

A local collection of wooden nickels.

Beginning with the July 2025, Low Country Coin Club will be featuring pictures of historic Charleston, SC banks on the wooden nickels used to promote the club's twice a year coin shows.

The idea for this series of wooden nickels came from an original article in *The Numismatist*, the official publication of the American Numismatic Association (money.org). Written by Wendell Wolka, in January 1923. Read the original article on the next page – about us.

Six of the bank buildings still stand on the streets of downtown Charleston. Some are open for tourists, but others have become private offices which are not available for touring.

The **Bank of Charleston**, located at 16 Broad Street is featured on the Wooden Nickel promoting the July 25-27, 2025 coin show.
Built in 1817



Charleston City Hall, 80 Broad Street formerly the Charleston Branch of the **First Bank of the United States**, is featured on the nickel promoting January 30-February 1, 2026 coin show.



Wooden Nickels for future shows will have images of **The Farmers and Exchange Bank**, **The Bank of South Carolina**, the **State Bank South Carolina** and the **Bank of the State of South Carolina**.

The Farmers and Exchange Bank
141 East Bay Street



The Bank of South Carolina
50 Broad Street



State Bank South Carolina
1 Broad Street



Bank of the State of South Carolina.
84 Broad Street



A handful of other banks were found in Charleston in the 1800's as well.

The Planters and Mechanics Bank begin its brief run in 1810 on East Bay Street. The building that housed the Planters and Mechanics Bank was demolished about 1957.

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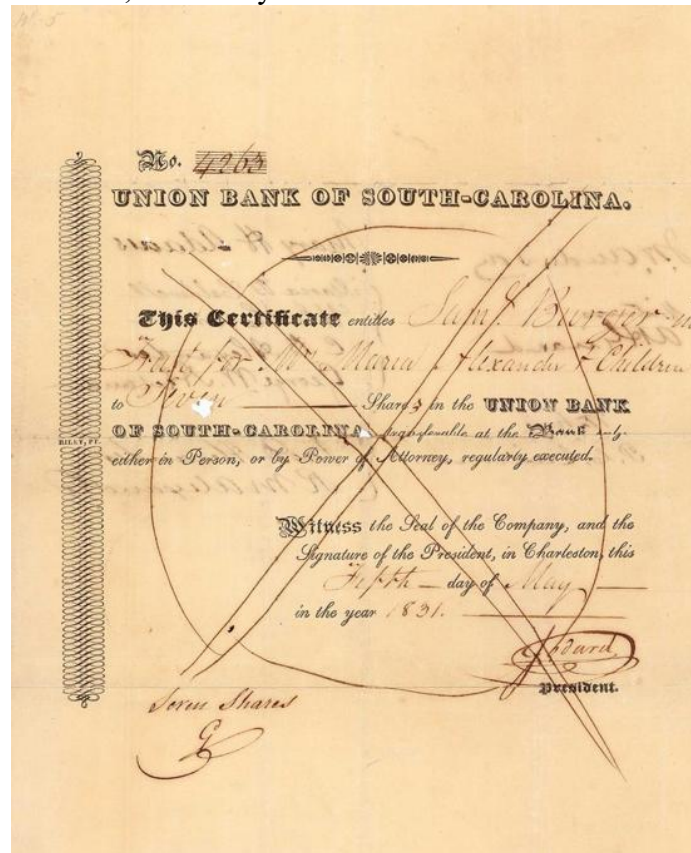
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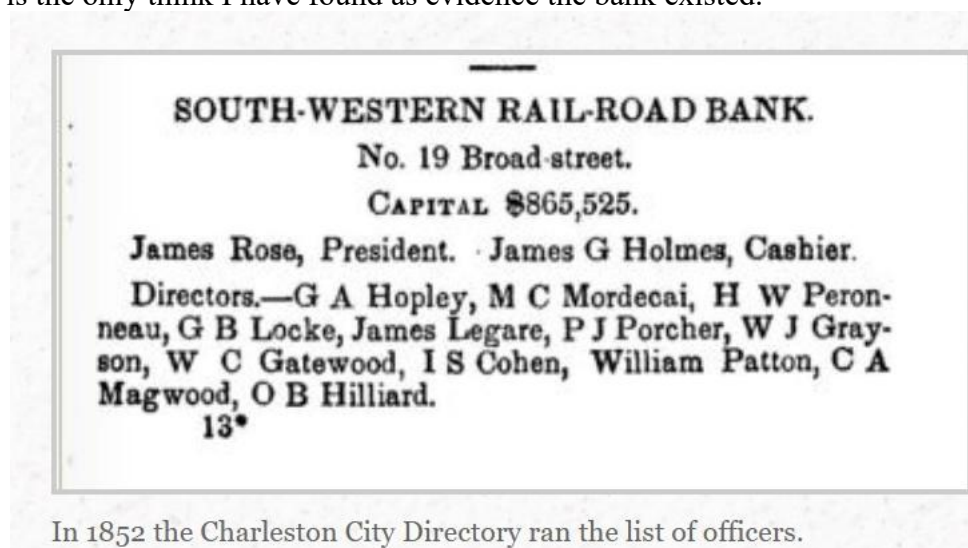
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The Union Bank of South Carolina called Charleston home (nothing can be found if the name refers to the Northern states referred to as the Union or if it was just a coincidence.) This document which is dated 1831, is the only evidence I have found that the bank existed.



The South Western Railroad Bank was headquartered in Charleston as well. Again this document is the only think I have found as evidence the bank existed.



Notes from many of these historical banks can be found at coin dealers and coin shows around the country. A few may even be found in antique shops around South Carolina.

If you have a note or any document from one of the banks listed here, please contact the Low Country Coin Club. The wooden nickels featuring these banks will be available a few weeks prior to our shows at the Exchange Park in Ladson, SC or from a club member as well as at the shows.