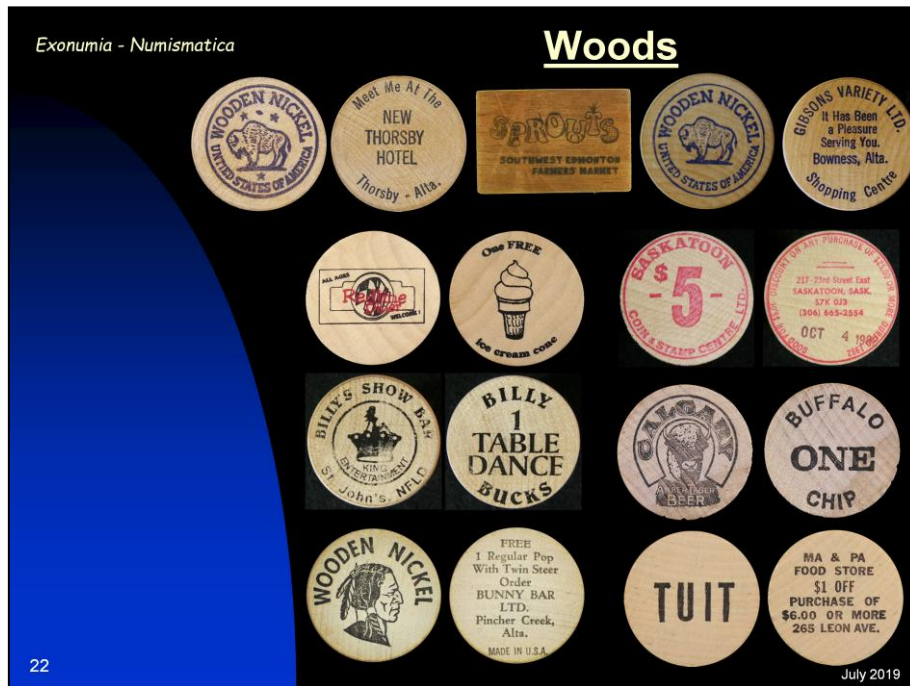
Since many of the woods issued are 'good for's' they also qualify as tokens.

Over the years many Canadian woods have been issued by members of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) which includes Christmas flats.

A small number of woods also fit in the encased and spinner categories.

Woods are generally not included in token catalogues because they have their own specific catalogue.

The woods catalogue is currently managed by Norm Belsten with the woods count being well over 8,500 and continuing to grow, almost daily. Be sure and check out Norm's excellent article in the Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Course.



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Woods

Woods have been issued for many reasons including:

- o Advertising business's or services
- o Good For's including monetary, discounts, drinks, meals, etc., etc.,...

- New Thorsby Hotel , Thorsby, Alberta
- Sprouts Southwest Edmonton Farmers' Market, Alberta
- Gibsons Variety Ltd., Bowness, Alberta
- Redline Diner One Free Ice Cream Cone, Spruce Grove, Alberta
- Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Centre Ltd., Saskatchewan, \$5
- Billy's Show Bar 1 Table Dance, St. John's, NL
- Calgary Amber Lager Beer, One Buffalo Chip, Molson Coors Canada
- Bunny Bar, Pincher Creek, AB 1 Regular Pop
- Ma & Pa Food Store, Kelowna, BC \$1 Off – A round TUIT.



Woods

Woods have been issued for many reasons including:

- o Personal woods
- o Souvenirs from locations and local events
- o Coin shows
- o Birthday's, marriages, birth announcements, retirements, etc....

