

Definition of "Dollar"

Bouvier's Law Dictionary, 1856 Edition

DOLLAR, money. A silver coin of the United States of the value of one hundred cents, or tenth part of an eagle.

2. It weighs four hundred and twelve and a half grains. Of one thousand parts, nine hundred are of pure silver and one hundred of alloy. Act of January 18, 1837, ss. 8 & 9, 4 Sharsw. Cont. of Story's L. U.S. 2523, 4; Wright, R. 162.

3. In all computations at the custom-house, the specie dollar of Sweden and Norway shall be estimated at one hundred and six cents. The specie dollar of Denmark, at one hundred and five cents. Act of May 22, 1846.

CENT, money. A copper coin of the United States of the value of ten mills; ten of them are equal to a dime, and one hundred, to one dollar. Each cent is required to contain one hundred and sixty-eight grains. Act of January 18th, 1837, 4 Sharsw. cont. of Story's L. U. S. 2524.

Black's Law Dictionary, First Edition (1891)

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents.

CENT. A coin of the United States, the least in value of those now minted. It is the hundredth part of a dollar. Its weight is 72 gr., and it is composed of copper and nickel in the ratio of 88 to 12.

Black's Law Dictionary, Third Edition (1933)

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents. *Thompson v. State*, 90 Rex. Cr. R. 125, 234 S.W. 406, 408.

Blacks Law Dictionary, Fourth Edition (1951)

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents. *People v. Alba* 46 Cal.App.2d 859, 117 P.2d 63. Money or currency issued by lawful authority and intended to pass and circulated as such. *Neufield v. United States*, 118 f.2d 375, 387, 73 App.D.C. 174. The dollar of nine-tenths fine silver consisting of the weight determined under the 31 U.S.C.A. § 321, shall be the standard unit of value, and all forms of money issued or coined shall be maintained at a parity of value with this standard. 31 U.S.C.A. § 314.

Black's Law Dictionary, Fourth Edition Revised (1957)

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is of the value of 100 cents. *People v. Alba*, 46 Cal.App.2d 859, 117 P.2d 63. Money or currency issued by lawful authority and intended to pass and circulated as such. *Neufield v. United States*, 118 F.2d 375, 387, 73 App.D.C. 174.

Black's Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition (1968)

Dollar. The money unit employed in the United States of the value of one hundred cents, or any combination of coins totalling one hundred cents.

Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition (1979)

Dollar. The money unit employed in the United States of the value of one hundred cents, or any combination of coins totalling one hundred cents.

Cent. A coin of the United States, the least in value of those now minted. It is the hundredth part of a dollar.

Black's Law Dictionary, Seventh Edition (1999)

(No definition for "dollar" or "cent" found)

Ballentines Law Dictionary, 2nd Edition (1930 & 1948)

Dollar (dol'ar). " There is no ambiguity about the word 'dollar'." If any word has a settled meaning at law, and in the courts, it is this. It can only mean the legal currency of the United States, not dollars vested in lands. A dollar is the volume of money, and is by law made a money unit value of the value of one hundred cents. See *State v. Downs*, 148 Ind. 324, 327.

Ballentines Law Dictionary, 3rd Edition (1969)

dollar. The legal currency of the United States; *State v Downs*, 148 Ind 324, 327; the unit of money consisting of one hundred cents. The aggregate of specific coins which add up to one dollar. 36 Am J 1st Money § 8. **In the absence of qualifying words, it cannot mean promissory notes, bonds, or other evidences of debt. 36 AM J 1st Money § 8.** (Emphasis Added)

American Jurisprudence, Volume 36 § 8

[T]he term "dollar" means money, since it is the unit of money in this country, and in the absence of qualifying words, it cannot mean promissory notes or bonds or other

evidences of debt. The term also refers to specific coins of the value of one dollar. (27 Ohio Jur pp. 125, 126, § 3), (United States v. Van Auken, 96 US 366, 24 L ed 852)

Black's Law, Second Pocket Edition (1996)
Federal Reserve Note

Federal Reserve Note. The paper currency in circulation in the United States. The notes are issued by the Federal Reserve Banks, **are effectively non-interest-bearing promissory notes** payable to bearer on demand, and are issued in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000. (Emphasis Added)

U.S.C. Title 18 § 8. - Obligation or other security of the United States defined

The term "**obligation** or other security **of the United States**" **includes** all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, national bank currency, **Federal Reserve notes**, Federal Reserve bank notes, coupons, United States notes, Treasury notes, gold certificates, silver certificates, fractional notes, certificates of deposit, bills, **checks**, or drafts for money, drawn by or upon authorized officers of the United States, stamps and other representatives of value, of whatever denomination, issued under any Act of Congress, and canceled United States stamps. (Emphasis Added)

Coinage Act of 1792 (has not been repealed.)

Dollars or Units \$1 371 4/16 grain (24.1 g) pure or 416 grain (27.0 g) standard silver.

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