

Admiral George Brydges Rodney

(ii) Later Tokens and a Coin

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The first article in this series described the contemporary tokens relating to Admiral Rodney. As would be expected with such a popular national figure, many inns and taverns were subsequently named after him. A few have survived to this day. Several of the Inns issued tokens and these are illustrated below (all 100%).

Birmingham – Coleshill St. - Rodney Inn

Obv. **TO BE SPENT IN THE | CONCERT HALL | THE SAME | EVENING AS RECEIVED** around **RODNEY INN | 3^d. maker POPE & C^o BIRM**

Rev. **CONCERT ROOM | COLESHILL ST.** view of large organ

Details. Br, 32 mm.

Notes. Hockley. W2947. AC



Obv. **TO BE SPENT IN THE | CONCERT HALL | THE SAME | EVENING AS RECEIVED** around **RODNEY INN | 3^d. maker COTTRILL ST. PAUL'S**

Rev. **CONCERT HALL | COLESHILL | ST.** maker **COTTRILL BIRMINGHAM.** Perspective view of concert hall with organ in distance.

Details. Br, 31 mm.

Notes. Hockley. W2960. AC.



Obv. **SUBSCRIPTION ALLEY | RODNEY INN | COLESHILL ST^T | H. HOLDER | PROPRIETOR** around **2½**

Rev. Counterstamped **716**

Details. Br, 24 mm. AC.



Obv. **SUBSCRIPTION ALLEY | RODNEY INN** around **COLESHILL ST^T oak leaves and flowers**

Rev. Counterstamped **155**

Details. Br, 21 mm. AC.



The Music Hall at 88, 89 and 90 Coleshill St was opened on 24th June 1846 by Henry Holder who was proprietor of the Rodney inn at no 87 (Figure 1). The venue was taken over by Sower and Garden in 1863.

From Aris's Birmingham Gazette: May 28th, 1855 Page 2.

“A very gratifying testimonial has been presented by the Railway Guards' Friendly Society to Mr. Holder, as a mark of their respect for his uniform liberality, especially the kindness with which he has on several occasions gratuitously placed his establishment at their disposal for benefit concerts. The testimonial consists handsomely-chased silver tea and coffee service, supplied by Messrs. Collis and Co., and bearing the following inscription : "Presented to Mr. Henry Holder, proprietor of the Rodney Music Hall, Coleshill Street, Birmingham, the members of the Birmingham District of the Railway Guards' Universal Friendly Society, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by the whole of the members, for his kind and liberal conduct in placing at their disposal his establishment gratis, for five years, in aid of the funds of the Society and they also wish to express their gratitude to Mrs. Holder for her kind and courteous manner upon all occasions. May 15th, 1855.”

There is a large series of tickets for the Concert Hall⁽³⁾, but only the four above state the Rodney Inn.



Fig. 1. The Rodney Inn and Concert Hall, Birmingham, before 1857.

Birmingham – Edmond St. - Rodney Tavern

Obv. **JNO WILKES | EDMOND STREET** around **RODNEY | TAVERN**

Rev. **CHEQUE | BAGATELLE** around **3^d**

Details. Br, 24 mm. AC.

Notes. “Rodney Tavern”, 84 Edmond St. (sic), John Wilkes 1828/9-1839.
“Rodney”, Wm John Bracey 1850.



Birmingham – Edmund St. – Rodney Inn

Obv. **T.J. KETLEY | EDMUND ST** around **RODNEY INN**

Rev. **MANUFACTURED BY T. POPE | COIN PRESS & CHECK WORKS ?? | NEWHALL ST BIRM** around **CHECK 1½.**

Details. Br, ? mm, ebay January 2020

Notes. William Grew, 1862. Mrs Eleanor Ketley “Rodney”, 84 Edmond St, 1867. Pope Rev. die 1854-95.



Birmingham - Gooch St. - Rodney Tavern

William Reaney, 1½ d 24mm Whitmore 2957⁽¹⁾

William Reaney, 2½ d 24mm. Whitmore 2958⁽¹⁾

Birmingham – Sherlock St. - Rodney Inn

William Lawrence 3d 27mm Wine, Ale and Porter Whitmore 2960⁽¹⁾

Birmingham – Hill St. - Rodney Tavern

Obv. **S. POPE | RODNEY | TAVERN | HILL St. | BIRMINGHAM**

Rev. **ALL WINES | AND SPIRITS** around **2^d**

Details. Br, 24 mm. AC.



Obv. **RODNEY TAVERN HILL STREET** around Victoria young head facing left
 Rev. Blank
 Details. Cu?, 28 mm. AC.
 Notes. 51 Hill St; “Old Rodney”, Wm Harper, 1828/9-1850. “Old Rodney” Samuel Pope 1858. “Rodney Inn” Samuel Pope 1862. “Old Rodney” Reuben Roe, 1867. Saml. Pope 1875.



