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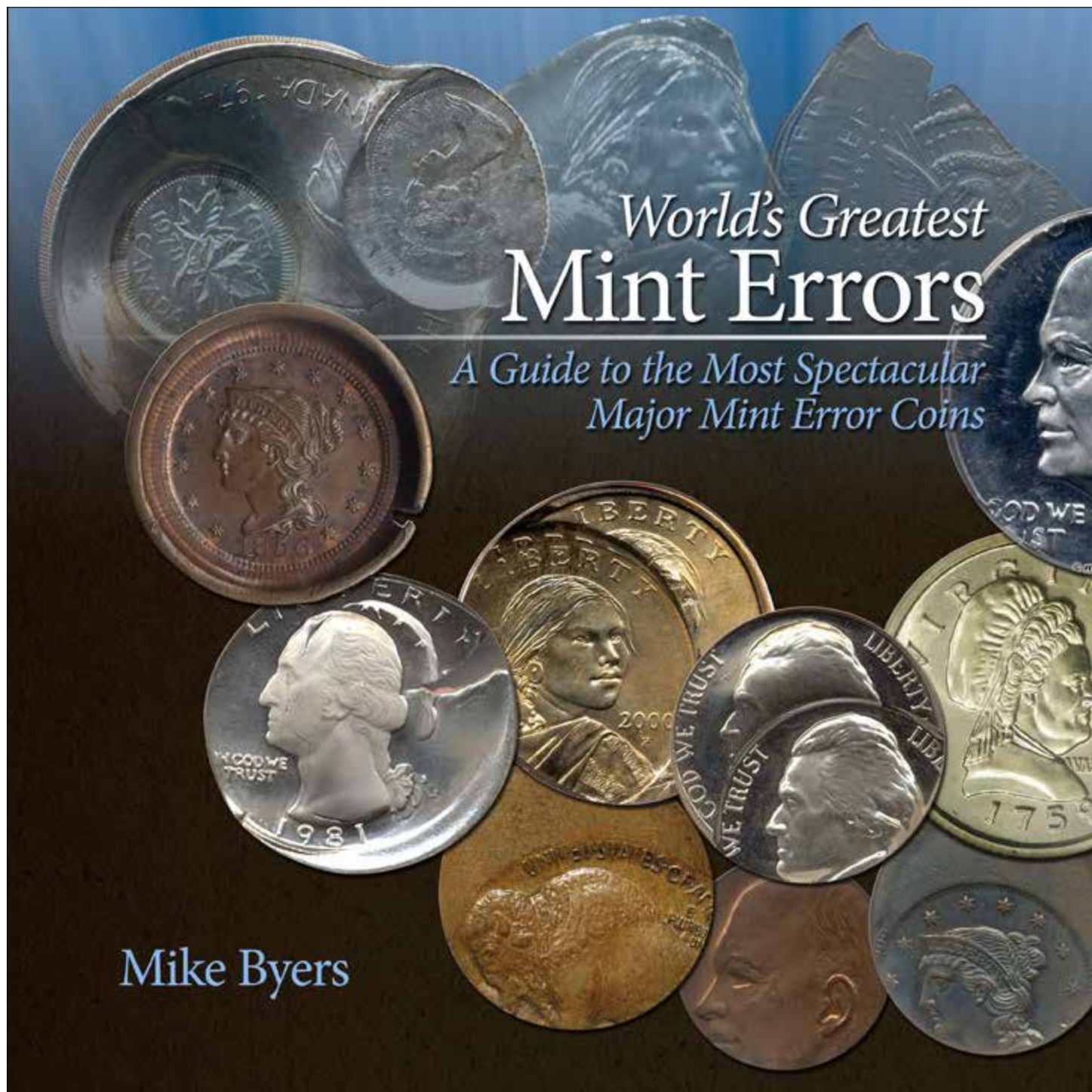
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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

Welcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 20th year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,300 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, minterrornews.com, has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

Over the last 20 years with the advent of the internet millions of collectors have flocked to online auctions and dealer websites. Many people connect to various online forums and clubs to share knowledge and learn about Mint Errors. Everyone, including dealers, collectors and even investors have instant access to information as never before. The Mint Error market has experienced an explosion in collector interest over the last 20 years.

Time and again, rare and unique Mint Errors in the numismatic market have made headline news. Authentication and certification of Mint Errors is now commonplace. In 1991, ANACS was the first to authenticate, grade and encapsulate major Mint Errors. In 1999, PCGS and NGC began certifying Mint Errors. Major Mint Errors are now pursued, collected and traded just like patterns, territorial Gold, colonials and other interesting segments of numismatics.

In 1975, I purchased a 1900 Indian Head Cent struck on a \$2 1/2 Indian Gold blank planchet for \$7,750 at a major coin auction. That price ranked among the top five ever realized for a Mint Error that few dealers or serious collectors would even consider. At that time price guides for Mint Errors were nonexistent and today that Indian Head Cent struck in Gold is certified MS65 by PCGS and is valued at six figures.

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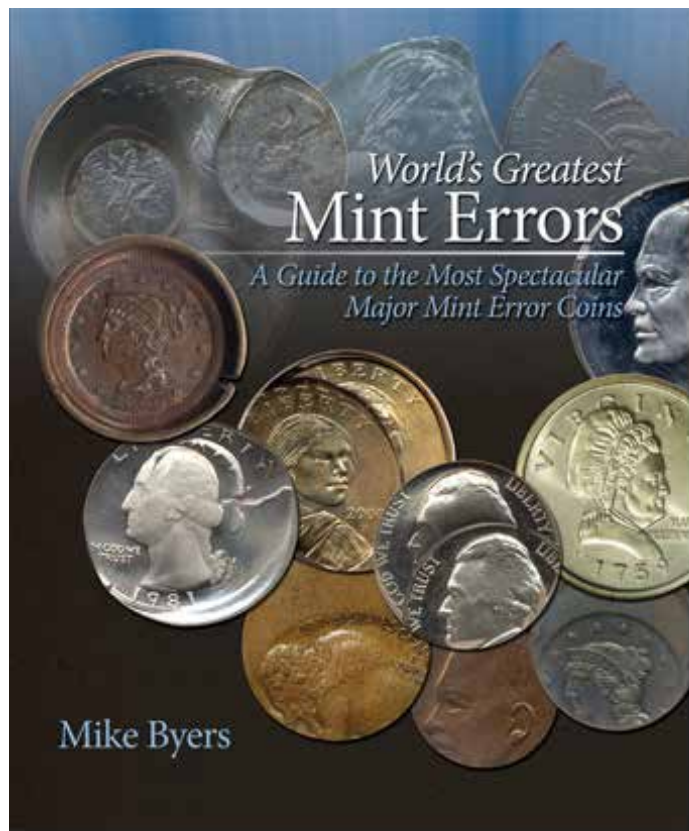


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***EDITORIAL BY MIKE BYERS, PUBLISHER &
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EXOTIC AND INTENTIONAL U.S. ERROR COINS IN THE MARKETPLACE

One of the most controversial categories of U.S. coins are mint errors. Many dealers and collectors, as well as coin auction houses, buy, sell, trade and auction many rare, exotic and unique major mint errors. Obviously, some of these defy logic and were intentionally created and taken out of the Mint.

In the early 2000's, a group of several hundred U.S. error coins were found in a safe-deposit box. Fred Weinberg purchased this group which included coins struck for proof sets and also

coins struck for circulation. This group was auctioned by the California State Controller's Office of Unclaimed Property. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and the rest is history.

Another example of U.S. error coins escaping the Mint occurred in the 1970's. A hoard of proof error coins were smuggled out of the San Francisco Mint inside the oil pans of forklifts

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that were being serviced outside of the Mint. This topic was discussed in the June 6, 2022 Issue of Coin World, which covered Fred Weinberg's account of this story. The Coin World Managing Editor concluded:

Obviously, the marketplace accepts these coins, and some collectors are happy paying thousands of dollars for coins that show every indication of having been created through illegal means.

In Episode 11 of the PCGS video series Slab Lab, Seth Chandler interviews Fred Weinberg. In part 2 of the interview, Fred explains in detail why mint errors that are decades old are not recovered by the U.S. Mint. Fred's recollection of conversations in his office with the Chief of the U.S. Mint Police are extremely insightful and explain why the Mint doesn't attempt to recover error coins from decades ago.

Click the image below to view the Part 2 of the Interview:



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**Heritage Auctions sold this Proof Ike Dollar
3-Piece "Clover Leaf" for \$105,000.**

Unique 3-Piece Ike \$1 "Clover Leaf"
Ike \$1 On Clad 10C Planchet PF 68 ULTRA CAMEO
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Fred Weinberg sold this Lincoln Cent bonded with a magnetic screw that he discovered in another group of error coins.



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TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

by Mike Byers

Here are a few of the highest prices realized for Major Mint Errors sold during 2022.



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

The first two mint errors listed here were both private sales by Mike Byers. The remaining items were all sold in auction by Heritage Auctions.

UNIQUE GOLD BUFFALO NICKEL

1913 Type 2 5¢ with Test Cut Struck on a \$5 Gold Planchet (8.33G) NGC AU 53
\$400,000.00



1795 Draped Bust Dollar Small Eagle Struck on 96 Grain Copper Planchet
PCGS AU 55 UNIQUE
\$375,000.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

2001-D Lincoln Cent -- Muled With a Roosevelt Dime Reverse -- MS65 Red PCGS
\$78,000.00



1880-S Morgan Dollar -- Struck 40% Off Center -- MS63 PCGS
\$72,000.00



2001-D Lincoln Cent -- Muled With a Roosevelt Dime Reverse -- MS65 Red PCGS
\$66,000.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

2000-D Sacagawea Dollar / South Carolina Quarter Mule MS64 PCGS
\$66,000.00



1864 Two Cent Piece, Large Motto -- Obverse Capped Die -- MS65 Brown NGC
\$45,600.00



1971-S Ike Dollar -- Overstruck on a San Francisco Assay Office Medal -- PR69 Red Cameo NGC
\$40,800.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

**(1864-73) Two Cent Piece -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- AU55 NGC
\$38,400.00**



**(1917-1930) Standing Liberty Quarter, Type Two -- Struck Off-Center -- AU55 ANACS
\$33,600.00**



**Type Two Standing Liberty Quarter -- Struck 35% Off Center -- MS65 Full Head NGC
\$33,600.00**



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1944 1C Struck on a Zinc-Coated Steel Planchet AU53 NGC
\$28,800.00



2000 Lincoln Cent -- Struck on a 2000-P Virginia Statehood Quarter -- MS66 PCGS
\$26,400.00



1864 Large Motto, Two Cent Piece -- Struck 55% Off Center -- MS63 Brown NGC
\$24,000.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar -- Double Struck on a Cent Planchet -- PR66 Red Cameo NGC
\$24,000.00



1873 Open 3 Shield Nickel -- Struck on a Cent Planchet -- MS64 Red and Brown NGC
\$21,600.00



1882 Shield Nickel -- Struck on a Cent Planchet -- MS64 Brown NGC
\$20,400.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1941 Walking Liberty Half Mated Pair

Coin #1 is a 1941 Half -- Double Struck, Second Strike 90% Off Center -- AU58 NGC
Coin #2 is a 1941 Half -- Struck on Quarter Planchet with Edge Brockage -- AU58 NGC
\$20,400.00



1891 Seated Quarter -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- MS62 NGC
\$20,400.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

No Date Walking Liberty Half Dollar -- Struck 25% Off Center on Steel 1C Planchet -- XF45 NGC
\$19,226.40



1944 Lincoln Cent -- Experimental Planchet -- MS62 PCGS
\$19,200.00



1942-? Walking Liberty Half Dollar -- Struck on a Washington Quarter Planchet -- MS64 NGC
\$18,000.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1866 Two Cent Piece -- Struck on a Cent Planchet -- MS64 Brown NGC
\$18,000.00



1923 Peace Dollar -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- MS64 NGC
\$18,000.00



1892-S Barber Dime -- Obverse Die Cap -- MS63 NGC
\$16,800.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

**2000-P Sacagawea Dollar -- Struck on Susan B. Anthony Dollar Planchet -- MS65 NGC
\$16,800.00**



**1944 Washington Quarter -- Struck on a Zinc-Plated Steel Cent Planchet -- MS62 NGC
\$16,800.00**



**1875-(S) Seated Liberty Twenty Cent Piece -- Struck 25% Off Center -- MS63 NGC
\$16,800.00**



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1893-S Liberty Half Eagle -- Struck 10% Off Center -- MS62 NGC
\$15,600.00



1869 Shield Nickel -- Reverse Die Cap Brockage -- MS64 NGC
\$15,600.00



Undated Peace Dollar -- Double Struck, Second Strike 80% Off Center -- MS62 NGC
\$15,600.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- PR68 Cameo NGC
\$15,600.00



1888 Liberty Nickel -- Indented by a Brass Coil, Coil Included -- MS64 PCGS
\$15,600.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

**(1971-1978) Eisenhower Dollar -- Struck on a Cent Planchet -- PR66 Red NGC
\$15,000.00**



**Undated Walking Liberty Half Dollar -- Struck on a Silver Quarter Planchet -- MS64 PCGS
\$15,000.00**



**1968-S Lincoln Cent -- Bonded With a Costa Rica 5 Centimos Blank -- MS63 Red PCGS
\$15,000.00**



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**1865 Two Cent Piece -- Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center -- MS62 Brown NGC
\$14,400.00**



**1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver -- Double Struck, Both Strikes Off Center -- PR66 Ultra Cameo NGC
\$13,800.00**



**1795 Flowing Hair Half Dollar, 2 Leaves -- Double Struck with Obverse Rotation -- VG8 NGC
\$13,200.00**



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver -- Double Struck, Both Strikes Off Center -- PR67 Cameo NGC
\$13,200.00



1979-P Susan B. Anthony Dollar -- Overstruck on 1978 25C, Double Denomination -- MS67 NGC
\$13,200.00



1999-P Susan B. Anthony Dollar -- Struck on Sacagawea Dollar Planchet, Transitional -- MS66 NGC
\$12,600.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1944 Lincoln Cent -- Overstruck on a 1944 Netherlands 10C, Doubled Denomination -- XF45 NGC
\$12,600.00



1887 Morgan Dollar -- Struck 30% Off Center, Cleaned -- NGC Details AU
\$12,025.20



Undated Type Two San Francisco Buffalo Nickel -- Struck on a Silver Dime Planchet -- AU58 PCGS
\$12,000.00



TOP MINT ERRORS FOR 2022

1944 Lincoln Cent -- Experimental Planchet -- MS63 PCGS

\$12,000.00



(1921) Morgan Dollar -- Struck 20% Off Center -- MS62 NGC

\$12,000.00



1999-P Susan B. Anthony Dollar -- Struck on Sacagawea Dollar Planchet, Transitional -- MS65 NGC

\$11,700.00



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**1968-S Washington Quarter Dollar -- Struck on 90% Silver Planchet -- PR64 PCGS
\$11,700.00**



**No Date Walking Liberty Half Dollar -- Struck 50% Off Center -- MS64 NGC
\$11,700.00**



**1960-D Franklin Half Dollar -- Overstruck on a Jefferson Nickel, Double Denomination -- MS63 NGC
\$11,400.00**



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No Date Susan B. Anthony Dollar -- Overstruck on 1978 10C, Double Denomination -- MS66 NGC
\$11,400.00



1962-D Franklin Half Dollar -- Double Struck, Second Strike 70% Off Center -- MS60 NGC
\$11,400.00



1866 Shield Nickel, Rays -- Struck 30% Off Center -- MS66 NGC
\$11,100.00



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1906-D Liberty Eagle -- Broadstruck out of Collar -- MS65 PCGS
\$10,800.00



Mated Error Pair of 1867 Shield Nickels, No Rays -- MS64 NGC
\$10,800.00



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**1883-O Morgan Dollar -- Struck 5% Off Center -- MS65+ Deep Mirror Prooflike PCGS
\$10,800.00**



**1971-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver -- Double Struck, Both Sides Off Center -- MS67 NGC
\$10,219.20**



**Undated New Orleans Morgan Dollar -- Struck 30% Off Center -- AU53 NGC
\$10,200.00**



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Lincoln Dime Mule Census

by John Wang

Lincoln Dime Mules are fascinating coins struck with a Lincoln Cent obverse by Victor David Brenner combined with a Roosevelt Dime reverse by John Ray Sinnock. These are particularly eye appealing and generally it appears that the smaller dime size die does not have any cupping effect on the struck coin.

Five of these coins have sold with the following notes:

1. All five are relatively modern, being struck between 1993 and 2001, but with none in the last 20 years.
2. All five specimens have been offered by Heritage Auctions, each only once.
3. The highest price realized is \$138,000 for the 1999 PR66RD in 2006.
4. One was struck on a clad dime planchet while the others were struck on copper-plated zinc planchets.
5. Two were struck in Philadelphia while 3 were struck in Denver.
6. Three coins have known pedigrees, with two collected by Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr., a notable Lincoln cent collector who owned a 1943-S bronze cent, and one in the Bellaire collection.