- Stan Clute – one of many issued by Stan
- A&A Hobby Helpers with a personal Christmas greeting from Alf Wrigley
- Vikings 1000 Years celebration, Newfoundland & Labrador
- Alberta Beach Museum Uncle John 1975, Kananaskis, Alberta
- XV World Jamboree 1983, Alberta
- Shallaroo 90 festival, Codroy Valley, Newfoundland
- Edmonton Numismatic Society 1998 CAN Convention, Alberta
- Delores & Edgar Massey 25th Anniversary, Calgary, Alberta



Woods

Woods have been issued for many reasons including:

- o Christmas greetings
- o And more recently geocaching woods, running awards, encased and spinners
- o Etc., etc., etc., only limited by the imaginations of the issuer

- Al & Marion Munro 2016 Christmas flat, Calgary, Alberta
- Canada Wide Woods Christmas Greetings, Calgary, Alberta
- HansonRancher 2017 geocaching wood, Calgary, Alberta
- 5 Peaks Running Series 1st Place, runs throughout Alberta and BC
- Rocky Mountain Coin & Antiques 2008 encased Canadian five cents, Edmonton, Alberta
- Canada Wide Woods You Pay spinner, Calgary, Alberta

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Medals - Medallions

- Historical - Commemorative
- Exhibition - Awards
- Societies - Fraternal
- Associations - Advertising
- Personalized Medallions
- Competitions – Athletics – Sport
- Religious – Temperance
- Souvenirs - Art
- Etc., Etc.,

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Medals – Medallions

The category of exonomia that includes medals, medallions and medalets, and similar type objects is huge. From pre-confederation time, through Confederation and the adding of the additional Provinces and Territories to the present and almost certainly well into the future these objects have been issued for every conceivable reason.

- o Historical
- o Commemorative
- o Exhibition
- o Awards
- o Societies
- o Fraternal
- o Associations - Advertising
- o Personalized
- o Competitions - Athletics – Sports
- o Religious – Temperance
- o Souvenirs - Art
- o Stock Dividend
- o Etc., etc.,



Medals – Medallions

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- o Historical
- o Commemorative
- o Exhibition
- o Awards

- Red Deer School, Alberta (edge engraved P. Wright) issued October 1907
- Treaty 7 Commemoration 1877 – 2002
- Alberta 50 Golden Years 1905 – 1955 (mirror)
- To Commemorate The Coronation Of King George V 1911, Edmonton, Alberta
- World's International Dry Farming Congress 1912, Lethbridge, Alberta
- Edmonton Exhibition 1911, Alberta
- Alberta Provincial Livestock Association Provincial Cattle Show 1912
- University Of Alberta, Edmonton, Engineering Gold 1965 (awarded to John Douglas Roberts)
- Calgary Stampede 2017 Presidents David Sibbald Volunteer Award



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- o Societies
- o Fraternal
- o Associations

- Past Commander The MacCabees Alberta No.5 1956
- The International Supreme Council Of The Order Of DeMolay Calgary Chapter 1965
- Royal Arch Masons Grande Registry Of Alberta Strathcona Chapter No. 25
- Royal Black Knights No. 964 Hanna, Alberta
- RCNA Convention Medals 2009, Edmonton, Alberta
- Calgary Numismatic Society Celebrating 67 Years & Canada 150 Years Of Confederation



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- o Advertising
 - o Art (most medal – medallions have an element of art in the design)
 - o Personalized
- Travellers Oils Ltd., Buy Stocks And Make Some Real Money, Calgary, Alberta
 - Ellis & Grogan – Fire Baskets & Grates, Membership Emblem Of The Don't Worry Club, Calgary, Alberta
 - Korite International Ammolite Canada's Gemstone
 - Wild Rose Mint "You Dream We Create"
 - Dianne Button Century 21 Real Estate Agent
 - Edmonton scenes
 - Salvation Army Christmas 2018 Santa Shuffle
 - Canadian Numismatic Association 1987 Convention A & A Hobby Helpers Alf & Alice (Nancy) Wrigley
 - International Youth Year 1985, Michael S. Turnbull, Edmonton, Alberta



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- o Military, Police, Fire, Search & Rescue, Etc.
 - o Stock Dividend – very unusual
 - o Competitions - Athletics – Sports (Amateur, Professional), Olympics
 - o Religious – Temperance
 - o Etc., etc.,
- For King And Empire Canada United We Stand
 - Mine Rescue 1926 - James Sinclair
 - Peregrine Petroleum Ltd. – Mosquito Creek Gold Mine – Stock Dividend
 - Amateur Boxing Championship – Calgary 1904 125 Lbs.
 - 2008 Arctic Winter Games – Yellowknife – Snowshoeing
 - Tim Hortons 1995 Tournament Of Nations Tom Thumb 1st Annual Hockey

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Newer Entries

- Challenge Coins
- Geocaching – Geocoins – Pathtags - Travel Bugs
- Shopping Cart Tokens (quasi - tokens)
- Bit Coins (digital currency)
- Running / Walking Medals
- 3D Printed
- Semi-Numismatic Bullion
- Others.....

