

Some History Brought to Life

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In the June 1969 issue of the Boletín of the Sociedad Numismática de México, the five peso issue of El Banco de Tamaulipas was illustrated with the following story:

"Numismatic is full of happy surprises, and odd events. Here is one of them.

"At the beginning of the XX century the Bank of Tamaulipas issued a series of notes one of which shows in the obverse the face of a girl. Here is the story of this note: In 1902 the Bank of Tamaulipas was organized and one of their founders was Mr. Guillermo Obregón. In the year 1911 the bank issued notes with values of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 pesos which were printed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York. The face of the daughter of Mr. Guillermo Obregon appears in the \$5.00 note. Mr. Obregon's signature appears in obverse of the note with the date October 25, 1911.



"The years have passed and thanks to the generosity of the descendants of the Obregon family we reproduce the above note and a photograph of the girl in the note, who is now Mrs. Guadalupe Obregon Vda. de Castillo, well known in social circles."

Naturally the first reaction was to see if the note in my collection had Sr. Obregón's signature. The illustration below is from the writer's collection and has Guillermo Obregón as consejero, but with date of issue August 31, 1913. I.B.N.S. readers

may recall that a similar thing happened to me when I discovered that our exchange student was the great granddaughter of the founder of the Banco de Minero of Chihuahua, Mexico.