Leicester – High Cross St. - Rodney Inn

Obv. **D. KINGSTON | RODNEY | INN | HIGH CROSS ST^T | LEICESTER**
 Rev. Wreath around **3^D**
 Details. Br, 25 mm. eBay 25th April 2021.



Obv. **D. KINGSTON | RODNEY | INN | HIGH CROSS ST^T | LEICESTER**
 Rev. Wreath around Cmk **6** (over a **3^D**)
 Details. Br, 25 mm. AC.



Obv. **D. KINGSTON | RODNEY | INN | HIGH CROSS ST^T | LEICESTER**
 Rev. Wreath around **1½**
 Details. Br, 25 mm. AC.
 Notes. “Admiral Rodney Inn”, 92 High Cross St. Thomas Johnson 1847. Daniel Kingston 1861-1870. George Henry Stonehall 1876-1901/2.



London – Rotherhithe St. - Rodney’s Head

Obv. **H. ANCONA | 206 ROTHETHITHE ST** around **RODNEY’S | HEAD**
 Rev. **CHECK ONE PENNY** around **1^D**
 Details. Br, 27 mm. AC.



Obv. **H. ANCONA | 206 ROTHETHITHE ST** around **RODNEY’S | HEAD**
 Rev. **4^D**
 Details. Br, 27 mm. AC.
 Notes. Henry Fountain Ancona, Beer house keeper and beer retailer, 1882]. . 1891-1901. . The whole area has been demolished and redeveloped for housing.



London – Whitechapel Rd. - Rodney’s Head

Obv. **R. ELLIOTT | 138 | WHITECHAPEL ROAD | LONDON** around an ornate shield with the City of London coat of arms
 Rev. **EAST LONDON MUSIC HALL | WHITECHAPEL RD.** around **RODNEY’S | HEAD** above **ADMIT TWO | UPPER HALL** in a rectangle.
 Details. Br, 32 mm. AC.



Notes. Robert Elliott Victualler [1844-1860]. Pub at 138 Whitechapel road before 1806. Music Hall “Prince’s Hall of Varieties” existed 1854-1885. The road was renumbered before 1910 and the Lord Rodney’s Head was then at 285. It was renamed the Funky Munkie in 2000. Finally closing in 2004 to become a shoe shop and is now a clothes shop. In Figure 2, The J. Lyons shop next door confirms that this photo was taken after 1899.



Fig. 2. The Lord Rodney’s Head, Whitechapel Road, London, post 1899.

Warrington – [Winwick St.] - Admiral Rodney

Obv. **THOMAS PIERPOINT | WARRINGTON** around **ADMIRAL RODNEY**

Rev. Bust of Admiral Rodney facing left.

Details. Br, 26 mm. DNW 8 June 2016 lot 1317

Notes: Winwick St. Close to the railway station, where most of the original buildings have been demolished. 1823-9 Joseph Gerrard, licensee, then 1871 T. Cooper. Thomas Pierpoint child of William and Betsy, Rylands St, Licensed Victualler. (1865-75?) was baptised 22 May 1873 at St Paul, Warrington.



Fig. 3. The Rodney, Warrington, c. 2019.

Coin – Jamaica \$10 issued in 1977

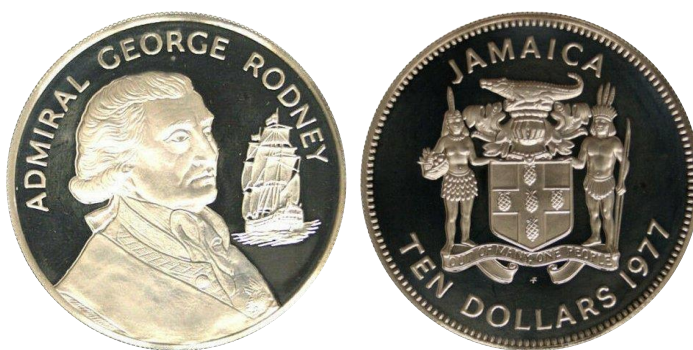
Obv. **ADMIRAL GEORGE RODNEY**
around bust three quarters left and ship.

Rev. **JAMAICA | TEN DOLLARS 1977**
around arms with supporters and motto
OUT OF MANY, ONE PEOPLE

Details. Ar, 45 mm.

Notes. 42.8g of 0.925 bullion.

This piece is from the fourth annual proof set of Jamaica. The ship is Rodney's 90-gun flagship, H.M.S. Formidable.



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