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Newer Exonomia Entries

There are new categories of exonomia related items that have been added over the last decade or so and many more keep appearing as technology, pastimes and societies views change.

Some of these categories are:

- o Challenge Coins (not new but in a resurgence)
- o Geocoins – Pathtags – Travel Bugs
- o Shopping Cart Tokens (quasi-tokens)
- o Bit-Coins - digital currency
- o Runners / Walkers Medals
- o 3D Printed
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- o Challenge Coins - Although dating back to WWI and beyond, mostly military, I mention them here because of the resurgence in recent years where “Challenge Coins” are being issued by many different organizations for many different reasons. I believe that the challenge coins that have an individuals unique regimental number on them are the true challenge coins with the remainder being medals, medallions, rewards, etc.. There are many unique and beautiful designs being produced by a myriad of mints.
- o Geocaching Geocoins – These are placed in geocaches by a registered owner with the intent that they will be picked up by a geocacher and moved to a different geocache and logged on the geocaching.com website. They usually have instructions associated with them as to where they would like to travel (i.e. mountain tops, dog parks, countries, historic locations, etc..). The geocoin owner can then watch the progress to see where it has travelled and hopefully where it currently is. Unfortunately many seem to show up on eBay for sale.
- o Geocaching Pathtags – Unlike geocoins these are much smaller (26 mm) and are like personal calling cards in that the owner places them in a geocache with the intent that whoever finds them can move them to another geocache or can keep them as souvenirs. The hope is that whoever finds them will post a note on the pathtags.com website saying which cache they found them in and how they like the design.
- o Geocaching Woods – very similar to pathtags only made of wood rather than metal.

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- o Shopping Cart Tokens / Coins – Shopping cart tokens, coins, koins, etc. have been used by many different stores to help ensure that their shopping carts are returned rather than left all over the parking lots. They are generally sized to match 25¢ and \$1 coins. Like many useful objects advertisers, charities and the like started using them to promote their businesses or services. The reason I refer to them as “quasi-tokens” is that although they are “good for’s” most are not issued by businesses that use them.
- Alberta Law Enforcement Accreditation challenge coin (spot for unique personal number)
- Calgary Police Service Regimental Sergeant Major Michael A. Inglis, CD challenge coin
- Calgary Police Service – Royal Canadian Mounted Police medallion (production number)
- Widows Sons Five Points Chapter Alberta Masonic challenge coin (spot for unique mark)
- Alberta Battlecache geocaching coin
- ‘Go Fur It’ geocaching pathtag
- HansonRancher Alberta Geocaching One Wood Loonie (Eric Jensen – Calgary)
- Pizza Bank Calgary shopping cart token – also a real ‘good for’ \$4.00 off token



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- o Bit Coins – digital currency you can hold
 - o Runners / Walkers Medals
 - o 3D Printed Medal
 - o Other.... (how many have I missed mentioning?)
- Bit Coin .999 copper – These bit coins come in an ever increasing variety of designs and metals and generally do not have any value other than their metal content.
 - 5 Peaks Run Wild ceramic medal
 - 5 Peaks ceramic medal
 - hbc 10 km Run For Canada medal
 - Ironman Calgary 70.3 km belt buckle medal
 - Mud Hero medal and bottle opener (great idea)
 - Calgary Marathon Dash Of Doom
 - University of Alberta 3D Printer medallion

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Decision Makers - Spinners

- Not really numismatic related
- Many Exonomists have some
- Mostly used for advertizing
- Decision Makers 'Yes-No', 'Do It – To Hell With It'
- Spinners 'You Pay', 'You Win' and 'You Lose'
- Some are also tokens
- 'Just For Openers' website

