

Surveyors on Banknotes, Coins and Stamps

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SUMMARY

How many banknotes, coins, medallions and stamp issues do you know of that feature surveyors and surveying? After starting off on a quest to track down these elusive objects, I was quite thrilled and amazed to find many different numismatic and philatelic tributes to the surveying profession and a selection of its legendary characters. Even significant historical icons like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, James Cook, Thomas Mitchell, William Light and a cast of many made the cut to be immortalised on these collector special editions as highlighted in this paper. Surprisingly, there are nearly 100 countries and territories that have chosen our profession to adorn their monetary and stamp products for many assorted reasons and to honour some of the world's greatest individuals who just happened to be surveyors. A lot of these colourful surveyor-centric objets d'art, which have been issued by an incredible number of world nations and territories, are shown in the paper's appendix. We can be proud to be surveyors.

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