Given there are five of these now, they command attention and while attaining any one would be an exciting achievement, collecting the set could be a lifetime achievement.

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Census List of Lincoln Dime Mules

1. 1995 Lincoln Dime mule on dime planchet;
Pedigree: Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr.;
Grade: [NGC MS64 \(1615815-001\)](#);
Sale: [\\$57,500 Heritage Auctions \(January 7, 2010\)](#)
2. 1993-D Lincoln Dime mule on cent planchet
Pedigree: Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr.;
Grade: [PCGS MS65RD \(50051509\)](#);
Sale: [\\$51,750 Heritage Auctions \(January 7, 2010\)](#)
3. 1999 Lincoln Dime mule on cent planchet; Pedigree:
Bellaire Collection;
Grade: [PCGS MS66RD \(5764796\)](#);
Sale: [\\$138,000 Heritage Auctions \(April 29, 2006\)](#)
4. 2001-D Lincoln Dime mule on cent planchet;
Grade: [PCGS MS66RD \(41520315\)](#);
Sale: [\\$114,000 Heritage Auctions \(June 17, 2021\)](#)
5. 2001-D Lincoln Dime mule on cent planchet;
Grade: [PCGS MS65RD \(43726720\)](#);
Sale: [\\$78,000 Heritage Auctions \(February 24, 2022\)](#)

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Discussion

Classification

An interesting thing about these errors is that the denomination determined by the error community is based on the planchet used, so that even though the same die pair could be used on different planchets, the denomination would be by the planchet not the dies. The situation means that the Lincoln Dime Mule on a dime planchet is considered a dime and the Lincoln Dime Mule on a cent planchet is considered a cent.

Pedigree / Provenance

Out of the 5 coins, two coins are pedigreed to the Alfred V. Melson Collection by Heritage Auctions while one is pedigreed to the Bellaire Collection. “Alfred V. Melson” was matched with “Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr.” and used in this article. The following was used to match the names:

1. An exhaustive search online, including auction sites, coin sites, ancestry sites, obituaries, grave sites, and message forums indicates that the name “Alfred V. Melson” only appears in a father-son pair named Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr. and Alfred Vaughn Melson Jr.
2. Fred Weinberg indicated he sold coins to Alfred V. Melson 20-25 years ago and the PCGS slabs with the “Alfred V. Melson Coll.” pedigree were requested by the son for the pedigree line.
3. Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr. passed away in 2003, which fits the timeline of when his collection was sold in 2010, allowing time for his son to request the “Alfred V. Melson Coll.” pedigree for some of the coins.

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The Coins

1. 1995 Lincoln Dime mule on dime planchet

Pedigree: Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr. (1942-2003)

Grade: [NGC MS64 \(1615815-001\)](#)

Sale: [\\$57,500 Heritage Auctions \(January 7, 2010\)](#)



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2. 1993-D Lincoln Dime mule on cent planchet

Pedigree: Alfred Vaughn Melson Sr. (1942-2003)

Grade: [PCGS MS65RD \(50051509\)](#)

Sale: [\\$51,750 Heritage Auctions \(January 7, 2010\)](#)



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3. 1999 Lincoln Dime on cent planchet

Pedigree: Bellaire Collection

Grade: [PCGS MS66RD \(5764796\)](#)

Sale: [\\$138,000 Heritage Auctions \(April 29, 2006\)](#)



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4. 2001-D Lincoln Dime on cent planchet

Grade: [PCGS MS66RD \(41520315\)](#)

Sale: [\\$114,000 Heritage Auctions \(June 17, 2021\)](#)



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5. 2001-D Lincoln Dime on cent planchet

Grade: [PCGS MS65RD \(43726720\)](#)

Sale: [\\$78,000 Heritage Auctions \(February 24, 2022\)](#)



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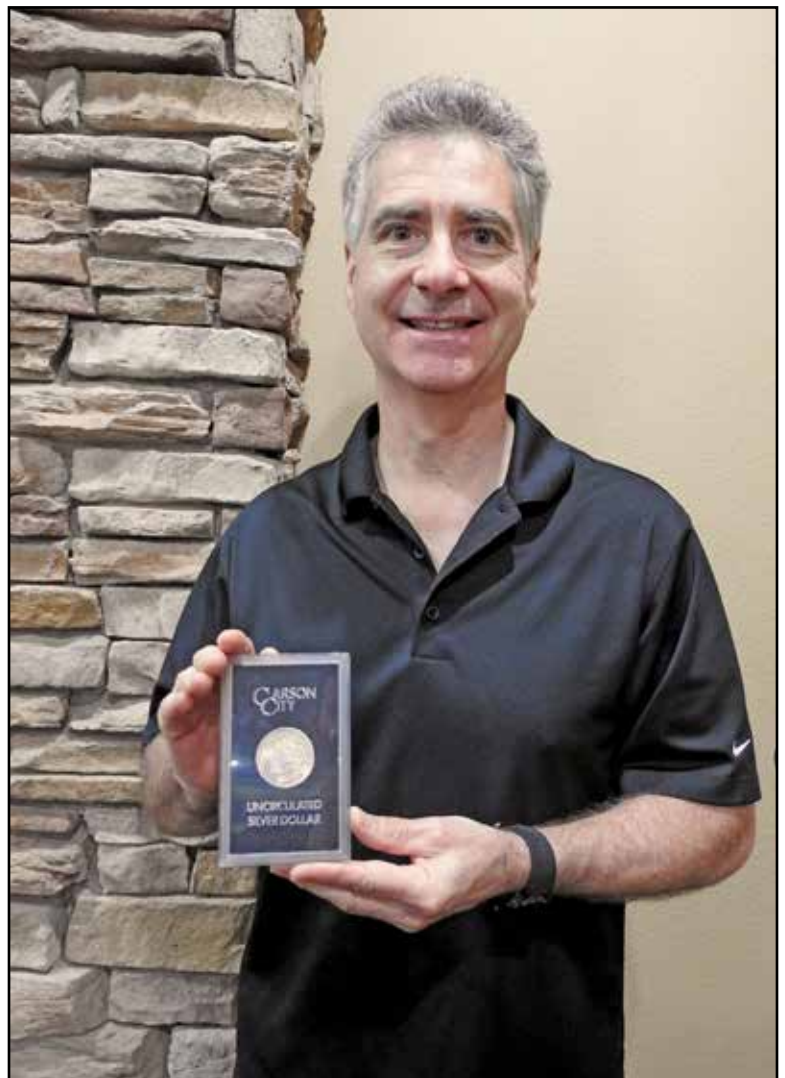
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A Closer Look: The GSA 1882 Carson City Morgan Dollar Off Center

by **David J. Camire**
NCS President and NGC Finalizer

There is more than meets the eye when looking at the 1882-CC off-center GSA Morgan dollar. Upon closer inspection some interesting facts are revealed!



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First, the planchet that the coin was struck on still shows signs of roller marks on the unstruck portion. This area is highlighted in Photo 1. They are fairly light and not visible on the struck portion of the coin.

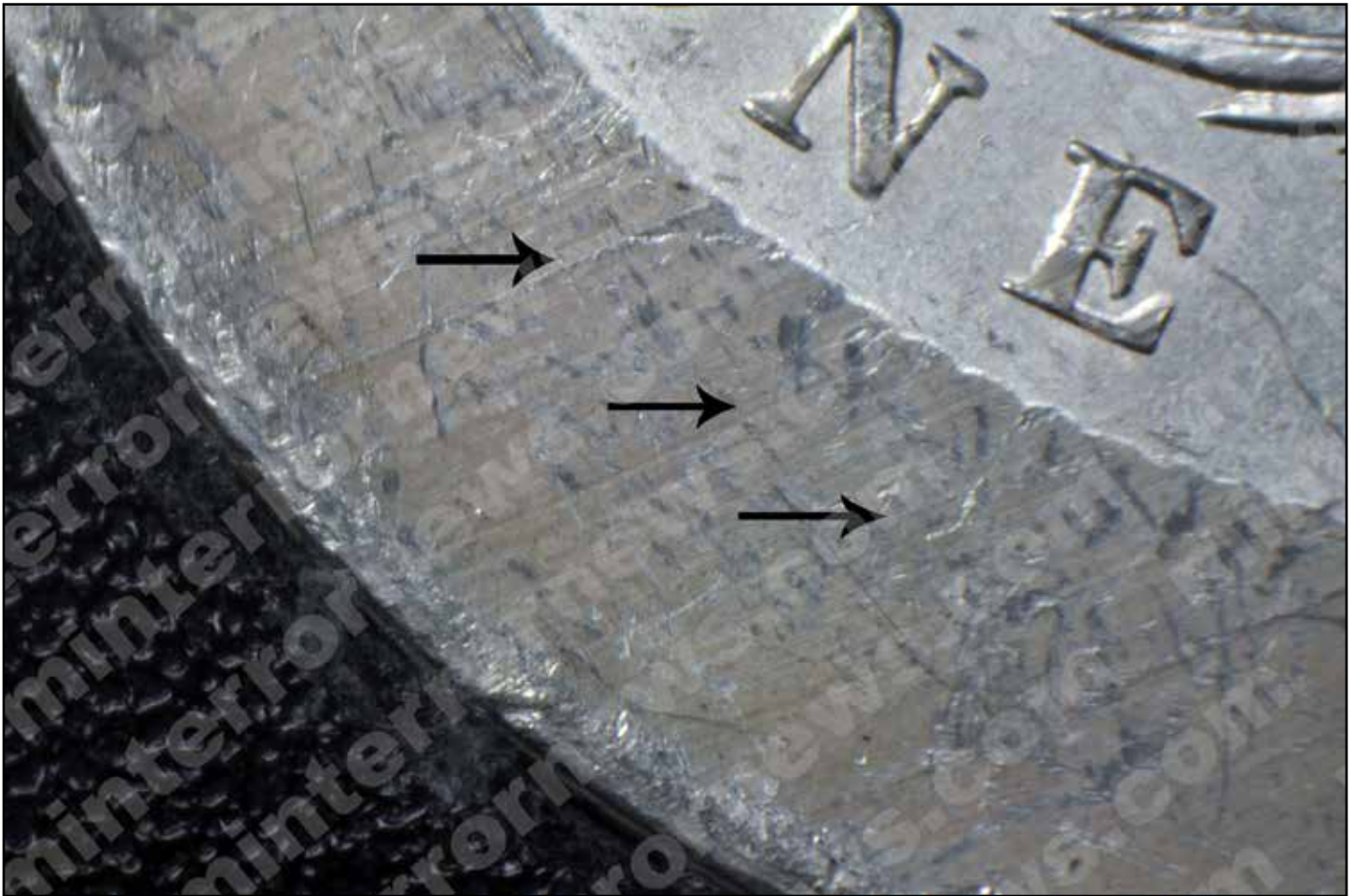


Photo 1

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Next, both the obverse and reverse dies show multiple clash marks. A clash occurs when a malfunction of the feeder operation prevents a planchet from entering the coining chamber. This results in the two dies coming together and striking each other. Depending on the spacing of the dies and the tonnage used to strike the coin, the damage to the dies can vary from minor to catastrophic. In this case, the marks are "typical" of those seen on Morgan dollars (Photos 2-8).

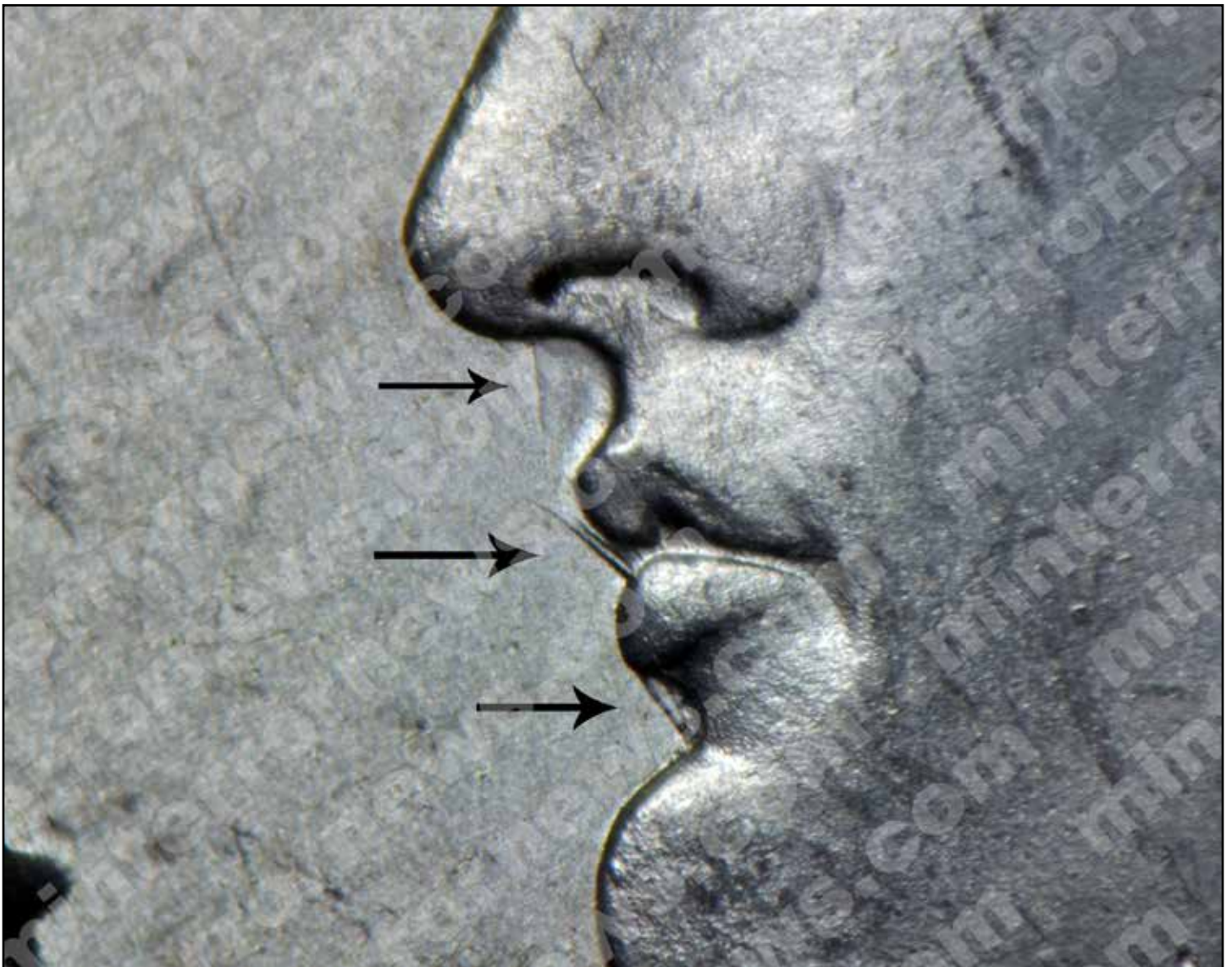


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A Closer Look: The GSA 1882 Carson City Morgan Dollar Off Center

