LINE ENGRAYED SECURITY PRINTING

1802 VERMONT BANKNOTE



1908 LINCOLN FIVE CENTS

WHAT IS LINE ENGRAVING?



1850 U.S. DIE

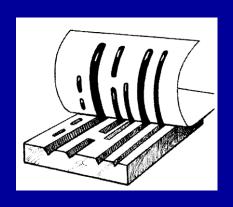
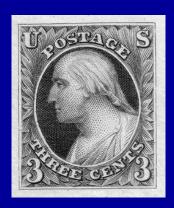


PLATE TO PAPER



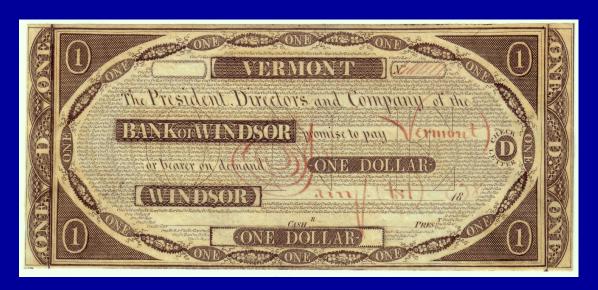
PROOF

•ALL LINES HOLDING INK ARE
BELOW THE SURFACE
•ALL WHITE LINES ARE ON THE SURFACE

ENGRAVING BREAKTHROUGH: JACOB PERKINS' KEY INVENTIONS

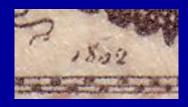
- 1. COPPER PLATE TO PLATE TRANSFER 1790
- 2. SOFTENING, ENGRAVING AND HARDENING STEEL 1790s
- 3. STEEL PLATE TO PLATE TRANSFER 1800
- 4. TRANSFER ROLL AND PRESS 1813
- 5. "D" PRINTING PRESS 1813
- 6. GEOMETRIC LATHE 1815
- 7. Transverse Lathe 1815

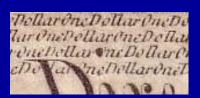
EARLIEST KNOWN USE OF STEEL PLATE TO PLATE TRANSFER





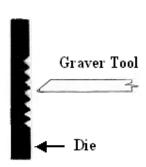






'ONE DOLLAR' REPEATED 700 TIMES

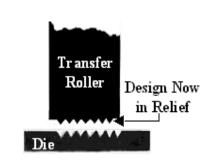
PERKINS' TRANSFER ROLL PROCESS



Step 1. Cut Design in Master Die and Harden



Harden Roller and Transfer to Softened Plate

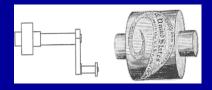


Step 2. Transfer from Die to Softened Roller

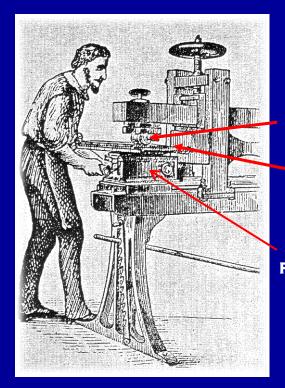


Finished Plate Ink is Rolled in and Wiped Off.

