

Memphre

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Lake Memphremagog's serpent crosses a border without leaving the water. Its remembered sightings eventually reached a Canadian coin, giving a disputed creature a very tangible public form.

STATUS	Reported encounters; commemorated, not verified
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	Quebec and Vermont
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Cryptids
STORY HISTORY	Reports commonly traced to 1816; commemorative coin issued in 2011

THE ACCOUNT

Memphré belongs to Lake Memphremagog, the long lake shared by Quebec and Vermont. Retellings describe a serpentine animal, sometimes with a long neck or a horse-like head. The reference history commonly begins its documented sightings in 1816. By 2011, the Royal Canadian Mint had placed an artist's dragon-headed interpretation on a colored quarter, complete with waves and the hills of the Eastern Townships. An elusive lake creature had become something people could hold.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

EBSCO's overview notes the absence of definitive evidence, despite a substantial collection of reported encounters. The Mint's page documents the coin accurately, but its promotional claims about eyewitness confirmation do not establish a new species. The early date is supplied by later summaries here, not by an inspected 1816 witness manuscript. Those are different levels of documentation and should not be silently exchanged.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

The coin gives this file a useful reversal. Its existence is certain, while the animal pictured on it remains unverified. A community can preserve a story in metal without closing the question that makes people look across the lake in the first place.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

Memphre (folklore)

EBSCO Research Starters

<https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/social-sciences-and-humanities/memphre-folklore>

Memphré - Coloured Coin (2011)

Royal Canadian Mint

<https://www.mint.ca/en/shop/coins/2011/memphre---coloured-coin-2011>

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