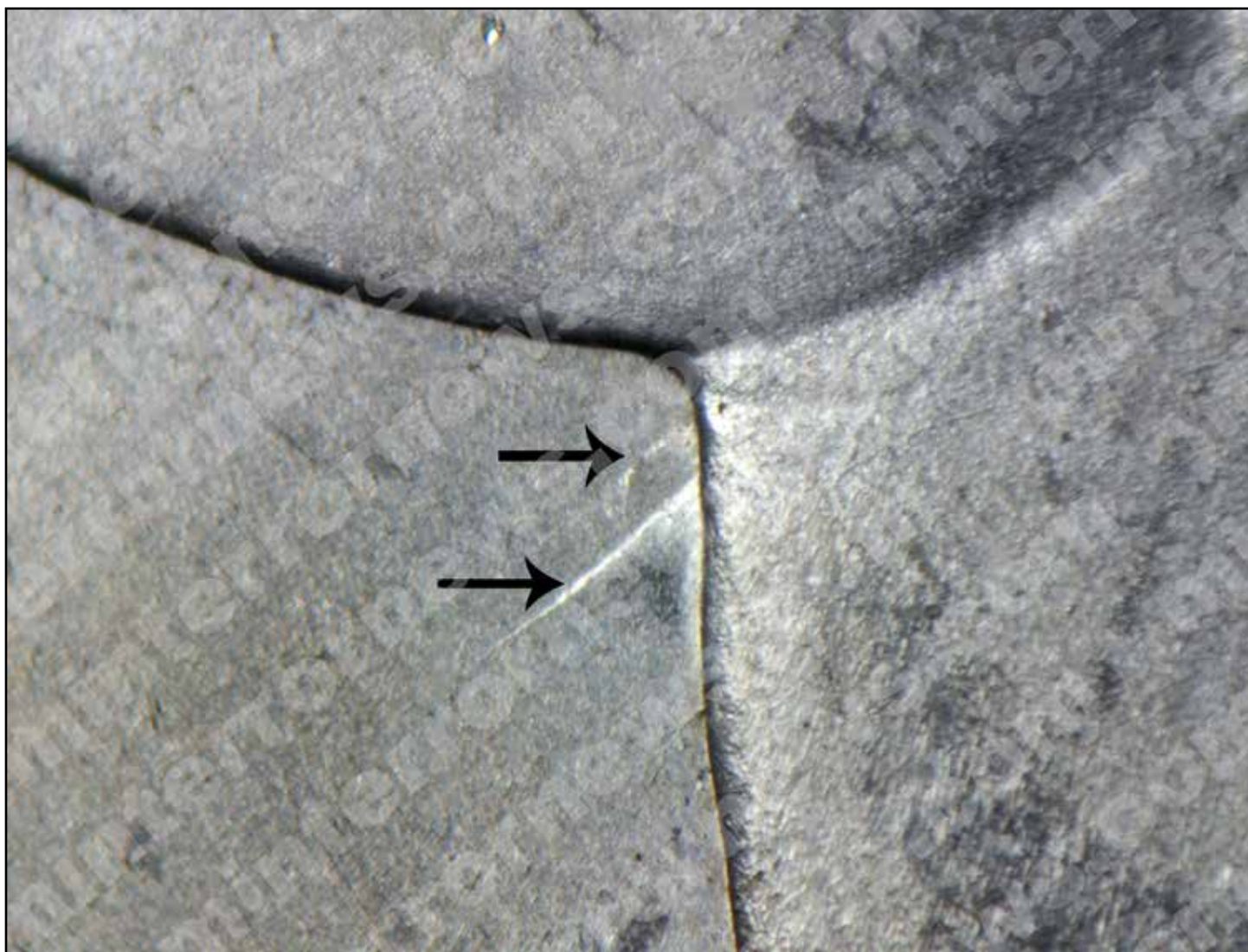


Photo 3

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Photo 4

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Photo 5

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Photo 6

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Photo 7

A Closer Look: The GSA 1882 Carson City Morgan Dollar Off Center

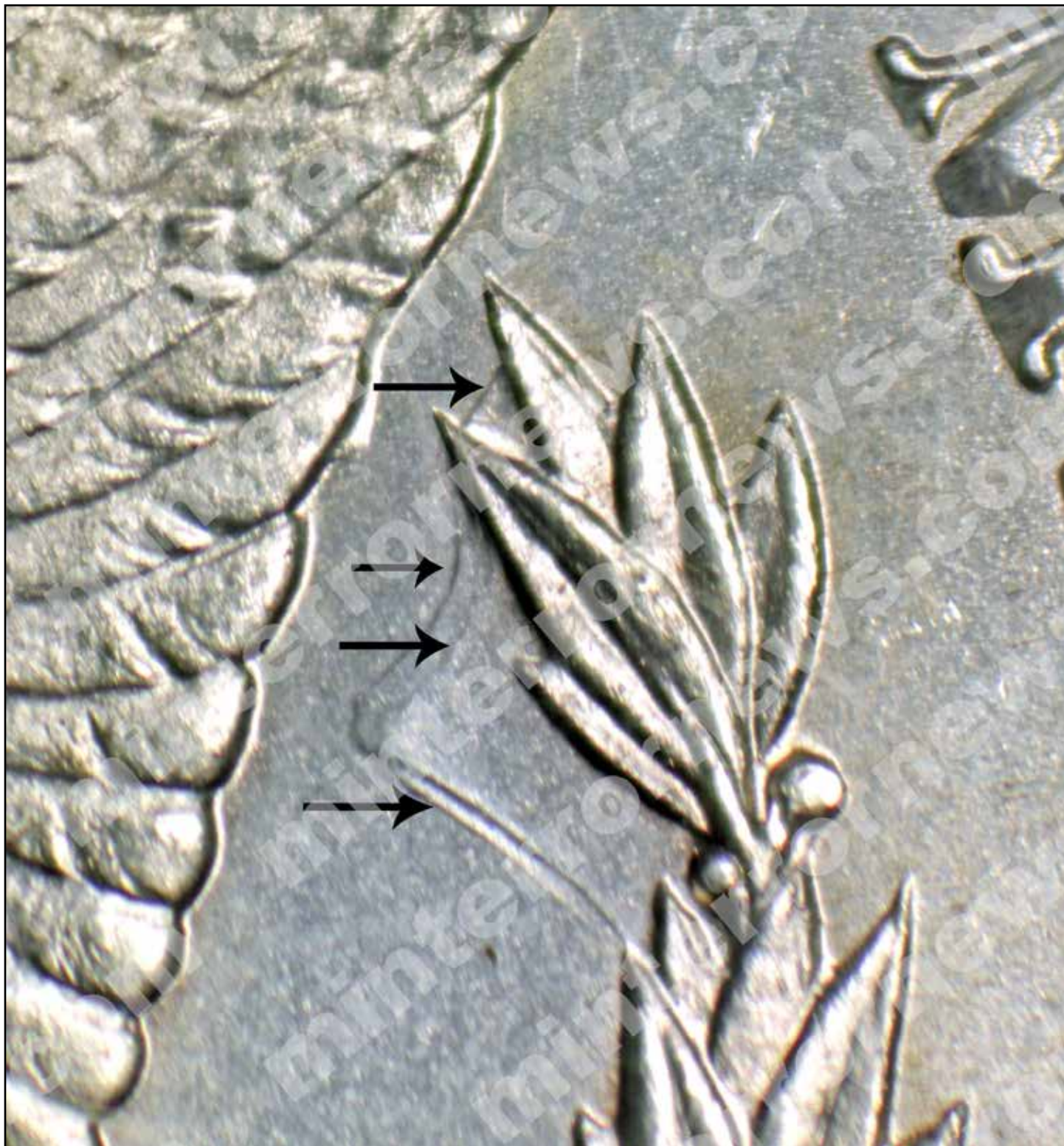


Photo 8

A Closer Look: The GSA 1882 Carson City Morgan Dollar Off Center

These clash marks along with other die markers, like the die lines behind the eagles head (Photo #9) and the placement of the mint mark (Photo #10), help to establish the VAM variety for this coin which is attributed to VAM-3A.



Photo 9

A Closer Look: The GSA 1882 Carson City Morgan Dollar Off Center



Photo 10

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AU58 NGC
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Struck on a Zinc-Coated
Steel Planchet
AU58 NGC
Realized \$2,880



1965 Dime
Struck on a Silver
Dime Planchet
MS62 PCGS
Realized \$9,000



1971-D Quarter,
Brockage Reverse
Struck on Nickel Planchet
MS65 PCGS
Realized \$4,320



2000-D Maryland Quarter
Struck on Feeder Finger
Ungraded NGC
Realized \$15,600



1999- SBA Dollar
Struck on a Sacagawea Planchet
MS64 PCGS
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2000-P Sacagawea Dollar /
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NGC Certifies 1906 Indian Head Cent Struck on a Mexican Gold 5 Pesos Planchet Offered in GreatCollections Auction

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From the GreatCollections auction listing:

An absolutely jaw dropping and almost certainly unique error. 1906 Indian Cent, struck on a 1905 5 Pesos planchet (KM-464) identifiable by the remaining edge inscription INDEPENDENCIA Y LIBERTAD. The strike is decidedly uneven with one half of each side being decidedly more defined than the opposing half. Significant wear and contact marks are present alluding to its life as a curiosity pocket piece as something as unique as this would have been pulled out of circulation quickly. Seemingly unthinkable but absolutely genuine this unique item is sure to become a fabled collectors piece in the future. This was discovered by the consignor while going through bulk coins at a coin show.

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Collecting Carson City Errors

by Allen Rowe



My Journey started as a young man where I collected coins and enjoyed the hunt more than anything. When I discovered that I could make money in coins I had to switch my mentality from collector to dealer and I gave up collecting for

myself. A few years into my dealing career I learned that there could be a dichotomy to coins.

I had given up collecting so that I would not tie up the money I needed to trade with for just my collection.

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This came from the advice of a mentor who knew I would likely overspend on my collection if I didn't take this stance. For the first few years of my career I hustled to try and grow my business in tough and declining market. By remaining lean and working hard I was able to grow and learn even in the rough market of the 90's where all coins and precious metals were cheap. As the decade was coming to an end and I had learned about where values were I stumbled across an 1882-CC Morgan that was 10% off-center. After purchasing it I had a decision to make, sell it or keep it. My love for Carson City coins and Morgans in general had grown and now I had one with an error to boot. NFS was what I decided.

Not for sale, didn't mean I didn't want to share it and so I started taking it to a few shows to display it. This is where I met Mike Byers. He kept circling the coin and asking how much I wanted for it. After

several shows of testing my resolve he saw that it wasn't leaving and since he couldn't buy it from me he tried selling something. At the ANA in 1999 Mike sealed my fate, he offered me the 1884-CC Morgan that was broken in half and certified in two PCGS holders, the now famous Broken CC dollar. I now had a genre of coins to collect that would not break my bank every week, Carson City error coins.

The next major addition came when the Harrison Phillips collection came up for sale. Harrison was a dealer that like me had hustled for years in coins and yet he had saved much more than I ever had. He had a tremendous collection of error dollars and they were coming up for auction. The one that I keyed in on was an 1891-CC Morgan that was off-center. As the auction came closer there was a little bit of a buzz as to how much this coin would be worth. I went to the auction with a number in mind but ended up like

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a deer in the headlights and just didn't put the paddle down until the auctioneer called my number. After purchasing the coin Harrison's brother, Tom Phillips, came up to me and congratulated me on the purchase. Tom said that of all the coins Harrison had purchased in his lifetime that it had always been his favorite. What an honor to be a steward of it now.

Over the years and as our website grew I added a show and tell section to our website and by doing so a few other dealers and collectors have offered me more CC errors. The Broken CC dollar being so unique did garner some talk and questions of what other coins like it were worth. A second broken dollar was once featured in a coin world article with the 1884-CC. The second coin was an 1879-S with an approximate 20% and 80% piece in two holders. It did come to auction but I did not bid on it at the time as my collection had not advanced that far yet. Later

a dealer in Iowa called me about a 1921 Morgan broken close to how the 1884-CC is. He didn't sell it to me but rather certified it at ANACS and then put it in a Scotsman auction. I did not bid in it there and later bought it from the person who did. As the broken dollar collection grew another coin came to light, this time an 1880-CC Morgan. The person who sold it to me claimed that it had come out of a GSA. I bought the coin and had it certified at PCGS in two holders. Within a few years another collector didn't sell or give me a coin but rather a copy of a document that hasn't circulated much. It was a list of Carson City error coin that a group of error specialists had examined in the GSA hoard. This 1880-CC was in there along with a few other coins that I now own. What a great tie in.

The next major coin I added to the collection was a Carson City gold coin error. Doug Winter knowing that I liked the Carson City error coins offered me the only CC gold

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error I've heard of (other than minor planchet flaws), a partial collar \$20 gold, and to boot it is a mint state coin with tons of eye appeal. For such a great coin I don't have much of a story or background for the coin, but I am thankful to Doug for offering it to me as it remains a dear coin to the collection.

The last individual coin I will bring up(for now) is one that I just happened to run across on eBay. I was searching for 1870-CC seated dollars to fill in type sets when I ran across one that was broad struck. I quickly contacted the owner to try and buy it. The owner being in the Midwest wanted to try and consummate the deal in person. We came to a price and formulated a plan to meet in a few months, way to long for my liking. One thing lead to another and as a year passed we finally came to deal to mail me the coin. The error borders on the off-center and does stand out more than most broad struck coins. In all my research I have not come across

another major seated dollar error and to have a first year CC just fits perfectly into the collection.

I think the most fun I've had in building this collection is not only the challenge of finding coins but also making the deals to get them. I have missed a few over the years and that is ok. I am sure that some will circle back my way and if they don't then hopefully someone else out there is getting as much joy out of this as I am. I have been fortunate enough to make some great friends and relationships in this endeavor. I look forward to the next addition and the relationships that come from it too.

Allen Rowe is the owner of Northern Nevada Coin with three locations including the store directly across the street from the Carson City Mint. Northern Nevada Coin was incorporated in 1993. Allen still attends most major shows and is active in the numismatic community.

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Here is a selection of Carson City Mint Errors from the Northern Nevada Dollar Error Gallery:

1882-CC 10% Off Center Morgan Dollar



This first coin is an Uncirculated 1882-CC Dollar that was struck 10% off center. What this means is that the planchet being fed into the press had not come to rest on the dies before it was struck. Like the Broken CC, this coin has two of the same attributes that make us excited. It is from our home town of Carson City and it is a Morgan dollar error. We do love CC errors!

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1891-CC 10% Off Center Morgan Dollar



Our newest acquisition is an 1891-CC Dollar struck 10% off-center. This piece is a similar error to the 1882-CC, but with some exciting twists. This is now our second favorite error, only because the Broken CC Dollar simply cannot be topped. However, this piece is not only a rare date CC Dollar, but also extremely nice for the grade. We do love CC errors!

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1884-CC Struck Through Grease Morgan Dollar



Another new acquisition we have just added is an 1884-CC Dollar graded MS-61 that was struck through grease giving it a very interesting flat look.

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1878-CC Rotated Reverse Morgan Dollar



What's so special about this coin? This Carson City Dollar error has a rotated reverse. If you hold a U.S. coin in your hand and turn it top over bottom (not side to side) the reverse should appear right side up. With this coin, the reverse was struck with a rotated die!

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1883-CC Partial Collar Strike Morgan Dollar



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1880-CC Partial Collar Strike Morgan Dollar



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1872-CC 5% Off Center Seated Liberty Half Dollar



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1890-CC Minor Struck-Thru Morgan Dollar



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1890-CC Planchet Lamination Morgan Dollar



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1884-CC Split After Strike

During the minting process metal alloy is rolled out like cookie dough. Blanks, or planchets, are punched from the strips, just like making cookies. Occasionally the planchet suffers from an improper mixing of the metal. This happens more often than you might think, and when it does results may vary. Most often small flakes break away from the coin. Every once in a while a much larger break will occur, usually splitting the coin in half like an Oreo cookie. Rarer yet, a break across the coin (such as the one we have) occurs. Most of these types of errors would have never left the mint building because at that time coins were just money and nobody wanted a piece of money they couldn't spend. Besides that, the coiner could be fired for shoddy work. Quality control would have thrown this one back into the melting pot had they caught it. The fact that the break occurred on such a large coin also adds to its intrigue. On larger coins, errors were most often caught and destroyed at the mint being as they were easier to spot. Another amazing fact is that both halves of the coin remained with each other. In the world of errors, split planchets often have only one the two pieces surviving. We are glad that this coin has come to us having survived all these years in the state of preservation that it is.

We are proud of our trademark error at Northern Nevada Coin. Our error has it all!



It is from our hometown of Carson City, it is a Morgan dollar error, it is split almost perfectly in half, and we have both halves preserved in mint state 64. We do believe that this piece is unique and more interesting than any other coin we have ever seen.

“What’s the value?” you might ask. Errors are highly sought after prizes. It is a Morgan dollar error, which are exceedingly rare, not to mention the most dramatic error we have ever seen on a Morgan dollar - the most widely collected series in numismatics - making this piece of great interest to many collectors. Furthermore, it is a Carson City Morgan dollar - the most sought after mint - much desired by those who collect only CC material. So...who knows! All we know is that the coin is not for sale and we do not disclose what it took to own this beauty. We will not discuss what we think it should sell for if we sold it, because we won't. It is here only so that you can see and enjoy it along with us. We hope you enjoy previewing this rarity.

