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THE PAPER MONEY OF ARGENTINA 1861 - 1881

PRIVATE AND PROVINCIAL ISSUES

PROVINCE OF SANTA FÉ



BANCO PROVINCIAL DE SANTA FÉ 1874 -

The Banco Provincial de Santa Fé was founded by a group of local entrepreneurs as a company with mixed, governmental and private capital. Half of the capital of 2 million pesos was to be provided by the Province, by means of international credits, the remainder by the private shareholders residing in the province. The law sanctioning the establishment of the bank was signed on June 1, 1874.

From the beginning, the bank had its headquarters in Rosario, which would receive 3/4 of the amount of the issues, and a branch in Santa Fé, which would have a quarter.

One of the objectives was to put an end to the issuance of private banks in Bolivian currency and, in the longer term, to impose the *peso fuerte* as its currency, but this second objective could not be achieved, as the local economy remained faithful to the Bolivian currency, which had the advantage of being physically available in sufficient quantities. This forced the bank to also issue banknotes in Bolivian currency.

After the crisis of 1890, the bank became a state institution, and its headquarters were moved from Rosario to the capital, Santa Fé de la Vera Cruz, which would be the beginning of its decline which would lead to its reprivatisation.

1st ISSUE - SEPTEMBER 1, 1874 IN *CENTAVOS* AND *PESOS FUERTES*

The notes were printed locally by Lit. C. Fleuti Rosario. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the issue was to be for Rosario, $\frac{1}{4}$ for Santa Fé.

The notes were payable *on sight and to the bearer ... in currencies determined by law.*"

The known signatures are those of J. F. de Paz (5, 10 et 20 cts), D. Palacios (5, 10 et 20 Cts), P. de Mazza (5 et 37½ cts) , M. de Ibarlucca (10 cts), M. Galvez (5 et 20 cts) and J. Fernandez (1 \$)

5 centavos fuertes * ROSARIO

frame \approx 90 x 53 mm uniface
PS-798 SF-1E-1 SFE 200



PS-798 SF-1E-1 SFE-200a
Pink paper autographed signature of Paz



PS-798 SF-1E-1 SFE-200a
Pink paper autographed signature of P. de Mazza



PS-798 SF-1E-1 SFE-200a
White paper

← autographed signature J. de Paz
photo Bauman

autographed signature D. Palacios →

most notes of 5 ctvs fts
are cancelled with a large
circular hole of 33 mm diameter.



← autographed signature P. de Mazza
photo Gonzalo A. Ruiz

PS-798 r SF-1E-1 SFE-200r
White paper
autographed signature J. de Paz →
(barely legible)



The existence of a note of 5 ctvs from Santa Fé is possible (SF-1E-1a), but unlikely and has to be confirmed.

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10 centavos fuertes ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 113 x 62 mm uniface
PS-799 SF-1E-2 SFE 201

PS-799 SF-1E-2 SFE-201a
Issued note
no illustration available.



PS-799 SF-1E-2 SFE-201r

Unsigned remainder.

The serial numbers of the copies we have seen
are in the same ten.



PS-799 SF-1E-2 SFE-201a

Remainder with counterfoil

The existence of a note of 5 ctvs from Santa Fé is possible (SF-1E-2a), but unlikely and has to be confirmed.

20 centavos fuertes ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 100 x 58 mm uniface
PS-800 SF-1E-3 SFE -

PS-800 SF-1E-3 SFE-202
Black printing
Issued note.
No illustration available.



photo Cenusá

PS-800 SF-1E-3 SFE-202r
Unsigned remainder.

20 centavos fuertes ★ SANTA-FÉ

frame ≈ 100 x 58 mm uniface

PS-800 SF-1E-3a SFE 202



PS-800 SF-1E-3 SFE-202

Blue printing

Issued note, signature of D. Palacios

37½ centavos fuertes ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 125 x 62mm ? uniface

PS-801 SF-1E-4 SFE 204



photo F. Chao (h)

PS-801 SF-1E-4 SFE-204

Black printing

Issued note, signed by P. de Mazza.

This denomination corresponded to ½ a Bolivian peso, or 4 *reales bolivianos*.

The existence of a denomination of 37½ ctvs fts of Santa Fé (SF-1E-4a) is possible, but unlikely.

A denomination of 75 centavos fuertes (= 1 Bolivian peso) was originally planned, but was not printed (Chao, p. 292).

1 Peso fuerte ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 146 x 70 mm ? uniface
PS-802 SF-1E-5 SFE 205



photo Cenusa

PS-802 SF-1E-5 SFE-205

Black printing

Issued note, signed by J. Fernandez.

The existence of a Santa Fé (SF-1E-5a) emission is hypothetical.

10 Pesos fuertes ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 155 x 80 mm uniface

PS- SF-1E-6 SFE 207



photo Cenusá

PS-802 SF-1E-6 SFE-207

Only this photocopy of a cancelled remainder is known to date.