PERKINS AND HIS PARTNER, MURRAY, INVENT TRANSFER ROLL AND PRESS







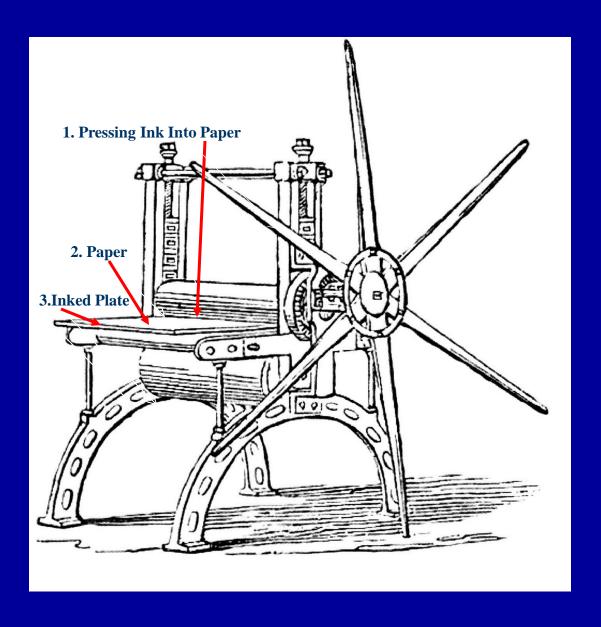
TRANSFER ROLL

PLATE

RACK AND PINION GEARS

c. 1815 RACK AND PINION, AND BEAM TRANSFER PRESS

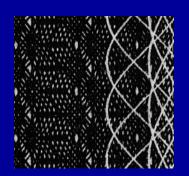
CIRCA 1850 PRINTING PRESS AS WOULD HAVE BEEN USED IN THE US

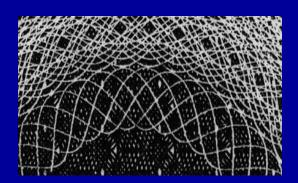


1819 EXAMPLES OF JACOB PERKINS UNIQUE LINE ENGRAVING LATHES



EPICYCLICAL BACKGROUND CUT
WITH GEOMETRIC LATHE



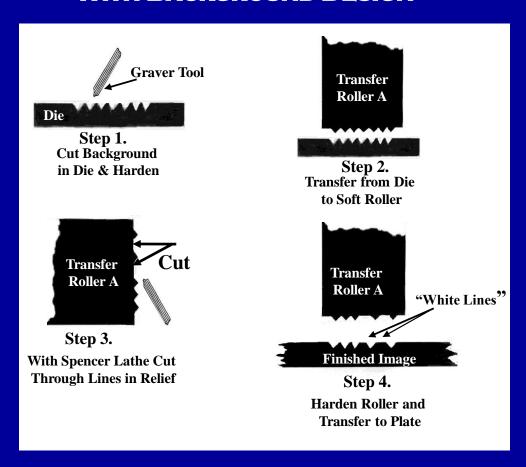


WHITE LINE ENGRAVING

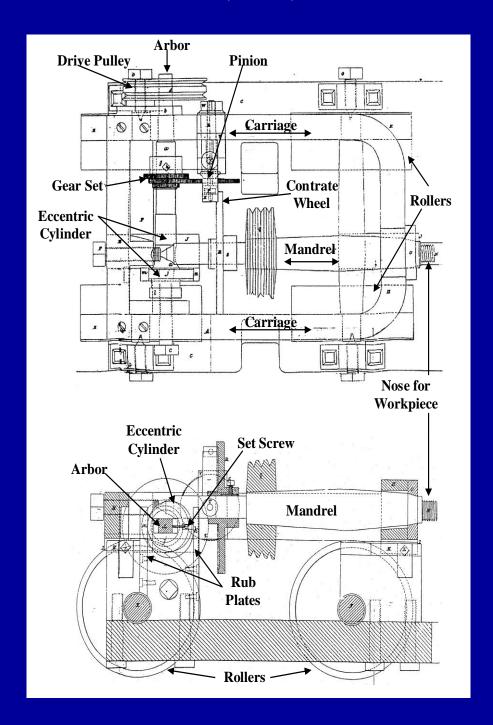
WHITE DECORATIVE LINES CUT WITH GEOMETRIC LATHE

DARK BACKGROUND LINES CUT WITH TRANSVERSE LATHE

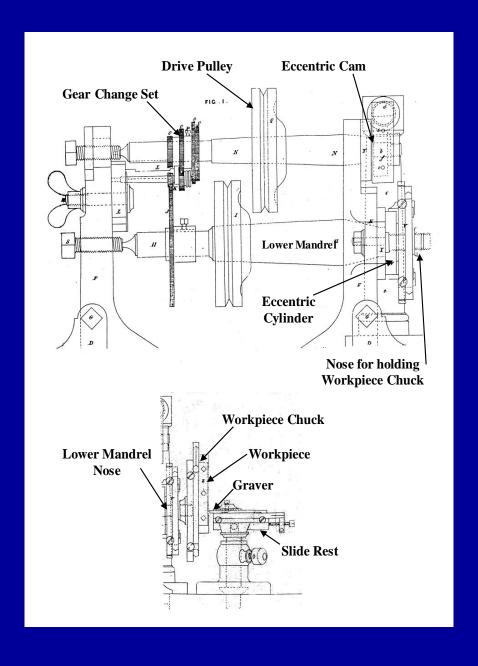