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1884-CC Split After Strike



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1884-CC Split After Strike



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1884-CC Weak Strike Morgan Dollar



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1881-CC Defective Planchet at 6:30 Morgan Dollar



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1880/79-CC Minor Strike-Thru Obv at 6:30 Morgan Dollar



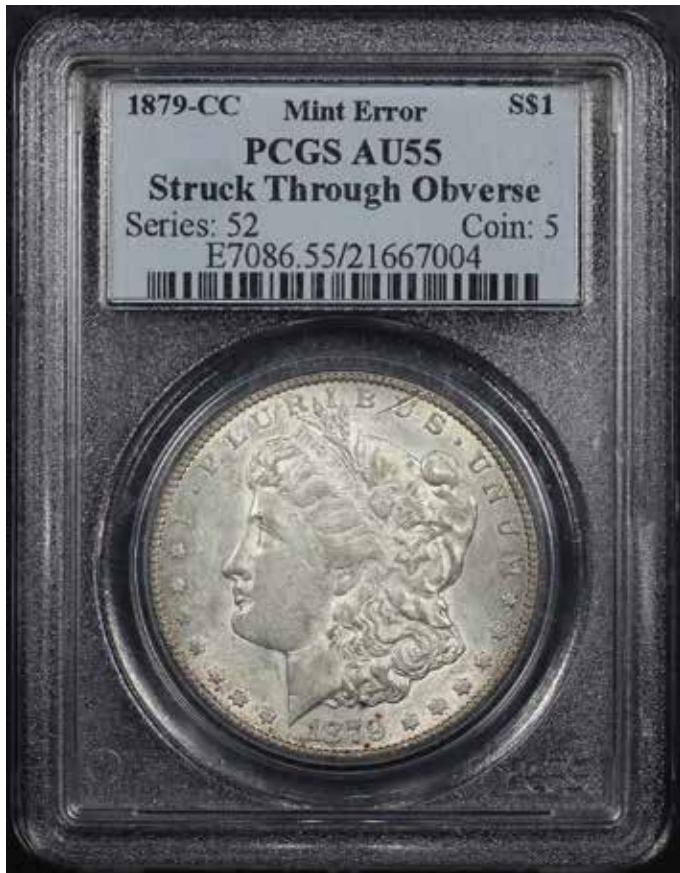
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1880-CC Minor Struck-Thru Obv Morgan Dollar



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1879-CC Struck Through Morgan Dollar



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1878-CC 75 Degree Rotated Rev Morgan Dollar



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1878-CC 60 Degree Clockwise Rotated Rev Morgan Dollar



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1874-CC Minor Struck-Thru Obv Trade Dollar



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1873-CC Double Struck in Collar Seated Liberty



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1875-CC Partial Collar Liberty Head



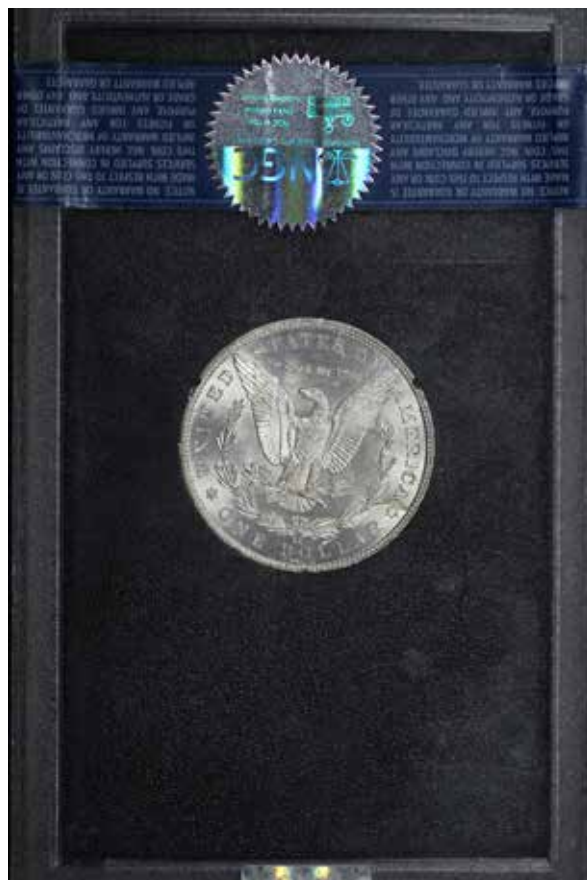
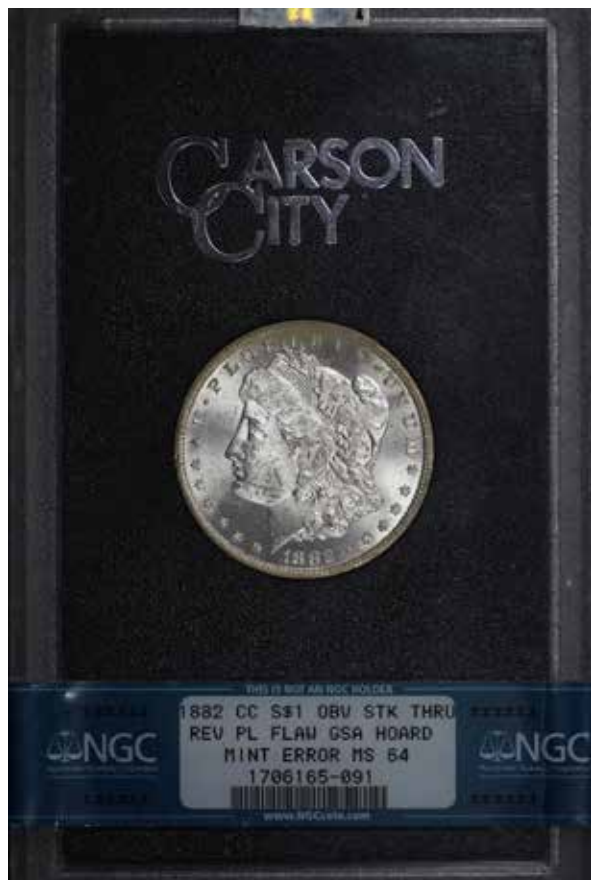
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1873-CC Laminated Planchet Obv Liberty Seated Quarter



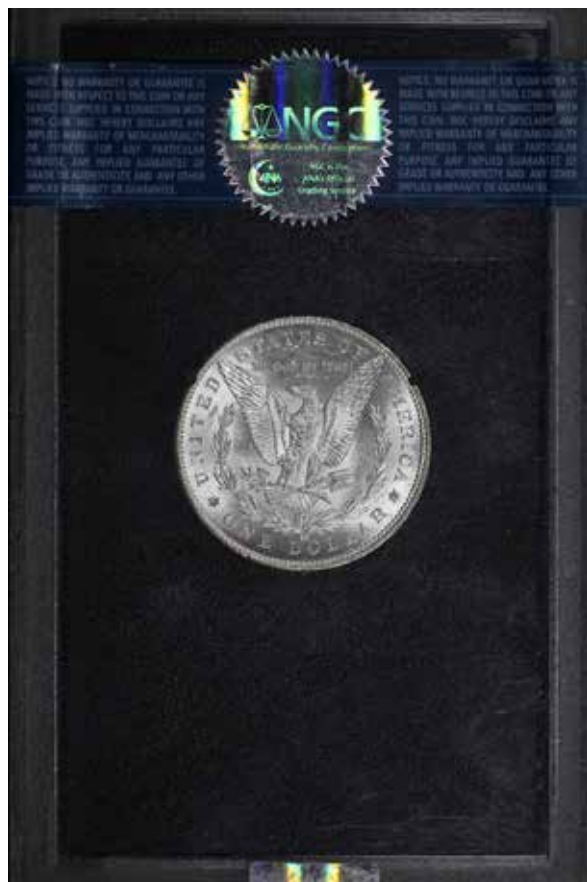
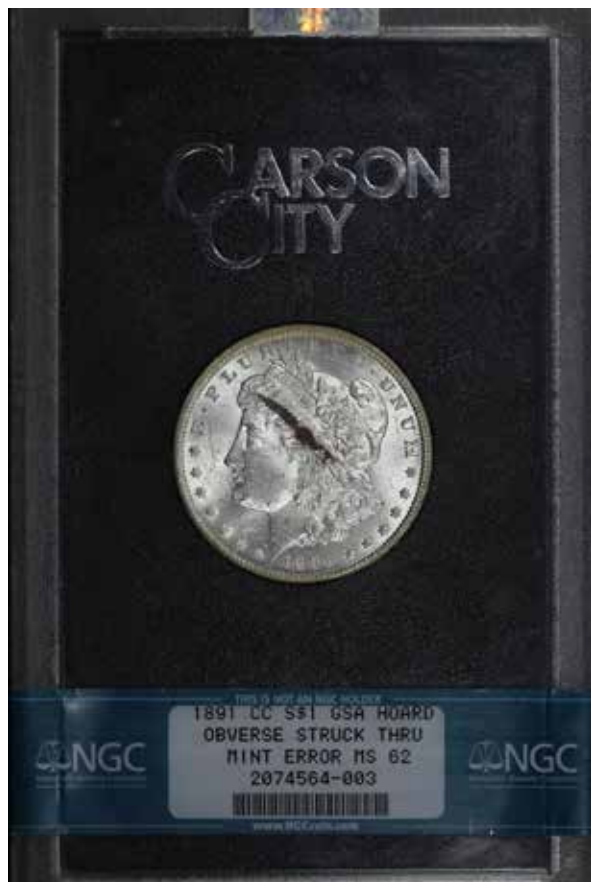
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1882-CC Obverse Struck Thru/Planchet Flaw Morgan Dollar



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1891-CC Obverse Struck Thru GSA Morgan Dollar



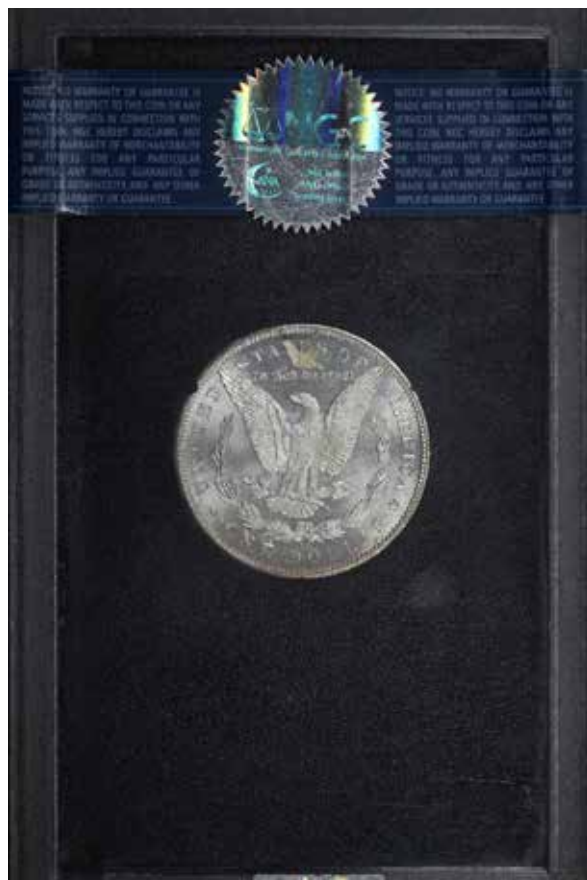
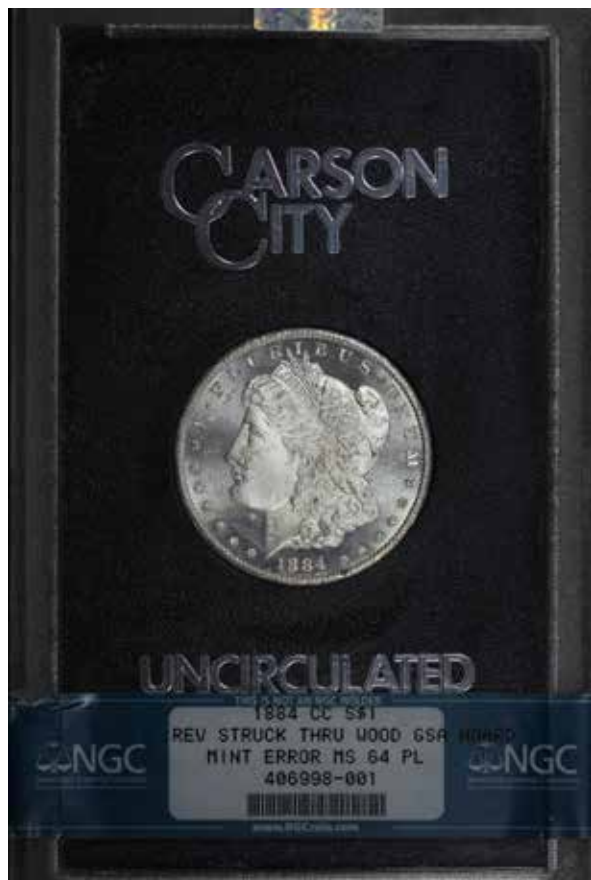
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1878-CC Rotated Dies Morgan Dollar



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1884-CC Reverse Struck Thru Wood GSA Morgan Dollar



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Welcome to The Society of U.S. Pattern Collectors!

For those of you not familiar with this fascinating area of numismatics, patterns are prototypes for coins that, for the most part, were never approved for circulation. Most patterns are very rare, some unique, and others unknown outside of museums.

A good place to start learning about these pieces is our Beginner's Corner which includes a page on How to use this Website or the Photo Gallery which contains examples of many of the different pattern issues.

The United States Mint produced more than 1000 different patterns, as well as many die trials and experimental pieces. Despite the great rarity of many of these individual items, the great variety makes the series surprisingly collectable.

There are relatively few collectors specializing in United States pattern coinage. Most of these collectors target specific areas. For example, there are collectors who specialize in Indian Cent patterns, others collecting Morgan dollar patterns, and so on.

In addition to these specialists, there are thousands of collectors of regular issue United States coins who try to buy a few patterns to complement their collections. Many of these historical coins have wide appeal and are surprisingly affordable. There are many collectors who, for example, would like to own an 1855 Flying Eagle large cent (J-167, about 500 pieces struck) to go with their collection of large cents or with their collection of Flying Eagle small cents.

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1900 Indian Head Cent Struck on Gold \$2.50 Planchet
PCGS MS 65



1905 Indian Head Cent Struck on Gold \$2.50 Planchet
PCGS MS 64 - UNIQUE



1851 \$20 Struck on a Large Cent Planchet - 10.48 Grams
NGC XF 45 BN - Ex: Judd - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1874 \$1 U.S. Gold Type 3 Mirror Brockage on Obverse
NGC MS 62 - UNIQUE - From The Byers Collection



1796 \$2.50 J-23A White Metal
PCGS MS 63 - UNIQUE



1846 J-110A \$5 Obverse Die Trial Struck on \$2.5 Trial
NGC MS 65 Brown - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1907 \$20 St. Gaudens Large Letters
NGC Proof 64 Matte - UNIQUE



1908 \$20 St. Gaudens With Motto
NGC Proof 65 Satin - UNIQUE



\$5 1843 Dahlonega Unique Specimen
NGC SP 65



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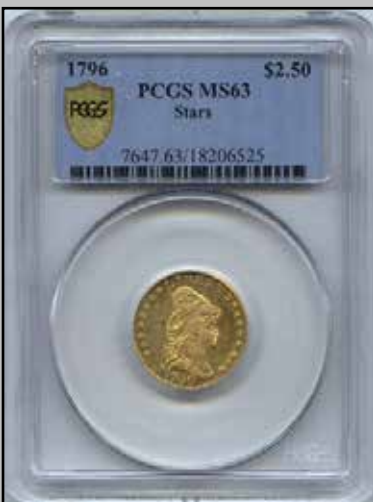
1797 \$10 Small Eagle
Finest Known & Finest Certified NGC MS 63



1796 \$2.50 No Stars
3rd Finest Known NGC MS 63



1796 \$2.50 With Stars
3rd Finest Known PCGS MS 63



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1942 Lincoln Cent J-2079 Struck in Aluminum
PCGS PR 66 - UNIQUE



1904 \$20 Liberty Gold Struck 15% Off-Center
PCGS MS 63 - UNIQUE



1976-D Bicentennial Ike Dollar Struck on a 40% Silver Planchet From the San Francisco Mint
(Should be on a Clad Planchet) PCGS MS 64 One of Only Two Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1972-S SILVER Ike Dollar Struck on 50¢ Planchet with Rotated Dies NGC PF 66 CAMEO



2018-P Roosevelt Dime Struck on a Steel Planchet 98% Iron / 1.5 Grams PCGS MS 60 New Discovery



1973-S Proof Ike Dollar Mated Pair: Ike Dollar Struck on a 1¢ Planchet mated with an Ike Dollar Indented by a 1¢ Planchet PCGS PR67 & PR67RB AMAZING UNIQUE DISCOVERY



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**1971-S Silver Ike Dollar Struck 25% Off-Center With Clashed Dies
A Major Mint Error on a "Blue Ike" NGC MS 65 UNIQUE**



**1973-S Eisenhower Dollar "Blue Ike" Struck on a Clad Planchet 22.3 grams
(Should be on a 40% Silver Planchet) PCGS AU 58 One of Only Two Known**



**1973-S Proof BRONZE Eisenhower Dollar Broadstruck on Bronze Planchet
PCGS PR 62 RED CAMEO UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1970-S Proof Washington Quarter - Struck on a Silver Barber Quarter
NGC PF 65 - 1 of 2 Known



U.S. 1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Overstruck on a Canadian Quarter
King George V (1911-1936) - NGC PF 64 - UNIQUE