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Decision Makers – Spinners

- o Although not really related to numismatics many of these decision makers and spinners make their way into the collections of Exonomists.
- o Most are used as yet another form of advertizing.
- o Some are also 'good for's' and therefore are tokens.
- o Bottle opener spinners are way outside of numismatics even though many are used by Numismatists and Exonomists.
- o To truly see how these collections can be taken to extremes visit the 'Just For Openers' website.

just-for-openers.org

“World's Largest Collection of Bottle Openers

***Guinness Book of World Records
(32,411 Different Openers & Corkscrews)***

“Art Santen of St. Louis MO”



Decision Makers – Spinners

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A few Exonomists defines exonomia as “anything that looks like a coin but isn’t” which would include spinners but would eliminate a lot of other exonomia.

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Some are also ‘good for’s’ and therefore are tokens.

Bottle opener spinners are way outside of numismatics even though many are collected and used by Numismatists and Exonomists.

- Patton & Cooke Ltd. Vancouver “Yes” “No”
- A&W Drive-Ins “Do It” “To Hell With It”
- Call “Barney” For You Marking Needs – You Pay
- Fram Wampum – You Pay
- Vancouver Airport Inn – You Lose
- Hiram Walkers Gold Crest Canadian Rye Whiskey – All Right You Pay
- Garden Hotel Lethbridge – You Pay
- Lethbridge Breweries Ltd.

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A Few Others

- Golf ball markers
- Tags – Mining, Tool Checks, Animal Control, ID, etc...
- Municipal Trade Tokens - TDs
- Dies – Tokens, Medallions, Trade Dollars, Etc..
- Corporate Seals
- Keytags – Keychains
- So-Called- Dollars (U.S.A. only)
- Etc., etc., etc.....

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- o Corporate seals
- o Keytags - Keychains - sometimes if commemorative or even tokens
- o So-Called-Dollars (U.S.A. only)
- o Etc, etc., etc...



A Few Others

- o Golf ball markers
 - o Tags - Mining, Tool Checks, Animal Control, ID, Other
- Calgary Flames Alumni 2007 golf accessory with golf ball marker
 - Kananaskis, AB I Kept The Pace golf ball marker
 - Hughenden, AB 1920 Dog Tax
 - Irvine, AB 1924 Dog Tax stamped on the reverse of a Medicine Hat Locksmith tag
 - Western Canadian Collieries Ltd. Green Hill Mine Steam Coal tag and token
 - Dominion Wabana Ore Limited miners tag – Newfoundland
 - Grand Trunk Railway System tag
 - Self stamp luggage identification tag – Calgary prior to 1960 (phone number change)
 - If Found Return And Receive Reward ID tag – Lethbridge, AB
 - ID tag from Blairmore, AB – airplane
 - ID tag from Innisfail, AB – angel Woodmen Of the World



A Few Others

- o Municipal Trade Tokens - Trade Dollars
 - o Dies
 - o Corporate seals
 - o Early credit plaques, charge cards
 - o Leather Coasters - does include tokens
 - o Keychains - sometimes if commemorative or even tokens
- Fort Smith YT \$5 45th Anniversary municipal trade token
 - Calgary Stampede municipal trade token – enamelled with bezel
 - Miller, AB Celebrating 100 Years medallion die
 - Raymond Centennial 1901 2001 municipal trade token die
 - Marine Pipeline Dredging Ltd. Seal
 - Patricia Contractors Limited Private Company corporate seal
 - Palm Dairies, Camrose, AB – an early metal credit card (plaque)?
 - Bradley's Western Stores, High River, Alberta leather token Good For \$1.00
 - Martin Farm Equipment, Edmonton, Alberta – a 25th Anniversary keytag medallion Good For \$100
 - The Keg Downtown Preferred Guest \$5 keytag

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Ephemera

- Paper or cardboard tokens
- Canadian Tire Coupons
- Scrip
- Cheques, money orders
- Coupons, receipts
- Stock certificates
- Lottery tickets
- Post cards with coin images
- Business cards
- Encased Postage Stamps
- Blotters
- Etc., etc., etc.....