PERKINS COMPLEX WHITE LINE WITH BACKGROUND DESIGN



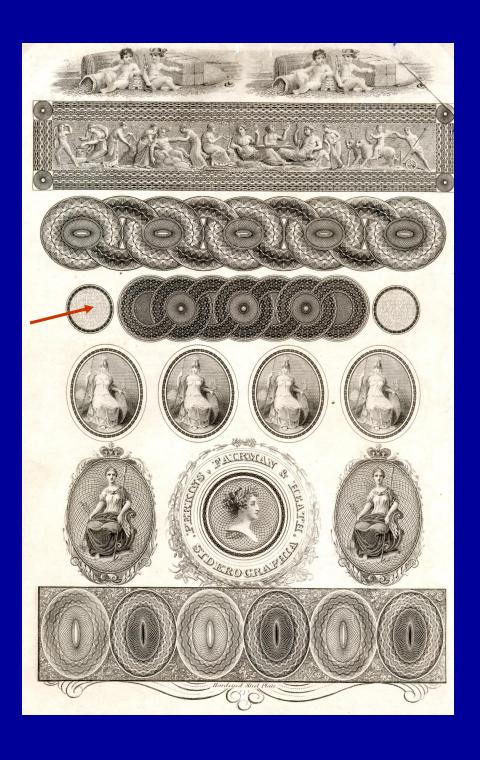
PERKINS BUYS RIGHTS TO ASA SPENCER'S TRANSVERSE LATHE



PERKINS BUYS RIGHTS TO ASA SPENCER'S GEOMETRIC LATHE

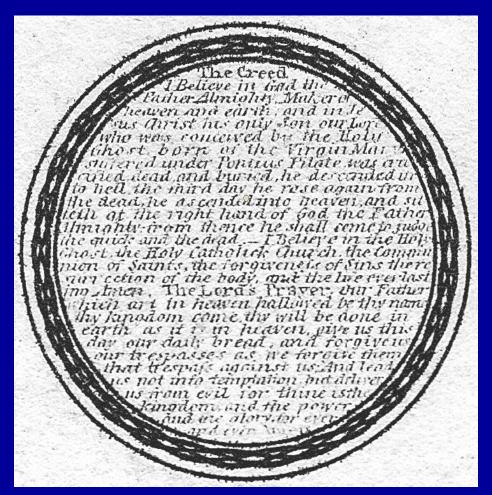


1819 SAMPLE SHEET



FROM 1819 SAMPLE SHEET

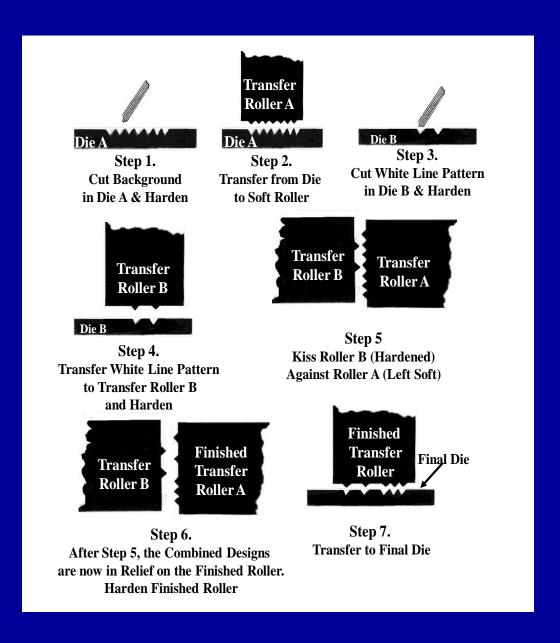




ENLARGED TEN TIMES

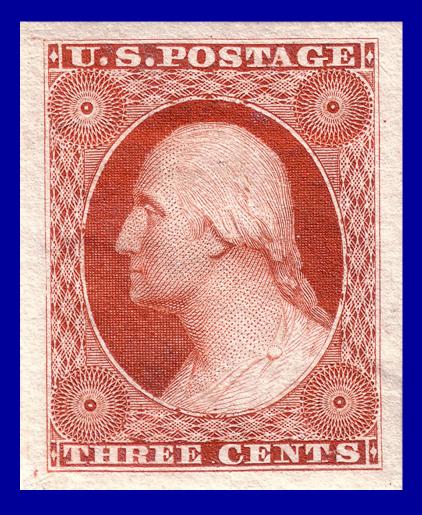
DETAIL OF LEFT MEDALLION IN WHICH THE CREED AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ARE ENGRAVED

TOPPAN WHITE LINE NO BACKGROUND DESIGN



PLAIN WHITE LINE ENGRAVING USING ROSE ENGINE (TOPPAN CARPENTER)





JACOB PERKINS

BORN IN NEWBURYPORT MASSACHUSETTS IN 1766

MOVED TO ENGLAND IN 1819

DIED IN LONDON IN 1849

40 USA AND UK PATENTS