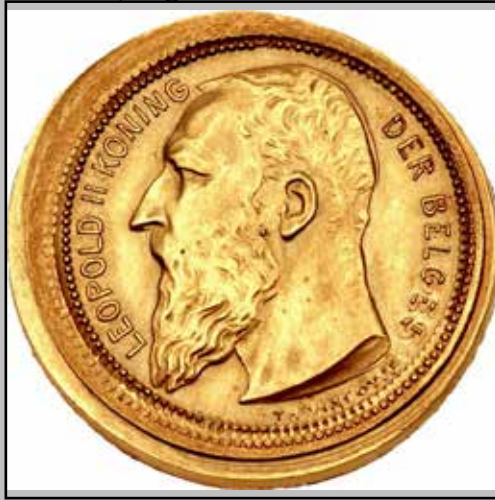


UNIQUE (1887) Great Britain Queen Victoria - Lauer Victoria Pattern in Gold - Obverse Die Trial - Uniface
World-Class Numismatic Rarity - 10.16gr Gold, 27.2mm - Ex. Murdoch Collection (1904) - NGC Medal PF 63 Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

(1904) Belgium Franc - GOLD Obverse Die Trial - 1904 Design Overstruck on 1903 Design On Oversized Piedfort Planchet - (Regular Issue Was Struck in Silver) - NGC MS 61 UNIQUE



(2011-2013) U.S. Quarter Test Strike - Judd #2225 - Mint Cancelled - New Martha Washington Die Design Struck at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia - NGC Brilliant Uncirculated - UNIQUE



(1972)-S Proof Ike Dollar Double Struck on Cent Planchet NGC PF 66 RD CAMEO - 1 of 2 Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**(1973)-S Proof Ike Dollar Double Struck on Cent Planchet
NGC PF 65 RB - 1 of 2 Known**



**1942-S Wartime Lincoln Cent Struck on a Bronze Planchet - 95% Cu - 4% Zn - 1% Sn - 2.5 Grams
NGC MS 62 Brown - UNIQUE DISCOVERY COIN**



**U.S. 1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on a 1941 Canadian Quarter
TWO COUNTRIES & TWO DATES - NGC PF 65 - UNIQUE - FEATURED ON FOX NEWS!**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Proof 1992 Canada \$15 Struck on \$50 Gold Planchet
NGC PF 67 Ultra Cameo - Extremely Rare



1845 Great Britain Crown - Young Head Silver Die Trial - Piedfort Pattern - Uniface Obverse
NGC MS 65 - UNIQUE, UNLISTED & UNRECORDED



1911 Great Britain 5 Pound - Uniface Obverse Die Trial - Struck In Lead From PROOF DIE
Authenticated by The Royal Mint - NGC MS 60 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Dual Mint Mark - Proof 1776-1976 S Bicentennial Quarter Overstruck on Struck Lincoln Cent
Double Denomination Struck by San Francisco and Denver Mints - NGC PF 67 RD - UNIQUE**



**Ike Dollar Struck on 10¢ Planchet with Obverse Indent
NGC PF 66 CAMEO**



**1973-S Clad Ike Dollar Double Struck on 50¢ Planchet
NGC PF 65 CAMEO**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1971-S Silver Ike Dollar Double Struck Both Strikes Off-Center
NGC MS 67 - UNIQUE



1972-S Silver Ike Dollar Double Struck - Second Strike Off-Center
NGC PF 68 CAMEO



1971-S Ike Dollar Struck on Liberia \$1 Planchet (18.2g)
NGC PF 64 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

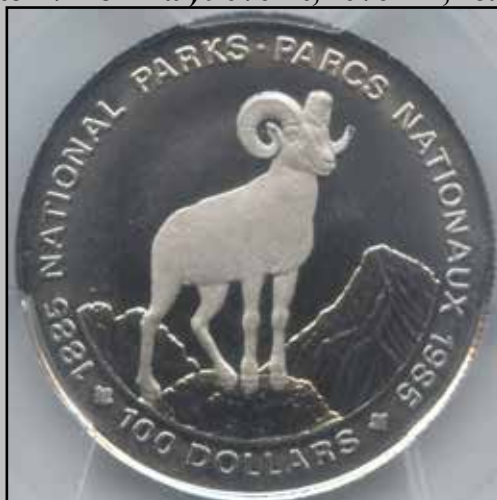
**194X Lincoln Cent - Wheat Ears Reverse - 15% Off-Center on Silver Dime Planchet
NGC XF 45 - Extremely Rare**



**1880 Great Britain Proof Half Sovereign Pattern Struck in Silver (Instead of Gold)
MULED with a Sixpence Obverse - KM-PnA118 - WR-354 Var Silver - PCGS PR 64 - UNIQUE**



**UNIQUE 1985 Canada National Parks Proof \$100 Unofficial Platinum Strike Uniface
(Platinum Mint Error or Pattern/Die Trial) 90% Pt, 10% Rh, 16.73 Grams - PCGS PR 67 Deep Cameo**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**1974-S Aluminum Lincoln Cent - Struck by the Obverse Die Only - On Philippine 1 Sentimo Planchet
PCGS MS 61 - UNIQUE**



**1907 \$20 Liberty Gold DOUBLE STRUCK - Second Strike Partial Collar
NGC MS 62 - 1 of Only 4 Known**



**Proof 1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar - Double Struck on Washington Quarter
Double Denomination - NGC PF 68 Cameo - UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1973-S Proof Ike Dollar "Clover Leaf" Struck on Three Dime Planchets PCGS PR 65



1964 Sweden 2 Ore Bonded with Wrench - Unique and Incredible Mint Error Featured in Mint Error News Magazine



1972-S Proof Silver Ike Dollar Double Struck - Both Strikes Off-Center NGC PF 66 Ultra Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

UNIQUE GOLD QUARTER

1970-S Proof Washington 25¢ Overstruck on 1898 Liberty \$5 Gold Coin 8.3 Grams NGC PF 66



1972-S Proof Ike Dollar Mated Pair - Ike Dollar Struck on a 1¢ Planchet mated with an Ike Dollar Struck on a 10¢ Planchet - NGC Proof 67 - AMAZING UNIQUE DISCOVERY



Proof Ike Dollar Double Struck on Kennedy Half Dollar Planchet
NGC PF 68 Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Proof Ike Dollar Struck on Clad Dime Planchet PCGS PR 67 Cameo



1869 Standard Silver Half Dollar J-742b Without Initial "B" On Ribbon Plain Edge PCGS PR 64+ CAC UNIQUE DISCOVERY



1967 Lincoln Cent Magnetic Screw Struck and Bonded Onto Coin PCGS MS 64 RD - One of Two Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**1943 Lincoln Cent Struck on a Curacao 25 Centstukken Planchet - 3.6 Grams - 64% Silver / 36% Copper
Ex: Fred Weinberg - FINEST KNOWN & EXTREMELY RARE - NGC MS 61**



**Unique Proof 3 Piece Ike Dollar "Clover Leaf" Set
NGC PF 68 Ultra Cameo**



**1870 Standard Silver 10¢ Judd #837 Struck on a Copper Nickel (CN) Planchet (Instead of a Silver Planchet)
76% Cu, 24% Ni, .99 Grams - Proof Pattern Off-Metal Mint Error - Ex Simpson Collection - PCGS PR 65**

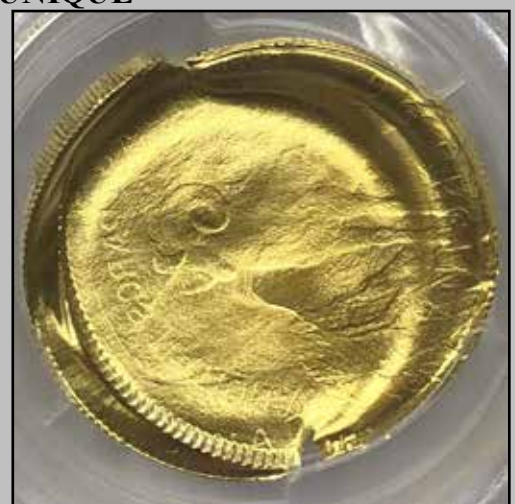


MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 5-Piece Set Including An Experimental Antimony Test Piece And An Experimental 1943 Copper Blank and Zinc Test Blanks - NGC



1985 Proof \$100 Canada National Parks Commemorative Gold Coin - Mated Pair of Die Caps PCGS PR 69 DCAM & PR 67 DCAM UNIQUE



Proof 1776-1776 S Bicentennial Quarter Overstruck on 1967 Roosevelt Dime Double Denomination & Dual Date - NGC PF 67 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Proof 1992 Canada \$15 - Struck on \$50 Gold Planchet - DISCOVERY COIN
NGC PF 68 Ultra Cameo - Extremely Rare**



**Proof 1776-1776 S Bicentennial Quarter Double Struck on Struck Roosevelt Dime
DOUBLE DENOMINATION - PCGS PR 67 CAMEO - Unique Discovery Coin**



**U.S. Mercury Dime Dies From The Philadelphia Mint 1935 Obverse and Reverse Pair
NGC Certified & Encapsulated - BOTH ARE UNIQUE IN PRIVATE HANDS**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1970 Canada 50-Cent Struck on 12.1 Gram Gold Planchet PCGS MS 64 - 1 of 2 Known



1969 Canada 25-Cent Struck on 1963 Great Britain Gold Sovereign Double Denomination - PCGS MS 64 - 1 of 2 Known



1922-S Peace Dollar Struck 15% Off Center PCGS MS 65 - Finest Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1863 Indian Head Cent Deep Obverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 65



1945-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar Double Struck - Second Strike 55% Off Center
PCGS MS 63 - Finest Known



(1864-66) Julian-PR-30, AV 19mm - Washington - Lincoln
NGC MS 66 DPL



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Proof 1971-S Silver Ike Dollar - 45% Curved Clip
NGC PF 67 Cameo - UNIQUE**



**Proof 1972-S Washington Quarter - Double Struck on Roosevelt Dime
Double Denomination - NGC PF 68 - One of Two Known**



**Proof 1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar Flip-Over Double Struck - 2nd Strike Off-Center
NGC PF 68 Cameo - UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Proof 1972-S Silver Ike Dollar Improper Obverse Die Alignment NGC PF 64 Cameo - UNIQUE



Proof 1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar - Double Struck on Washington Quarter Double Denomination - NGC PF 68 Cameo - UNIQUE



Proof 1970-S Lincoln Cent Multi-Struck on Dime Planchet NGC PF 66 Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Kennedy Half Dollar 40% Silver Die Adjustment Strike - Double Struck NGC - UNIQUE



1972-S Proof Silver Ike Dollar Double Struck - Both Strikes Off-Center NGC PF 67 Cameo



Proof Ike Dollar - Double Struck on 50c Planchet NGC PF 65



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1973-S Proof Kennedy Half Dollar Double Struck - Second Strike Off-Center Flipover NGC PF 65 Cameo



Kennedy Half Dollar Double Struck - Both Strikes Off-Center NGC PF 67 Ultra Cameo



1973-S Proof Silver Ike Dollar - Multistruck Broadstruck NGC PF 68 Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1971-S Proof Silver Ike Dollar - 15% Straight Clip NGC PF 66 Cameo



Clad Ike Dollar Struck on a QUARTER Planchet - 70% Reverse Indent by a QUARTER Planchet PCGS MS 64 - UNIQUE MULTIPLE ERROR



Proof 1970-S Kennedy Half Dollar Struck on Aluminum Shell Gas Token - Double Struck Missouri State - 1.7g - PCGS PR 62 - 1 of 3 Known (on Shell Gas Tokens)



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1973-S Proof Clad Ike Dollar Double Struck - Second Strike Broadstruck NGC PF 69 Cameo - Extremely Rare



1966 Kennedy Half Dollar Struck on a Struck Washington Quarter Unique Double Denomination - NGC MS 65



1973-S Proof Clad Ike Dollar Double Struck On A 50¢ Planchet NGC PF 66 CAMEO - 3 Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar Overstruck on a 1973-S Washington Quarter
Double Denomination - NGC PF 67 Cameo - 1 of 2 Known



(Circa 1806) German States Bavaria - Historic Gold Service Medal by Losch - 6 Ducats
Unlisted in Gold - PCGS Specimen 65 (High Relief Cameo Proof-Like) - FINEST KNOWN



Spain 1856 100 Reales - Queen Isabella II - Obverse & Reverse Die Trials
Struck in Gilt Copper - Uniface - NGC PR 65 & PR 64 - UNIQUE & UNLISTED



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**(1816) Great Britain Guinea/Sovereign Pattern - W&R-182 Copper
NGC MS62BN - UNIQUE - Recently Surfaced After 200 Years!**



**1842 Argentina 8 Escudos Obverse Die Trial in Silver (Regular Gold Issue ONLY 5 KNOWN)
Struck at the La Rioja Mint - NGC AU 58 - UNIQUE**



**1973-S Proof Clad Ike Dollar Struck On A 50¢ Planchet 11.2 Grams (Double Struck - Close Overlap)
NGC PF 67 CAMEO - Extremely Rare**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1969-S Proof Dime Mated Pair NGC PF 66 Cameo & PF 63 Came - UNIQUE



1852 Judd #138 Gold \$1 On a Cut-Down Gold Plated Seated 10¢ NGC Certified (CAC Approved) - UNIQUE



Martha Washington Obverse Die Used to Strike Half Dollar Experimental Test Pieces for U.S. Judd #2131 NGC Certified & Encapsulated - UNIQUE IN PRIVATE HANDS



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Martha Washington Reverse Die Used to Strike 1 Cent Experimental Test Pieces for U.S. Judd #2180
NGC Certified & Encapsulated - UNIQUE IN PRIVATE HANDS**



**Martha Washington Obverse Die Used to Strike Half Dollar Experimental Test Pieces for U.S. Judd #2131
NGC Certified & Encapsulated**



**Abraham Lincoln - Eagle - Gold Medallion Impression Struck on 1861 \$5
NGC MS 65**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1985 Canada \$100 National Parks Commemorative Gold Coin Flip-Over & Double Struck -
Second Strike 40% Off-Center - PCGS Proof 67 Deep Cameo - UNIQUE



1895-O Barber Dime Obverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 64



1893 Barber Dime Obverse Die Cap & Brockage Reverse
PCGS AU 55 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**1920 Buffalo Nickel Struck 40% Off-Center on a Cent Planchet
PCGS MS 64 Brown - UNIQUE**



**Proof Franklin Half Dollar Struck 65% Off-Center on Proof Silver 25¢ Planchet
PCGS PR 65 - UNIQUE**



**1978-D Eisenhower Dollar Overstruck on a 1977-D Dime - Double Denomination & Dual Date
NGC MS 66 - UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1964 U.S. Nickels Mated Die Cap Pair Gem Proof - NGC - UNIQUE



1976-S Silver Ike Dollar Bicentennial Flip-Over Triple Struck And Large Broadstruck PCGS AU 58 - UNIQUE



Eisenhower Dollar Struck On A 10¢ Planchet That Was Indented Into Reverse of Coin NGC MS 65



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**1963-D Franklin Half Dollar Struck 25% Off-Center on a Quarter Planchet - 60% Reverse Brockage
NGC MS 65 - UNIQUE**



**2000 Sacagawea Dollar Obverse Capped Die
NGC MS 66 - UNIQUE**



**2000-P Jefferson Nickel Struck On A 1961 Lincoln Cent - Double Denomination
NGC MS 63 BN - UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1910 Lincoln Cent Uniface Test Strike PCGS AU 58



Ike Dollar Double Struck on a Dime Planchet PCGS MS 64



Proof Ike Dollar Struck on a 2 Gram Aluminum Planchet PCGS Proof 64 Cameo



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1855 \$3 Indian Gold Broadstruck
PCGS AU 50

1855 Mint Error \$3
PCGS AU50
Broadstk out of Collar
Series: 60 Coin: 4
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1893-O \$10 Liberty Gold Broadstruck out of the Collar
PCGS AU 58



Unique Mint Error Discovery Mated Pair of Franklin Half Dollars
PCGS



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Unique Dual Date/Dual State - 2000-P Massachusetts 25¢ Overstruck on 1999-P Georgia 25¢
ANACS MS 64



1858 Flying Eagle Cent Struck 30% Off-Center
PCGS MS 63



Chile 10 Pesos Double Struck on Feeder Finger



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Ike Dollar Struck on a 3.7g Clad Planchet
PCGS MS 63 - UNIQUE



1866 5¢ J-517 Double Struck Mule Pattern
NGC MS 63 Brown



1877 \$50 Reverse Hub Trial in Lead - Judd #A1877-11 Plate Coin
Unique - Authenticated by NGC - Environmental Damage



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1942 Walking Liberty Half Dollar Struck On A Silver Quarter Planchet PCGS MS 65



1945-S Walking Liberty Half Struck On An El Salvador 25 Centavo Planchet NGC MS 63



2¢ Piece Reverse Die Cap / Brockage Obverse PCGS MS 64 BN

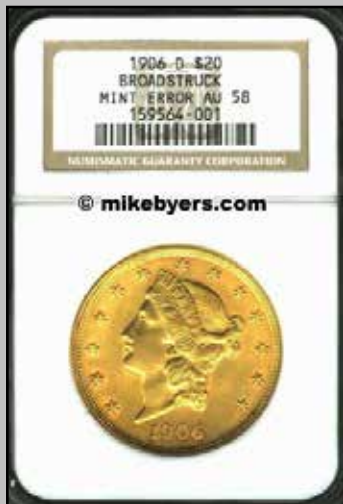


MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Cap Bust Dime Obverse Mirror Brockage of Reverse NGC MS 64



1906-D \$20 Liberty Gold Broadstruck NGC AU 58



1860 \$5 Reverse Hub Trial Struck in Copper - Plate Coin Judd & Pollock - Judd # A1860-6 NGC MS 64 Brown - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1855-C \$5 Liberty Gold Reverse Die Break (Cud)
NGC MS 61



Morgan Dollar Struck 20% O/C & Brockage Reverse
PCGS VG 10 - UNIQUE



Unique Pair of Paquet Splashers
Andrew Johnson Indian Peace Medals



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1822 Cap Bust Half Dollar Struck in Copper - Judd Plate Coin J-A1822-1
NGC MS 64 Brown



Unique U.S. Territorial Gold Error



1871 Standard Silver Dollar Pattern J-1133 Double Struck
PCGS PROOF 63



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Unique Pair of 1825 English Gold Sovereign Die Trials Obverse & Reverse Uniface Pattern Strikes - PCGS



1805 Draped Bust Quarter Double Struck PCGS AU 50



1795 Flowing Hair Dollar Struck 5% Off-Center NGC VF 20



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1875-S Seated Liberty Half Dollar Struck 15% Off-Center
PCGS AU 58



1867 5¢ Obverse Hub Trial Struck in Copper - Judd Plate Coin J-A1867-9
NGC MS 63 Brown - UNIQUE



1867 5¢ Obverse & Reverse Hub Trial Struck in Copper - Plate Coin Judd & Pollock
Judd # J-A 1867-15 - NGC MS 64 Brown - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

SBA Dollar Struck on Experimental Planchet
PCGS MS 67



Double Struck French 5 Francs on Spoon!!



