

## THE ROUND-UP ANNEX squared circle study group newsletter

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## CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, I have received correspondence from Jim Miller, Tom Southey and David Robinson, all with articles to be featured in upcoming issues of the ANNEX. Jim has sent along an additional installment on the TORONTO 2 RING ORBS; Tom has sent two studies of his OTTAWA squared circles; David forwarded his study "Identifying Partial Strikes with CANADA at the Base." The latter is quite lengthy and will be split among several issues. Thanks to these members for their efforts - it is greatly appreciated!

## REPORTS OF NEW FINDINGS

LUNENBURG, N.S. (Lee's No. 61) - First reported example of this hammer on a 15 Cent Large Queen; the strike is partially dated.

LAURENTIDES, QUE. (Lee's No. 62) - New early date of use and new year of use; -/DE 12/93 on a 3 Cent Small Queen.

FORT WILLIAM WEST, ONT. (Lee's No. 62) - New early date of use; -/OC 23/93 on a 3 Cent Small Queen.

PETROLEA, ONT. (Lee's No. 62) - New early date of use; -/FE 19/94 on a 3 Cent Small Queen.

WATERLOO, ONT. (Lee's No. 61) - Initial reported example on a 10 Cent Special delivery (E1); strike is dated PM/JUL 13/22.







GORE BAY, ONT. -/DE 5/27

WATERLOO, ONT. NUDE STRIKE NANAIMO, B.C. AM/AP 7/22

## THE ORBS: DISCUSSION #1 - HAMILTON By Jim Miller

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Perhaps the best way to begin a series of discussions and listing of Canada's orb cancellations is to identify two recent background articles on the orbs. My belief that the orbs are the first true precursors to the squared circles (aside from the Ottawa 1880) is explained in my article in BNAPS TOPICS July/August, 1989 (Vol. 46, No. 4. pp. 9-12). A definition of the orbs is also contained within that article. Additional argument for the validity of the squared circle study group to include orbs is contained within Annex April, 1990, Vol. 13, No. 2/57.

In the last issue of Annex, Gary identified acceptance of the group to include the orbs. HAMILTON would be the best to start with, because there's only one hammer, most strikes are quite clear and it is very common. This three-ring orb does not pose any complicated situations and there's a strong link to the HAMILTON squared circle.

Since the HAMILTON orb's period of use starts near the end of the squared circle's period one, a related squared circle study is needed. I have a HAMILTON squared circle dated 11/AP 13/96; the earliest HAMILTON orb known is dated 15/AP 13/96, only four hours apart. [The Handbook identifies period one for the squared circle to OC 9/96. Could you squared circle collectors check your Hamilton dates, especially for AP 13/96 and through OC/96? Let Gary or me know if there is a number of strikes within this time period or only a few isolated examples.] The orb was in regular use from its April, 1896 date until 18/DE 13/97 (possibly a couple days later), when the Bickerdyke machine took over. Only a few isolated strikes are known after the December, 1897 date.

The person who used this orb as a cancelling device showed pride in its use since so many of the several hundred strikes I have are very nice, clear strikes. Also, no indicia errors are known to the best of my knowledge. The HAMILTON orb is commonly found on the Jubilee issue, making the combination of a nice strike on the Jubilee particularly appealing.

In the summer of 1988, Joe Smith and I did a time mark analysis for this hammer. At that time, we had 510 strikes between us. Dr. Hollingsworth's article in Maple Leaves, Vol. 14, No. 8, February 1973, did a similar study on 425 copies. Here are the results:

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error.

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0.8 = 4 strikes