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Experience a Virtual Reality Tour at the Money Museum

Discover the British Empire's History Through Interactive Online Tour

Museum enthusiasts, history aficionados and coin collectors can explore the American Numismatic Association's Money Museum exhibit, "Money of Empire: Elizabeth to Elizabeth," in a new 360-degree [virtual reality tour](#) that can be viewed from a computer or a VR headset. Visitors can experience close-up images of many of the exhibit's objects, allowing views from both sides of the pieces on display and details that are not visible in person.

"Money of Empire," uses money and medals to illustrate the development of the British Empire from its beginnings under Elizabeth I (1558-1603) to the present day. The British Empire, more than any other, set the stage for the modern world in which we live. From small origins during the late 16th century, the Empire expanded to become the largest empire in history and the most powerful global economic and military power for over a century.

The Money Museum also is home to the [Harry W. Bass Jr. Collection](#), one of the greatest U.S. gold coin collections ever assembled. The Bass holdings feature the only complete collection of \$3 gold pieces, a complete collection of early U.S. gold coin types of all designs from 1795 to 1933 and more.

The evolution of money through time can be seen in the museum's ["History of Money"](#) exhibit as well. Beginning in Mesopotamia and Egypt around 4,500 years ago, gold and silver began to be traded in the form of metal bars or bits of wire. Since then, money has been exchanged in the form of coins, paper money, tokens, emergency money and more.

Other [virtual exhibits](#) at the museum feature the [1943 and 1944 cents](#), the [King of U.S. Coins](#), the ["Nickel that Never Was,"](#) and the [first coinage of the United States Mint](#).

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through

its vast array of educational and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications and conventions. For more information, call (719) 632-2646 or visit money.org.