1856 Large Cent Cap
NGC MS 63



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1800 Draped Bust Dollar Double Struck 2nd Strike 15% Off-Center PCGS XF 45



Liberty Nickel Counterbrockage ANACS MS 64



1900-O Barber Half Dollar Struck 10% Off-Center PCGS AU 50 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Canadian 1978 Cent
Multi Struck Over 1974 \$10 Olympic Commemorative



(C1865) Lincoln Medals - K-247 Broken Column - Pair of Lead Obv & Rev Die Trials (Uniface)
Reverse Die Trial is Double Struck - NGC AU 55 & MS 61 - UNIQUE



Chile 5 Pesos Uncancelled Obverse Die - UNIQUE IN PRIVATE HANDS
Gem Matte Condition - NGC Certified & Encapsulated



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Unique Set of Ike Dollar Experimental Planchets - Silver & Clad Ike \$1 Planchets
Experimental Rinses with Mint Notations - Discovery Pieces - Certified by NGC



Ike Dollar Struck 40% Off-Center On a Philippine 1 Piso Planchet
PCGS MS 64 - UNIQUE



1971 Great Britain 1/2 Pence - Struck With Two Obverse Dies
NGC MS 61 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1843-C \$2½ Partial Brockage PCGS AU 58 - UNIQUE



Peace Dollar Die Adjustment Strike - 25% Off-Center PCGS AU 50



1864 2¢ Obverse Die Cap Mated With Brockage PCGS MS 62 - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1862 Indian Head Cent Deep Obverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 62

1862 Mint Error 1C
PCGS MS62
Deep Obverse Die Cap
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1981 Dime Cap Overstruck on a 1981 Cent Cap
UNIQUE



1803/2 \$5 Gold 15% Mis-Aligned Obverse Die
PCGS XF 45 - 1 of 2 Known



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar 40% Off-Center
ANACS VF 20



1925-D \$2½ Double Struck in Collar
PCGS AU 58 - UNIQUE



1903 Louisiana Purchase \$1 Gold Cardboard 3-Die Trial With Pattern Reverse
NGC - UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Braided Hair Large Cent Struck 35% Off-Center
NGC MS 64 BN**



**1875-CC \$20 Liberty Gold Partial Collar
NGC MS 62 - UNIQUE**



**1943-S Cent Struck 15% Off-Center on Dime Planchet
NGC AU 55**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**Proof (1965-70) 40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollar On Detached Scrap Layer
Elliptical Strike Clip with Brockage Reverse - PCGS PR 63 - UNIQUE**



**Official Royal Mint Plaster For the Great Britain 1983 One Pound
Official Adopted Design by Eric Sewell (Former Chief Engraver of the Royal Mint)**



**American Bank Note Company 1948 El Salvador Stamp Printing Plate
Complete Set of All Four Denominations - Steel 3.25" x 7.25" Plate No. 7974 - UNIQUE**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

**(1911) Great Britain 1/2 Sovereign Uniface Obverse Die Trial Struck In Lead
Authenticated by The Royal Mint - NGC MS 63 - UNIQUE**



**1831 Great Britain 1/2 Sovereign Reverse Pattern - Gilt Uniface Reverse
NGC Proof 65 Ultra Cameo - UNIQUE & UNRECORDED**



**“Two-Tailed” Off-Metal 10 Cent Euro Struck With Two Reverse Dies
On Chrome Plated Iron Planchet - NGC MS 65 - Two Known**



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

U.S. State Quarter Obverse Die Cap - Brockage & Double Struck NGC MS 67



1979-D SBA Dollar Mated Pair Struck Together PCGS



Copper-Nickel Indian Cent Reverse Die Cap PCGS MS 64



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1944-P Jefferson Nickel Struck on a Copper-Nickel Planchet - TRANSITIONAL PCGS VF 25



1900-S Double Eagle Partial Collar NGC MS 61



1897 \$5 Liberty Gold Struck Off-Center ANACS AU 55



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1875 Proof 3¢ Nickel Double Struck in Collar
PCGS PROOF 64 - UNIQUE



1863 Indian Cent Reverse Die Cap
PCGS MS 66



1864 2¢ Piece Multi Struck & Huge Broadstrike (Obverse Die Cap)
PCGS MS 63



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1918 Standing Liberty Quarter Double Struck in Collar NGC AU 58 FH



1977-S Kennedy Half Dollar Triple Struck All Strikes Off-Center NGC PROOF 66 CAMEO UNIQUE



Unique 3 Piece Cent and Dime Mated Set Certified by PCGS



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1975-D Roosevelt Dime Struck on 2.6g Copper Planchet PCGS MS 62 UNIQUE



Ike Dollar Struck on 50¢ Planchet Rotated Dies NGC PF 64



1911 Great Britain 5 Pound Uniface Obverse Die Trial Struck In Lead From PROOF DIE NGC MS 60 UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1972-D Lincoln Cent Struck on a 40-grain Magnetic Washer
PCGS MS 64



1912 \$2½ Indian Quarter Eagle 10% Off Center
PCGS AU 55



1864 Large Date 2¢ Struck on 1¢ Planchet 3.0 grams
NGC AU 58 BN



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

Mated Pair of U.S. \$1 Silver Eagles
Certified by PCGS



1866 Shield Nickel with RAYS Struck on an Indian Head Cent Planchet
PCGS XF 45



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1970-S Washington Quarter Struck on a Struck Philippine 25 Centavos
NGC PR 64



1972-S Washington Quarter Struck on a 1953 Italian 10 Lire
PCGS PR 63



(2007) George Washington Presidential Dollar Double Denom on Struck Nickel
PCGS MS 64 UNIQUE



MIKE BYERS INC RARE COIN ARCHIVE

1805 \$2.50 Double Struck 1st Strike Off-Center
NGC AU 58



1831 \$2.50
NGC PF 64 CAMEO



1963-D Franklin Half Struck Off Center on a Silver Quarter Planchet Partial Brockage Reverse
NGC MS 65



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U.S. & WORLD MAJOR MINT ERRORS

1904 \$20 Double Struck
Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar

NGC MS 62 CAC

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UNIQUE PROOF BICENTENNIAL IKE DOLLAR DOUBLE STRUCK, 2ND STRIKE OFF-CENTER

by Mike Byers



This proof Bicentennial Dollar major mint error is unique in many ways and has no equals. It is

the only known proof Bicentennial Ike Dollar major mint error *of any kind*.

UNIQUE PROOF BICENTENNIAL IKE DOLLAR DOUBLE STRUCK, 2ND STRIKE OFF-CENTER

It is the only known double struck. There are no off-centers known, no off-metals known, no mated pairs known, and no double denominations known.

Even though non-Bicentennial proof Ike Dollar major mint errors are rare, there are examples known with several types of major striking errors.

A 3-Leaf Clover set of Ike Dollars struck on dimes sold in a Heritage auction for \$105K, two mated pairs have sold for \$40K and \$75K, off-metals have sold for as high as \$25K each, off-centers and double strikes at \$25K as well, a unique Bronze Ike Dollar sold for \$75K, and a unique Ike Dollar on a struck Bronze Medal sold for \$40K in a Heritage auction.

This double struck proof

Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar is pedigreed to John Devine “Lonesome John,” a famous pioneer in the field of mint errors and was just certified by NGC. It was *previously unknown* to the numismatic community and is just now being offered for sale.

It is in very choice proof condition and has deep mirrored fields with a cameo portrait and liberty bell. It has high eye appeal since the major devices on the second strike are fully struck. The Ike portrait, Liberty Bell and the Moon are fully present as well as the complete *IN GOD WE TRUST* and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.

Being the only known Proof Bicentennial Ike Dollar major mint error of any kind propels it into the rank of unique, amazing and spectacular numismatic rarities.

UNIQUE PROOF BICENTENNIAL IKE DOLLAR DOUBLE STRUCK, 2ND STRIKE OFF-CENTER



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UNIQUE GOLD QUARTER CERTIFIED BY NGC PROOF 66

by Mike Byers



This U.S. GOLD QUARTER is far and beyond the most incredible modern U.S. mint error ever to be discovered. The closest six figure

modern U.S. mint error is the famous \$1 Sacagawea/Quarter Mule, of which there are over 20 known and sell for between 100k and 250k.

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This Proof Gold Washington Quarter was overstruck on an 1898 \$5 Liberty gold coin. Under magnification, the date (1898) is fully visible on the reverse above the words QUARTER DOLLAR. Part of the detail from the \$5 Liberty design is visible on both the obverse and reverse. It is in gem proof condition and it is amazing that after 50 years, it still looks like it was struck yesterday.

Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes (in collar) and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was

legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

There are no equals in the history of modern U.S. coins. This is the only modern issued U.S. coin that was struck as a mint error in GOLD, whether on a blank or previously struck on a U.S. gold coin.

Recently, a U.S. 1913 Buffalo Nickel struck in gold on a \$5 Indian planchet sold for \$400,000. Also recently, one of two known Pan Pac Half Dollars struck in gold sold for \$750,000.

There are also 6 U.S. Indian Head Cents known that were struck on \$2½ gold planchets, certified by either PCGS or NGC. These are valued from 250k to 400k and are seldom offered for sale.

This unique U.S. Gold Quarter, authenticated and certified by NGC PR 66, belongs as the centerpiece and highlight of any collection of U.S. mint errors or unique numismatic rarities.

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Here is an overlay outlining the 1889 date from \$5 Liberty design:



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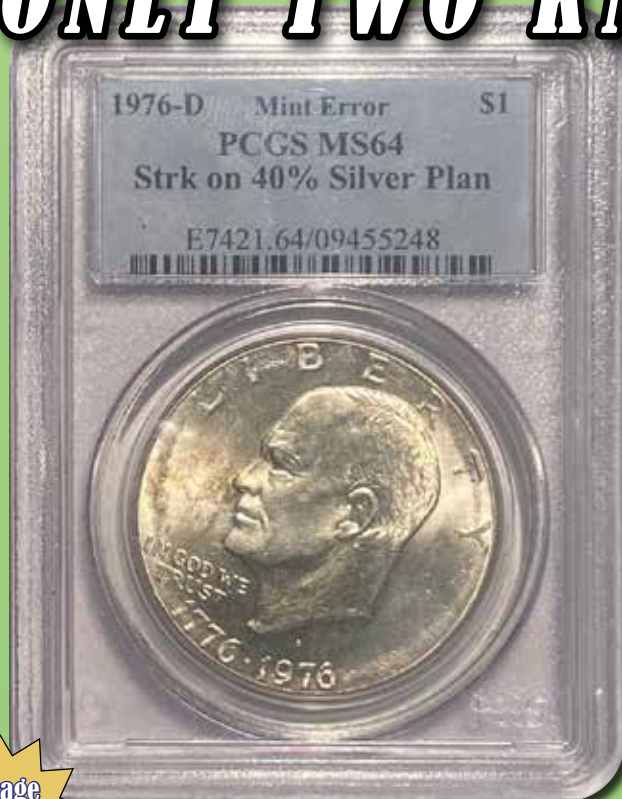


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World Class Pair of Ike Dollars Silver & Clad Off-Metals *ONLY TWO KNOWN OF EACH*



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WORLD CLASS PAIR OF IKE DOLLARS **- SILVER & CLAD OFF-METALS -** ***ONLY TWO KNOWN OF EACH***

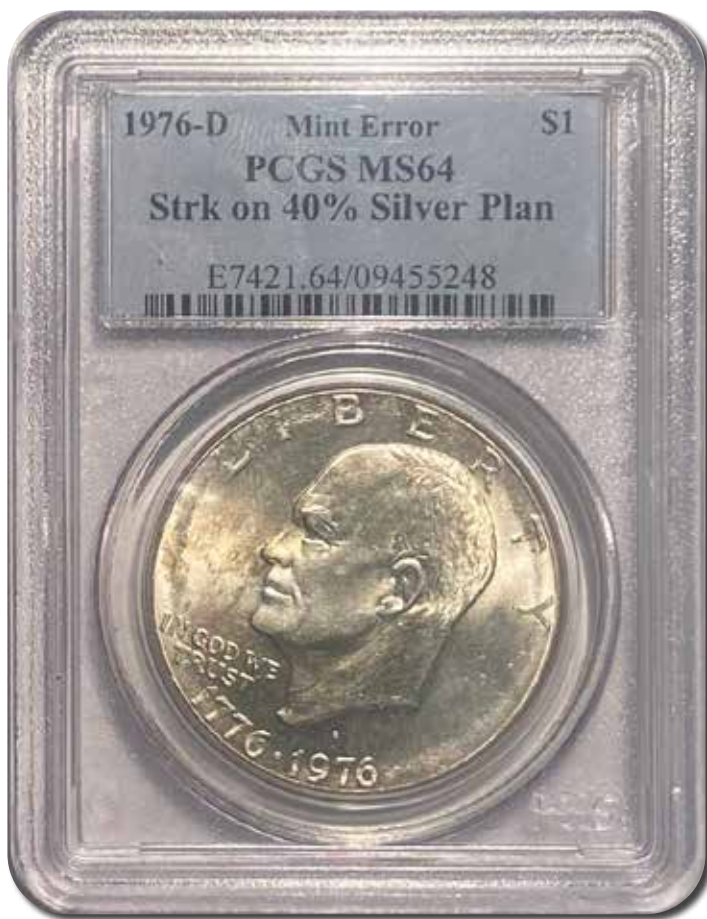
by Mike Byers



These are two of the rarest and most exciting Eisenhower Dollar mint errors known. I purchased these from a world-class collection of Eisenhower Dollars and immediately placed them together with a collector who is building a mint error collection. The Eisenhower Dollar struck on a clad planchet is a famous mint error and was featured in *Coin World* and other publications. This Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar struck in Silver was unknown to the numismatic community until recently.

WORLD CLASS PAIR OF IKE DOLLARS: SILVER & CLAD OFF-METALS

BICENTENNIAL IKE DOLLAR STRUCK ON 40% SILVER PLANCHET



This is an amazing and extremely rare Eisenhower Dollar off-metal. Mint State Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollars were struck on clad planchets at the Denver Mint in 1976. Somehow, a 40% Silver

planchet was accidentally mixed with the clad planchets resulting in a Silver Bicentennial Ike Dollar. This is only one of two known Silver Bicentennial Ike Dollars, the other one was certified AU 58.

WORLD CLASS PAIR OF IKE DOLLARS: SILVER & CLAD OFF-METALS

A few 40% silver planchets produced at the San Francisco Mint and intended to be used to strike Eisenhower Dollars in San Francisco, were accidentally shipped to the Denver Mint.

Although there are an estimated 45 known Denver Mint 40% Silver Ikes are that dated 1974-D and 1977-D, only two dated 1976-D have been

discovered. There are reports of 3 known 1972-D Ikes struck on 40% Silver Planchets.