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Ephemera - Exographica – Scripophily

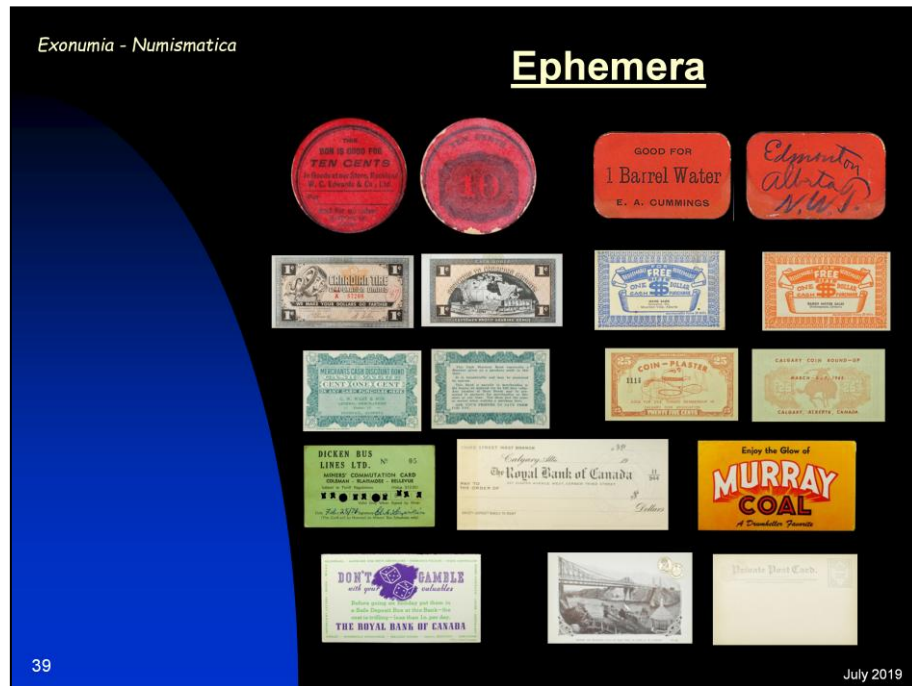
From Wikipedia: “Ephemera Description

Ephemera are any transitory written or printed matter not meant to be retained or preserved. The word derives from the Greek ephemeros, meaning "lasting only one day, short-lived". ”

From E-Sylum: “Exographica – The word encompasses all sorts of paper collectibles except actual paper currencies.”

From Wikipedia: “Scripophily, the collecting of old stocks and bonds, gained recognition as a hobby around 1970. The word "scripophily" was coined by combining words from English and Greek. The word "scrip" represents an ownership right and the word "philos" means to love.

- Paper or cardboard tokens
- Canadian Tire Coupons (also issued tokens and medallions)
- Scrip, Cheques, Money Orders, Obsolete paper money
- Lottery Tickets, Stock Certificates, Coupons and receipts of all descriptions
- Financial Money Transfer Documents
- Post Cards with coin images
- Business Cards
- Encased postage stamps
- Blotters
- Etc., etc., etc....



Ephemera - Exographica - Notaphily - Scripophily

- o Paper or cardboard tokens
- o Canadian Tire Coupons (also issued tokens and medallions)
- o Scrip
- o Cheques
- o Blotters
- o Post Cards with embossed coins
- W.C. Edwards & Co. Ltd., Rockland, ON Ten Cents
- E.A. Cummings, Edmonton, NWT, 1 Barrel Water
- Canadian Tire 1¢ coupon – note
- Hang Sang Groceries, Mountain View, AB, One Dollar coupon
- Baden Motor Sales, Shakespeare, ON, One Dollar coupon
- G.W. West & Son, Innisfail, AB, One Cent Merchants Cash Discount Bond
- Calgary Coin Association Twenty Five Cents Coin-Plaster
- Dicken Bus Lines Ltd. Miners' Commutation Card
- Royal Bank, Calgary, AB blank cheque
- Murray Coal, Drumheller, AB, advertising blotter
- The Royal Bank of Canada Safe Deposit Box advertising blotter
- Bridges And Reversing Falls At Half Tide, St. John, N.B. Private Post Card with embossed metallic Canadian 1902 5 Cents

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Sometimes Included / Excluded

- Coins – except altered
- Royal Canadian Mint Products
- Some paper and cardboard items
- Credit, gift, discount cards
- Telephone, photocopy cards
- Pins, pinback buttons
- Casino Chips, Collectors mirrors
- Chauffeur and other badges
- Buttons, ribbons, bottle caps
- Watchfobs, belt buckles, charms
- Matchbook covers
- Etc. etc, etc.....