The existence of a Santa Fé issue (SF-1E-6a) is hypothetical.

2nd ISSUE – NOVEMBER 1, 1874 IN PESOS BOLIVIAN MONEY

Notes printed locally by Lit. C. Fleuti Rosario

"... will pay on sight to the bearer ... in Bolivian money or its equivalent in legal tender."

1 real ★ ROSARIO

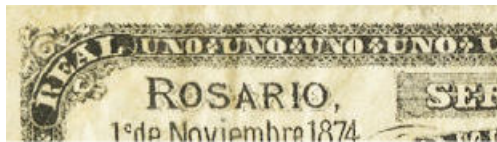
frame ≈ 105 x 65 mm uniface

PS-804 SF-2E-1 SFE 210

payable 1 peso for every 8 notes.

Careful! An almost identical note with the same date was ordered in August 1875.

Original issue of 1874 : ↓



The only difference lies in the presence of a kind of acanthus leaf to the right of the name ROSARIO on the notes of this other (4th) issue:

Reissue of 1875 : ↓



PS-804 SF-2E-1 SFE-210

Black printing

Issued note, autographed signature of P. de Mazza.

Note the size of the first digit of the number, significantly smaller than the following.

PS-804 SF-2E-1 SFE-210b
Black printing on pinkish red paper (Nº 030479) (Chao p. 296)



PS-804 SF-2E-1 SFE-210
black printing
issued note, autographed signature of E. Carrasco.
Note the size of the first digit of the number,
significantly smaller than the following.
A modified 5-digit dialer may have been used.



PS-804 SF-2E-1 SFE-210
black printing
issued note, autographed signature of J. Fernandez.

1 real * SANTA-FÉ

frame ≈ 105 x 65 mm uniface

PS-805 SF-2E-1a SFE 215

payable 1 peso pour 8 billets



photo F. Chao (h)colorée

PS-805 SF-2E-1a SFE-215

Black printing on pink paper



photo British Museum"

PS-820 SF-5E-1 SFE-231b

red 6-digit serial number

issued note

typographed signature of E. Lopez

4 reales * ROSARIO

frame ≈ 118 x 67 mm uniface
PS-806 SF-2E-2 SFE 211

payable 1 peso for every 2 notets



photo Bauman

PS-806 SF-2E-2 SFE-211

Black on orange pink underprint

Signatory : R. Alvarado

4 reales * SANTA-FÉ

frame ≈ 118 x 67 mm uniface
PS-807 SF-2E-2a SFE 216

payable 1 peso for every 2 notets



photo Bauman

PS-807 SF-2E-2a SFE-216

Black on pink underprint

1 Peso moneda boliviana ★ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 125 x 83 mm

PS-808 SF-2E-3 SFE 212



photo Cenusá

PS-808 SF-2E-3 SFE-212

Signatory : M. Galvez

1 Peso moneda boliviana * SANTA-FÉ

frame ≈ 125 x 83 mm

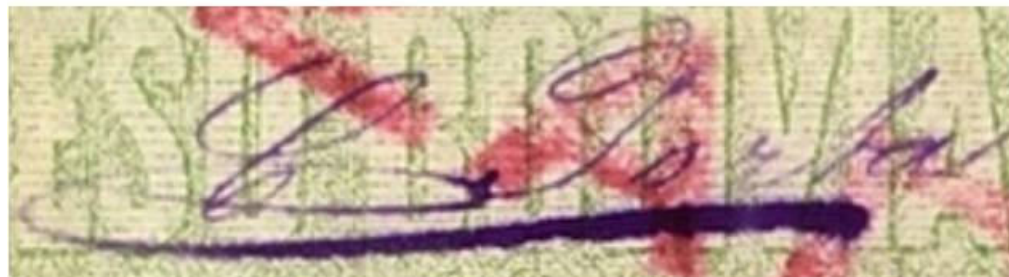
PS-809 SF-2E-3a SFE 217



photos Archivo y Museo Históricos del Banco Provincia "Dr. Arturo Jauretche"

PS-809 SF-2E-3a SFE-217

Signatory : C. Porta



PS-809 SF-2E-3a SFE-217

Hand signed by C. Porta

cancelled with handstamp **INUTILIZADO**

photos Gonzalo A. Ruiz

10 Pesos bolivianos ✱ ROSARIO

frame ≈ 150 x 75 mm uniface

PS-810 SF-2E-4 SFE 214

No sample known to date

10 Pesos bolivianos ★ SANTA-FÉ

frame ≈ 150 x 75 mm uniface
PS-811 SF-2E-4a SFE 219



Photo Cenusia

PS-811 SF-2E-4a SFE-219

handwritten signatures : at left, E. Lopez, the right being illegible.