To illustrate and compare how rare this 1976-D Silver Bicentennial Ike Dollar is, recently in a Heritage auction, a 1977-D Eisenhower Dollar struck on a 40% Silver Planchet sold for \$26,400.

One of the approximately 45 known Denver minted Ike off-metals struck on 45% Silver planchets recently sold for \$26,400 in the Heritage February 2022 Long Beach Expo US Coins Signature® Auction #1342 (lot #3132).



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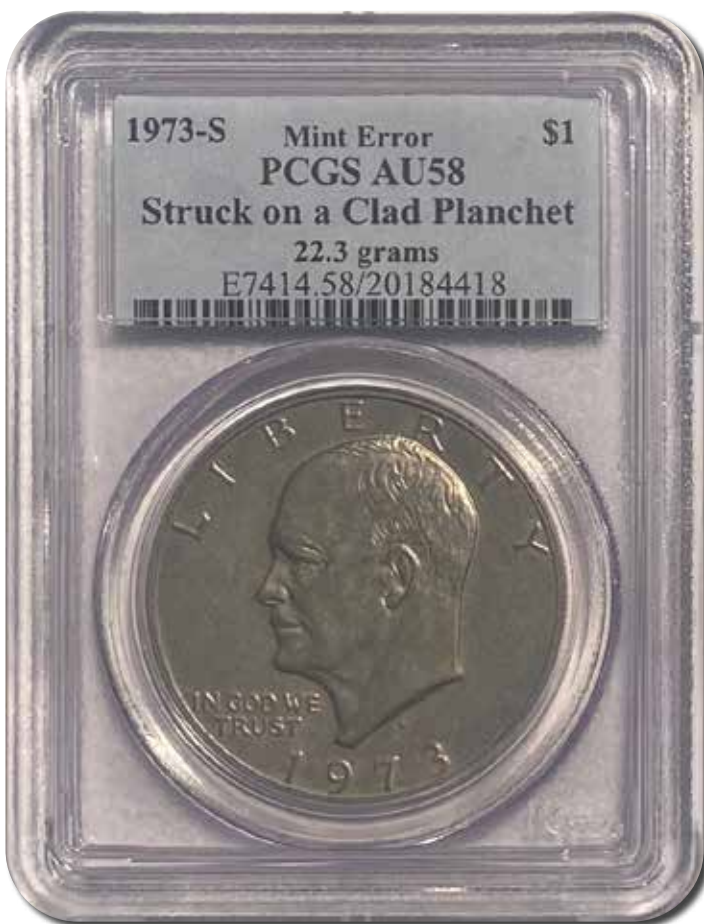


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1973-S *BLUE IKE* STRUCK ON CLAD PLANCHET



This is an amazing and extremely rare Eisenhower Dollar off-metal. Mint State Eisenhower Dollars struck in silver came in special sealed U.S. Government blue packages (referred to as Blue

Ikes) and were sold starting in 1971 through 1974 at the San Francisco Mint. There is only one other known Blue Ike off-metal. It recently sold in a Stacks Bowers auction for \$48,000.

WORLD CLASS PAIR OF IKE DOLLARS: SILVER & CLAD OFF-METALS

To illustrate and compare how rare off-metal Blue Ikes from the San Francisco Mint are, there are approximately 45 Denver Mint Ike Dollar off-metals that were struck in 40% Silver instead of Clad. Recently in a Heritage auction, a 1977-D Eisenhower Dollar struck on a 40% Silver Planchet sold for \$26,400.

The first known Blue Ike off-metal was a 1973-S struck in Clad instead of 40% Silver. This discovery mint error was featured in an August 8, 2008 NGC article. It sold for \$48,000 in the Stacks Bowers August 2021 ANA Auction (Session 7 - U.S. Coins Part 3 - Lot 6322).

The second known example (this coin) was featured in a July 19, 2011 Coin World article detailing how it was “obtained at face value from a California bank [and] has been authenticated as a 1973-S dollar struck on a copper-nickel clad planchet instead of the intended silver-copper clad planchet.”

The estimated 45 known Denver Mint 40% Silver Ikes are dated 1974-D, 1976-D and 1977-D. There are reports of 3 known 1972-D Ikes struck on 40% Silver Planchets. The Denver silver Ikes are scarce but occasionally available and in no way compare to the two known San Francisco Blue Ike off-metals.

This 1973-S Ike Dollar is lightly toned in an attractive chestnut-gold. It is very lustrous, well struck and only has the slightest rub on the high points. The fields are immaculate, the marks on the portrait and eagle are on the holder and not on the actual coin itself.

Stacks Bowers described the discovery Clad Ike as “one of the rarest and most significant Eisenhower dollar errors known.” I would absolutely agree with their assessment and in my 45 years of being a dealer in major mint errors, these two known Clad Ike dollars are as exciting as it gets!!

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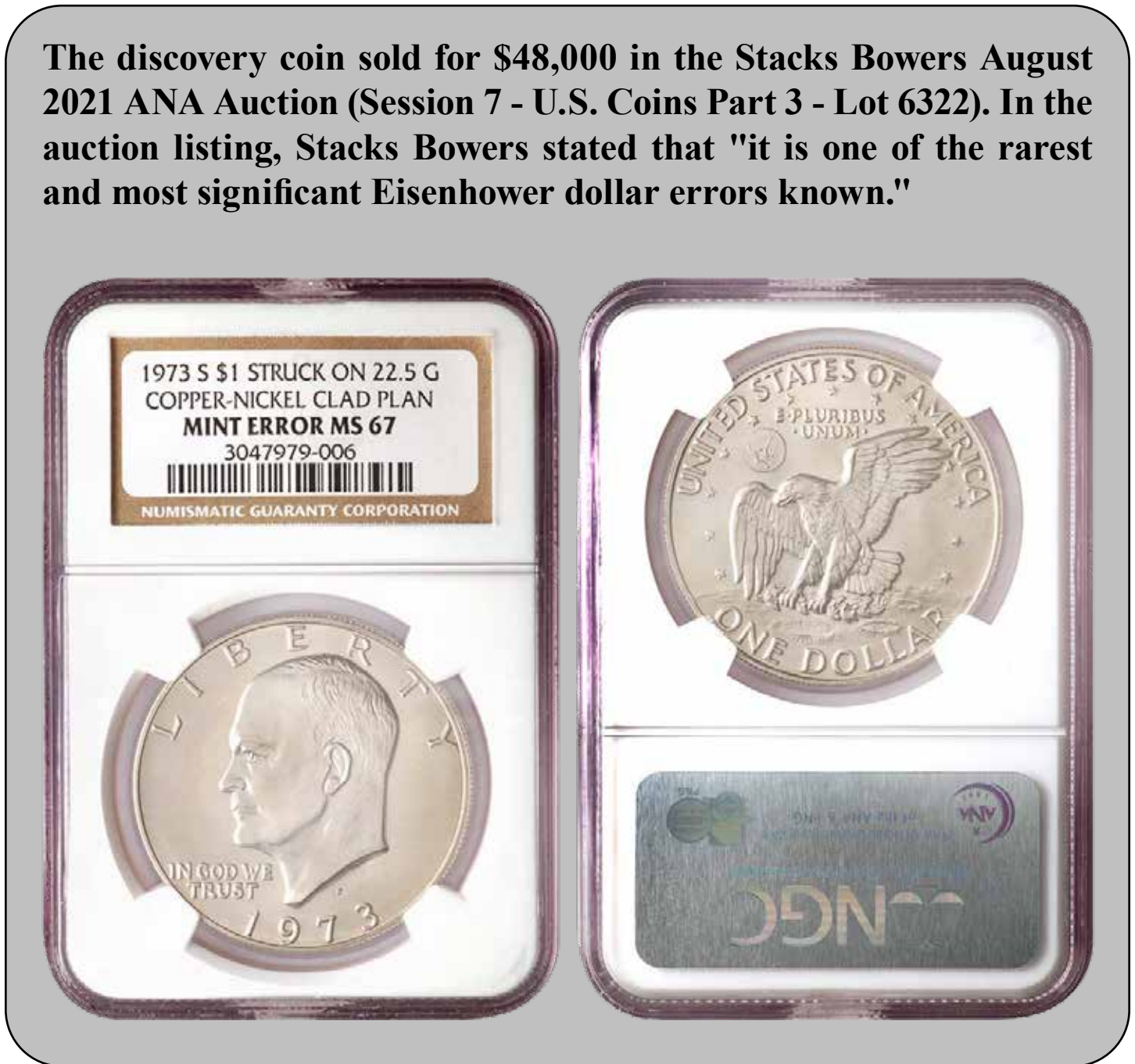


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This discovery coin was originally featured in an August 8, 2008 NGC article.



From the Grading Room: 1973 S Dollar on a Copper-Nickel Planchet

Posted on 8/28/2008

Coins accidentally struck on planchets intended for other issues are known for quite a number of United States coin types, but they are rarely more spectacular than when occurring with dollar coins. This superb gem Eisenhower Dollar was struck at the San Francisco Mint for inclusion in the series of "blue pack" silver-clad dollars offered by the US Mint at \$3 apiece from 1971 to 1974. At first glance it could almost pass for one of these silver-clad pieces, but inspection of its edge (made all the more easy through NGC's unique EdgeView™ holder) reveals the bright orange-red glow of a copper-nickel-clad planchet! This coin has the satiny texture typical of most silver-clad dollars and confirms that it was struck accidentally as part of that series.



The Denver Mint was assigned the role of preparing planchets for San Francisco's production of the "blue" Ikes, but it was simultaneously making planchets of the copper-nickel-clad composition for its own press run of circulating coins. One of these ordinary planchets evidently found its way into a shipment of silver-clad planchets going to San Francisco and was struck and packaged as a silver-clad issue. While this scenario describes how such an error could have occurred, it did not play out very often. This is the first report of a 1973 S Dollar struck on a copper-nickel planchet.

If that weren't enough to excite collectors, this coin is also a doubled-die obverse variety! It is DDO-2, as listed and illustrated in the book *CONECA Attribution Guide to Eisenhower Dollar Die Varieties* by James Wiles, Ph.D. This variety, previously known only in the normal silver-clad composition, is now confirmed on a copper-nickel-clad planchet intended for currency strikes. Collectors should check their "blue packs" for more new discoveries.

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Unique 1795 Draped Bust Dollar Struck on a Copper Planchet Certified by PCGS



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by Mike Byers



UNIQUE 1795 DRAPED BUST DOLLAR STRUCK ON A COPPER PLANCHET CERTIFIED BY PCGS

This is one of the most spectacular and amazing United States numismatic rarities of all time. I have been a full time rare coin dealer for close to 50 years and have handled many unique, famous and expensive coins, since this is my speciality. A few spectacular mint errors that I have handled include the unique gold Buffalo Nickel, several gold Indian Head Cents, several 1943 copper Lincoln Cents, the unique 1942 aluminum proof Cent, and the unique 1851 \$20 struck on a Large Cent planchet. I have also handled many unique and spectacular gold coins including the unique 1907 \$20 St. Gaudens matte proof, the unique 1908 \$20 St. Gaudens satin proof, the unique 1843 Dahlonega \$5 Liberty Specimen, and the unique 1873 \$5 Closed 3 Specimen.

This unique 1795 Small Eagle Dollar was struck on a 96 grain copper planchet. Certified by PCGS as AU 55, it still retains much luster and is absolutely stunning. In my professional opinion, this 1795 Small

Eagle Dollar was struck on a half cent planchet. This scenario seems most logical since the weight of 96 grains falls between the two weights of early dated half cents, 84 grains and 104 grains. Early half cents are known to have different weights and even the Red Book states that “the figures given are statutory. Actual weights will vary.”

The pedigree is among the most complete ever, passing from several world class famous collections from 1863 to 1975. The last time that this 1795 Draped Bust Dollar in Copper sold in public auction was almost 50 years ago in a Stack’s auction in 1975. Since then, it has remained in a private collection.

This unique rarity just surfaced and was immediately sold in the mid six-figure range to a collector who has an extensive collection of United States rare coins. Whether this is a mint error, pattern or die trial, it clearly transcends any specific category and would be treasured by any collector or numismatist.

UNIQUE 1795 DRAPED BUST DOLLAR STRUCK ON A COPPER PLANCHET CERTIFIED BY PCGS

Here is the listing of this Unique Copper Draped Bust Dollar on uspatterns.com including the pedigree and analysis:

uspatterns.com



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This famous piece is a 1795 draped bust silver dollar from dies not known to be used on any regular issue silver pieces. It is struck on a 96 grain copper

planchet (per PCGS) with the diameter of a Large Cent, and is from dramatically rotated dies.

The piece is unique and is ex Woodward 4/1863, Parmelee (New York Coin & Stamp 6/1890), Woodside (New York Coin & Stamp 4/1892), Woodin-1914 ANS, Newcomer, Boyd, Kosoff 7/1951 Numismatic Gallery Monthly, Kosoff 5/1955, Hydeman-Kosoff 3/1961, Stacks 5/1975, private collection, Lustig, Byers, private collection. It is graded PCGSAU55.

Various explanations for the coin's existence have been proposed. Adams and Woodin listed it as AW18 and called it a die trial piece. Judd listed it as a mint error. (Now under review.) Stack's called it a "setup trial piece to insure (sic) the striking distance between the obverse and reverse dies" in their 5/75 sale. (Saul Teichman disagrees because it is not as thick as a dollar planchet. He also notes that the Mint was able to create full size dollar planchets in copper for the 2 1794 dollars [J18/P27](#) and [J19/P28](#), and that all other die trials of this year are full-sized as well). Andy Lustig argues that it is either a die trial on an undersized planchet, a die trial on a full size copper planchet that was later cut down for use as a large cent planchet, or (most likely) a mint sport that could have been struck anytime from 1795 to 1863.

Photos courtesy of PCGS.

Amazing Pedigree

ex Woodward 1863
ex Parmelee 1890
ex Woodside 1892
ex Woodin/ANS 1914
ex Newcomer
ex Boyd
ex Kosoff 1951
ex Stacks 1975
ex Private Collection
ex Lustig 2022
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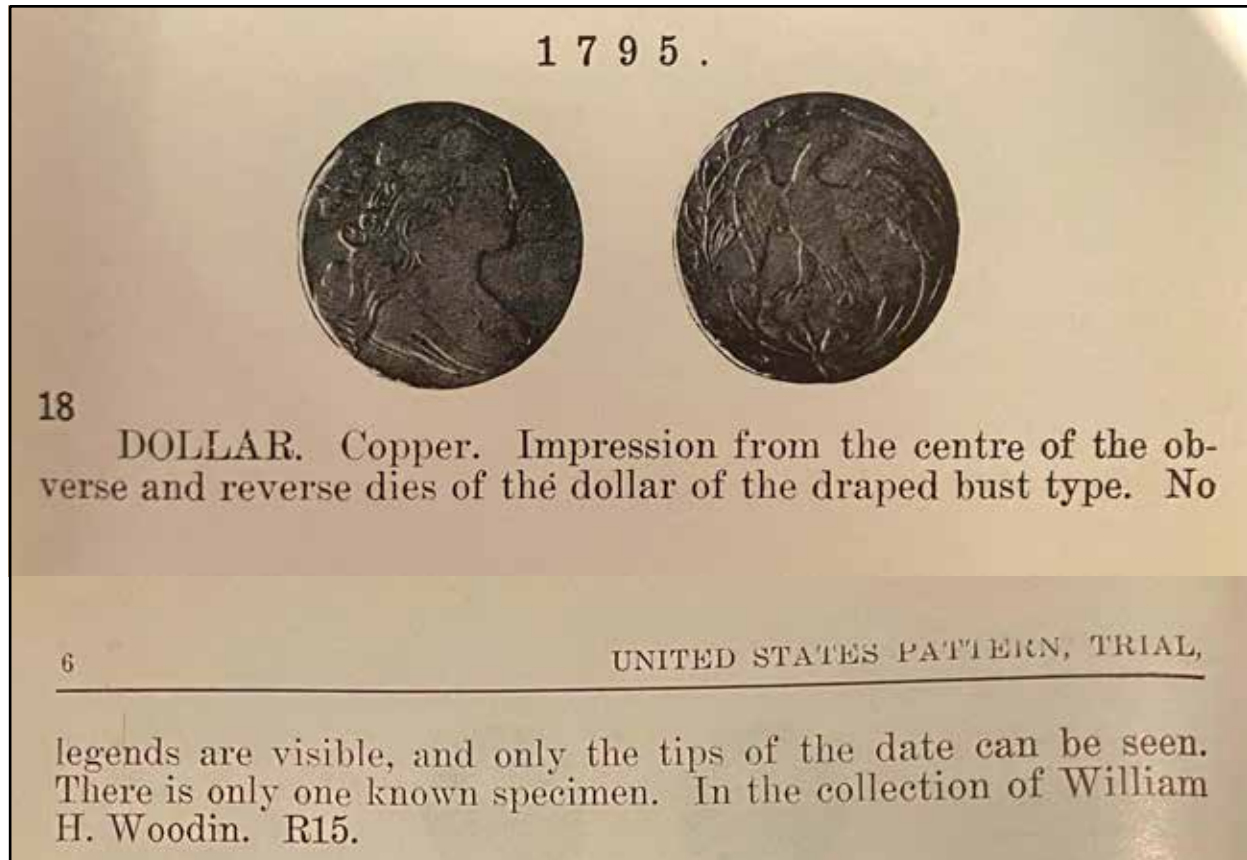


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This Unique Copper Draped Bust Dollar is the plate coin in the Adams & Woodin reference book *United States Pattern, Trial, and Experimental Pieces* (which was the precursor to the Judd reference book):



This Unique Copper Draped Bust Dollar was also listed in the fifth edition of the Judd reference book almost fifty years ago:

APPENDIX B—MINT ERRORS (Off Metal)



1795—DOLLAR of 1795 on a cent planchet. (A-W 18) shows centers of the obverse and reverse dies; no legends, only tips of date visible. Unique.

