

Manzer Belanger, Jr. French and Canadian coin collection, 1658-1837

MCC-00383

Finding Aid

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Title: Manzer Belanger, Jr. French and Canadian coin collection

Creator/Collector: Belanger, Manzer, b. 1948

Collection number: MCC-0383

Shelf List number: UM-383

Dates: 1658-1837

Extent: 1 envelope (.10 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Manzer Belanger, May 2012.

Language: French and English

Conservation notes: None.

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Biographical information: Manzer Belanger was born on August 29, 1948 in Fort Kent Mills, Maine, the son of Manzer Belanger, Sr. and Pauline Paradis. In 1970, he married Norma Pinette. He graduated from Northern Maine Community College, then from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 1979. Starting from 1975, Belanger worked as a letter carrier in Fort Kent and was promoted to Post Master in Frenchville in 1983. He served as Post Master in Frenchville, St. Francis, Limestone, Madawaska, and Fort Kent until his retirement in 2007. Belanger is a lifelong coin collector.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of four Canadian and one French coin.

Three of the coins, with varying states of patina, are 1837 sous (half-pennies) issued by City Bank, Province du Bas Canada. The front of the coin depicts a "habitant" (citizen) in a standing three-quarter profile, with "Province Du Bas Canada Un Sou" around the image. The verso of the coin depicts the Arms of the City of Montreal, including "Concordia Salus" and a ribbon stating "City Bank." "Bank Token Half Penny 1837" is around the image.

One coin is an 1837 deux sous (penny) issued by City Bank, Province du Bas Canada. The front of the coin depicts a "habitant" (citizen) in a standing three-quarter profile, with "Province Du Bas Canada Un Sou" around the image. The verso of the coin depicts the Arms of the City of Montreal, including "Concordia Salus" and a ribbon stating "City Bank." "Bank Token One Penny 1837" is around the image.

These 1837 coins were all referred to as "Habitant Tokens" due to the habitant depiction.

One coin is a French liard, minted in 1658. It depicts Louis XIV as a young man. This coin, as noted by a "G" on its verso, was minted in Montrueil-Bonnin & Lusignan. Around the image is printed "LXIII Roy De Fret De Nai 1658." On the verso is "Liard de France G."

Inventory:

Folder 1: 5 coins.

Processing action: Each coin was put in a separate archival envelope including the collection number and the item description.