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**A Forgotten Letter: The Most Important
Finding about 1914 Muera Huerta Mexican Pesos**

Ricardo De León Tallavas

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:30 PM PDT
Online**

The Mexican Revolution (or Civil War) of 1910-1920 had the usual array of villains and heroes. One of the biggest villains was General Victoriano Huerta, who came to power in a coup in early 1913. Huerta's militarism and "Iron Fist" style of leadership led to revolt in many Mexican states. As a result, these same states issued their own coinage. The state of Durango issued a peso in 1914 bearing the slogan, "Muera Huerta" ("Death to Huerta").



Join us online on **Wednesday, October 23** when **Ricardo De León Tallavas** will reveal some important information about the Muera Huerta pesos.

Plan to exhibit your Mexican Revolution coinage, or your latest acquisition. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.



SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

Speaker John Duff has been an avid collector of Conder Tokens for a long time, especially tokens of Thomas Spence. His talk began with the early influences of Thomas Spence and his first published speech on property rights. Spence is considered the "original voice in the history of radicalization". John also talked about Thomas Paine, with his booklet called Common Sense and sixteen additional papers called The American Crisis. Paine and Spence were similar in many ways, but Paine was famous, and Spence was not. Spence sold both Paine's more practical writings as well as his own radical musing.

How did Native American culture influence Paine and Spence? John discussed the ideas of everyone having an equal share of the land, and how both men perceived the Native American views, without direct evidence of either having had direct contact with the indigenous.

Numerous tokens were shown, and then further history on what happened with the movements these two men started. Many things Paine promoted have come to fruition.

You can view John's presentation on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Currently, meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org.

Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2024-25

October 23, 2024Ricardo De León Tallavas: *A Forgotten Letter: The Most Important Finding about 1914 Muera Huerta Mexican Pesos*

November 27, 2024Speaker and Topic TBA*

December 18, 2024**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers** for 2025, *Speaker and Topic TBA**

January 22, 2025Speaker and Topic TBA*

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up. **Don't delay! We need you!**

SEPTEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie showed six Pence tokens. One featured a depiction of a Native American on the reverse and an image of British "Liberty" Displayed- the feared press gang. Next was the first Spence token- proclaiming his plan- which was also counterstamped with more exclamations; Minerva, with a shield having a tiny Liberty holding her scales; a Turk; a Spaniard. And finally, a farthing from Newcastle featuring Coaly Tyne, a coal-hauling keel boat on the River Tyne. But the die for that obverse was produced by John Skidmore and muled onto a Spence die he had purchased.

Bill showed some of his 70mm galvanos produced by Sawyer. He had seven of them, and recently purchased two more. They feature idealized portraits of real Native Americans, to capture the features of various tribes

Michael proudly showed his example of a Newcastle Coaly Tyne halfpenny. Both dies used to make it were from Spence, but the one with the image of the boat broke after 17 or 18 strikes. The die continued to be used, and most examples of the token feature a large cud where the missing die was. He then played a bit of the song "Coaly Tyne. Next, he showed a token featuring D.I. Eaton, who was one of many people acquitted of sedition during the times of Spence. Another token featured images of indigenous people, and finally a humorous token by Denton poking fun at coin collectors

Stephen H talked about the book *America's Golden Age, on Private Pioneer Gold* by Donald Kagin and David McCarthy. The book won the Numismatic Literary Guild's David Lange Memorial Book of the Year Award.

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