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- o Coins (except altered coins)
- o Royal Canadian Mint Products?
- o Some paper and cardboard items
- o Credit Cards
- o Gift Cards
- o Discount Cards - Coupons
- o Telephone Cards
- o Photocopy Access Cards
- o Pins - Pinback Buttons (except maybe numismatic themed ones)
- o Casino Chips
- o Collectors Mirrors (encased coins exceptions)
- o Chauffeur and other badges
- o Buttons (military, NWMP, etc.)
- o Ribbons
- o Bottle Caps
- o Watch Fobs
- o Belt Buckles
- o Silver Charms
- o Matchbook covers (a great collection of Yukon owned by one collector)
- o Milk Bottle Caps
- o Etc., etc...

Notice the trend - includes except, does not include except.



Sometimes Included / Excluded

- Canadian Tire 100 Dollars gift card
- Sheraton Casino Halifax Players Advantage card
- Telephone card from Greece
- Telephone card from Italy
- Calgary Transit May '77 Zipcard
- University of Calgary Students' Union pre-programmed \$10.00 photocopy card
- Stoney Nakoda Resort & Casino souvenir poker chip
- Frontier Casino Calgary casino poker chip
- Kane's Harley-Davidson Calgary advertising poker chip
- Yukon 1957 Chauffeur badge
- Phantom Lake, Saskatchewan, miners badge
- Town of Estevan, Saskatchewan 1923 Coal Dealer fob
- Allis - Chalmers grader fob
- Not related but a very neat camel bottle opener from the year of the first Calgary Stampede 1912

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References

- RCNA – CN Journal & C.N.A. E-Bulletins
- Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Course
- Transactions of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society
- Numismatica Canada (The Canadian Token)
- Charlton Catalogues
- Canadian Coin News
- Local Coin Club Newsletters
- The Internet (World Wide Web)
- There are many, many more related references that are too numerous to list
- It is really worthwhile searching the index of the RCNA Library for those topics that fit your collecting interests as it is a vast collection of numismatic related publications.

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Publications And References Of Interest

- RCNA “CN Journal” and “C.N.A. E-Bulletins”;
- “Canadian Numismatic Correspondence Courses”;
- “Transactions of the Canadian Research Society” and the “Cee Tee”
Canadian Association of Token Collectors – now “Numismatica Canada”;
- “Charlton Catalogues”;
- “Canadian Coin News”;
- “Local Coin Club Newsletters”;
- “The Internet – World Wide Web”;
- “The Internet – the place to find specialty collectors websites and references galore”.

The list is endless and each individual collector picks and chooses the ones that are most useful to their interests and collections.

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SUMMARY

- Exonomia is a fun topic but is anything but straightforward.
- What is in the future for “Exonomia” and all of the spinoff categories and sub-categories?
- Questions? Comments?
- If you have any queries, would like a copy of this presentation or would like to provide some feedback please do not hesitate to contact me ! (egjensen@telus.net)
- **THANKS** for attending and for having the patience to listen to my spiel about one of my passions!

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Summary

Exonomia is a fun topic but is anything but straightforward. There are rules and guidelines set by societies and clubs but ultimately it is the individual collectors who are the ones that decide what they are going to call the “stuff” in their collections. Most of the categories of exonomia are quite extensive and this overall short presentation could not really give any of them the attention they deserve.

What is in the future for “Exonomia” and all of the spinoff categories and sub-categories? Looking good! Our “stuff” will continue to grow for several reasons some being: governments aren’t in charge; not being replaced by digital currency; many new categories being added as society and technology changes; etc., etc.... The fun will continue on into the future.

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Thanks for coming.