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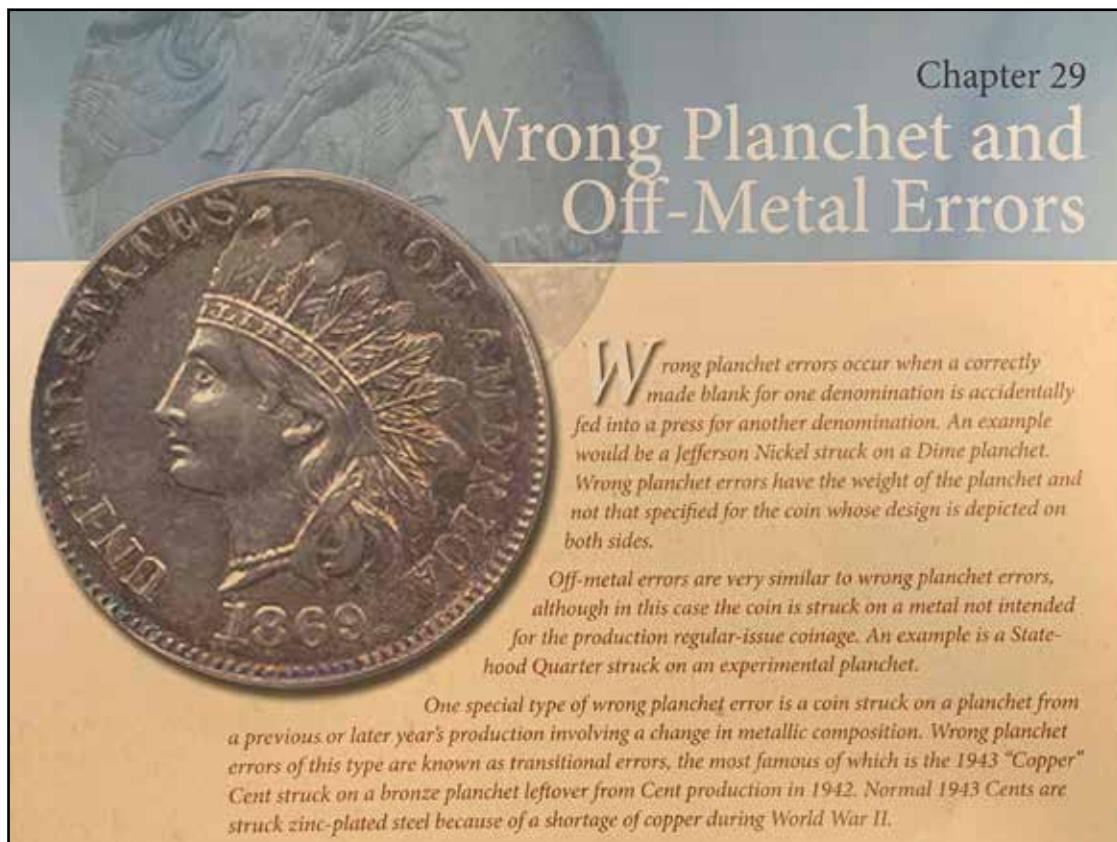
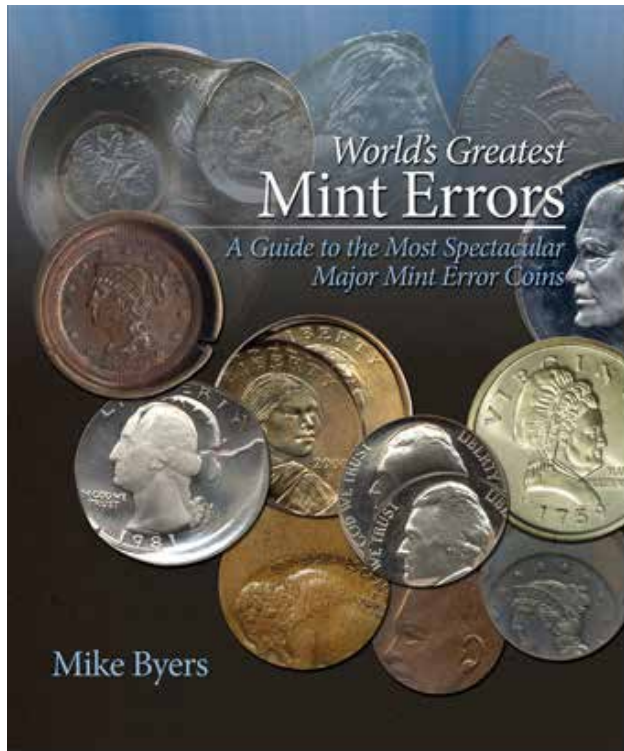
This group of unique and extremely rare United States coinage in copper is from the Parmelee Collection.

The Parmelee Plate 1 coin 14 is this Unique Copper Draped Bust Dollar.



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UNIQUE GOLD BUFFALO CERTIFIED BY NGC AU 53

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As amazing as it sounds, this is a 1913 Buffalo Nickel struck on a U.S. \$5 Gold planchet. This unique discovery surfaced in 2019 and was previously unknown to the numismatic community.



UNIQUE GOLD BUFFALO CERTIFIED BY NGC AU 53

Struck during the era of the five known world famous 1913 Liberty Head Nickels valued at millions each, this unique Gold Buffalo Nickel is either a mint error or a *piece de caprice*. It was likely made for a Mint official or a famous numismatist. It also could have been

struck for presentation purposes but is not listed in Judd as a pattern.

The only comparable U.S. coins struck in gold, and not in their official adopted medals (copper, nickel, silver) are the following:

(6) known Indian Head Cents struck on \$2½ gold planchets. Two of these sold in public auction for \$253k and \$276k, and I personally sold one at \$300k. These are well documented with famous pedigrees. The 1900 in MS 65 PCGS that I sold for 300k was formerly in the collections of B.G. Johnson and Colonel Green.

(2) known 1915 Pan Pac Half Dollar struck over \$20 St. Gaudens gold coins, one realizing \$460k in a Heritage Auction. These are commemorative Half Dollars struck over U.S. \$20 gold coins that are very famous and listed in the Judd reference book.

According to Taxay and mentioned in the Judd Book, there exists a 1915 Lincoln Cent struck on a \$2 1/2 Indian planchet. Owned by famed numismatists B.G. Johnson and Colonel Green. Supposedly it was subsequently sold to J.V. McDermott of the 1913 Liberty Nickel fame.

12 specially minted 22 karat gold Sacagawea Dollars flew in Space on the Space Shuttle Columbia. Originally 39 were struck by the U.S. Mint but 27 were destroyed. After flying in space, these 12 gold Sacagawea Dollars are stored at the Fort Knox Bullion Depository and numismatists value these at \$1 Million each.

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Originally discovered by Silvano DiGenova, a well known coin dealer in Laguna Beach, CA, who brought it to my table at the 2019 Long Beach coin show for me to examine and authenticate. It was raw and naturally I was in a state of shock examining it closely. The coin still retained considerable original luster, almost exhibiting a matte surface. Here was an unknown Gold Buffalo Nickel, slightly circulated with a test cut on the reverse, indicating it had been struck on a solid gold planchet.

Although it is impossible to know for sure, the test cut was probably made decades ago before the formation of coin grading companies and the technology to analyze a coin non-invasively. Test cuts were often made on older coins to determine their metal content.

My conclusion was that it was unquestionably authentic, so Sil and I had Fred Weinberg examine it next at his table. At the time, Fred was the PCGS consultant for mint errors and he agreed that it was authentic

and a spectacular discovery. Sil then submitted it to PCGS and they authenticated it but chose not to grade it due to the test cut.

This surprised me due to the fact that several well known U.S. coins (**rare and special** patterns, die trials and mint errors) have been certified by PCGS and NGC in regular holders, rather than net graded with details, due to their unique circumstances. A few examples include the unique *cancelled* 1860 Seated Liberty Half Dollar Pattern in Copper (Judd-269), the unique *cancelled* 2011-2013 Martha Washington Quarter Test Piece (Judd-2225), the unique 1814 platinum Bust Half (Judd-44a) with *punch marks and graffiti*, and the Dexter 1804 Dollar with a *counterstamp "D"* that is worth several million dollars.

It seemed to me, along with other experts that I consulted with, that this unique Gold Buffalo Nickel with a test cut, properly belonged in a regular holder, certified by PCGS or NGC.

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Sil placed this Gold Buffalo Nickel in a Heritage Auction, where it realized a shockingly low \$78k, due to being in a PCGS “authentic but ungradable” holder. The dealer who purchased it immediately split it with me at his cost as I believed that it was an incredible bargain even in the PCGS holder.

I submitted it to NGC to be examined and potentially certified with a grade in a regular holder. NGC concluded that the test cut did not prevent this Gold Buffalo Nickel from being

certified and graded in a regular holder. Now in a NGC AU 53 holder, it is being publicized in Mint Error News and commands the awe and respect of being a unique U.S. gold coin.

I have handled 3 of the 6 Gold Indian Head Cents. But handling this unique Gold Buffalo Nickel is certainly a highlight in my career and it belongs in the finest collection of major mint errors, unique coins or Buffalo Nickels.

Here are a few quotes from well respected numismatists who examined this unique discovery:

“The GOLD BUFFALO nickel ranks at the top of my list of the BEST error coins I have ever seen! When I finally get to writing the second edition of the Whitman 100 Greatest U.S. Error Coins, this will certainly be an addition.”

- Dave Camire

“A fascinating coin. One has to wonder whether it was created by the same person(s) who made the five 1913 Liberty nickels.”

- James Halperin

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“When the coin was first shown to me at my table at the Long Beach coin expo, I was stunned and immediately felt that it could be genuine just from visually looking at it. After spending some time and using high magnification I felt very confident that it was genuine and an incredible coin that none of us ever thought existed.”

- Fred Weinberg

“When I first saw the gold Buffalo Nickel I was mesmerized by it. I wondered if it was actually a unique pattern struck in gold. Whether it is a pattern or mint error, it is truly an amazing coin.”

- Silvano DiGenova

“A gold Buffalo Nickel is the perfect example of a coin that lies right on the line between something so cool that someone at the Mint would have had to have struck one, and so ridiculously impossible that nobody would have had the nerve to actually do it. Well, here we are!”

- Andy Lustig

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“The unique gold buffalo nickel is an incredible coin and an amazing discovery, being discovered in 2019, over a century after its creation. I immediately thought that it ranks among the top US Mint rarities and, as such, should be straight graded. It’s wonderful to have NGC recognize the importance of this coin by authenticating and grading it as AU53. The fame and stature of this coin will only grow over time.”

- John Wang

“The 2008 \$10 buffalo and the 2016 centennial non-buffalo issues are the coolest modern issues because they invoke this fantasy of the real issue, the old original coin in gold which has always been dreamt of. Collectors love these modern U.S. Mint dreams. When Sil DiGenova shared his ‘out of this world’ unique discovery GOLD Buffalo, collectors and dealers everywhere were amazed, proud and envious all at once! A striking piece de caprice at the introduction of the second type in 1913. Wow!”

- Marc Crane

“The Gold 1913 Buffalo Nickel immediately brought to mind ‘will wonders never cease?’ After decades in the coin business, very little surprises me, but this was a bolt out of the blue!”

- Ron Guth

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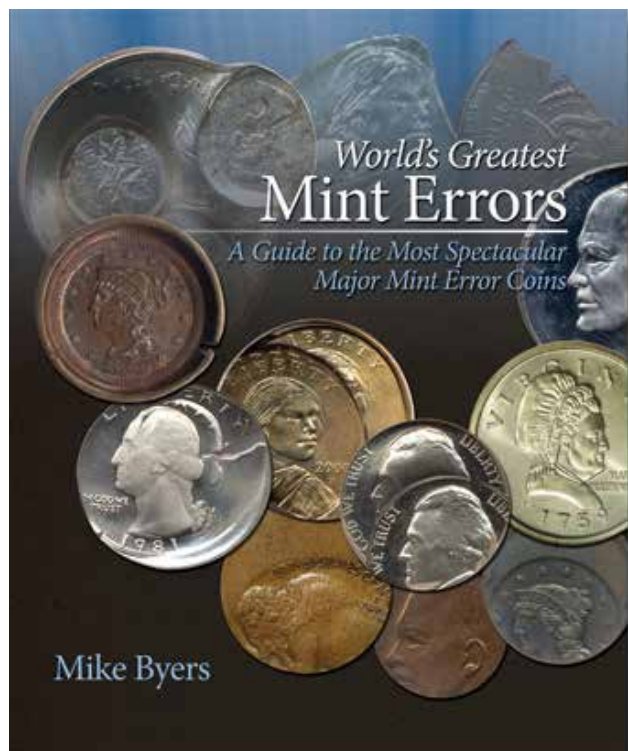


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Chapter 29

Wrong Planchet and Off-Metal Errors



Wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank for one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. An example would be a Jefferson Nickel struck on a Dime planchet. Wrong planchet errors have the weight of the planchet and not that specified for the coin whose design is depicted on both sides.

Off-metal errors are very similar to wrong planchet errors, although in this case the coin is struck on a metal not intended for the production regular-issue coinage. An example is a Statehood Quarter struck on an experimental planchet.

One special type of wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a planchet from a previous or later year's production involving a change in metallic composition. Wrong planchet errors of this type are known as transitional errors, the most famous of which is the 1943 "Copper" Cent struck on a bronze planchet leftover from Cent production in 1942. Normal 1943 Cents are struck zinc-plated steel because of a shortage of copper during World War II.

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NGC Certifies Unique Wartime Discovery 2.5 Gram Bronze Cent Struck at the San Francisco Mint



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NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE WARTIME DISCOVERY 2.5 GRAM BRONZE CENT STRUCK AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT

by Mike Byers

This is a fascinating 1942-S Lincoln Cent that was struck on a 2.5 gram bronze planchet with a composition of 95% copper, 4% zinc and 1% tin.



NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE WARTIME DISCOVERY 2.5 GRAM BRONZE CENT STRUCK AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT

After examining this unique mint error and consulting with many experts on mint errors, patterns and die trials, the consensus is that it was struck on a 1942 Curacao cent planchet that had been coated or plated with zinc before being struck.

This lovely original lustrous mint error is choice uncirculated. There is slight weakness in the strike which is visible on the obverse in the beginning of LIBERTY and part of IN GOD, and on the reverse in the O of ONE and the AM of AMERICA. This is due to the planchet weighing 2.5 grams and not 3.11 grams which affects the strike since the die pressure was set up for planchets weighing 3.11 grams.

Planchets for the 1942 Curacao cent were produced by the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia and have the exact same specifications as this 1942-S cent; 2.5 grams in weight, a diameter of 19mm and a composition of

95% copper, 4% zinc and 1% tin. However, Curacao cents were never struck in San Francisco!

The Mint Error News website has a 69 page report of coins struck by the U.S. Mint for foreign countries. It is the most comprehensive report available anywhere. Page 9 details the coins that were struck for Curacao including the 2.5 gram bronze cent planchet.

This unique new discovery has a partial zinc appearance on the obverse and reverse as well as a zinc band on the edge.



NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE WARTIME DISCOVERY 2.5 GRAM BRONZE CENT STRUCK AT THE SAN FRANCISCO MINT

The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia experimented extensively with zinc and copper planchets during World War II. These experiments have been outlined in Roger Burdette's book *United States Pattern & Experimental Pieces of WW-II*. Test planchets in various compositions were produced, as well as many experimental surfaces such as plating and coating.

It is common procedure for pattern experts including NGC and Roger Burdette as well as the authors and researchers of the Judd reference book *United States Pattern Coins*, to classify coating and plating in their determination.

Dave Camire and NGC authenticated and certified the Philadelphia Collection which had many cents and planchets that were coated and

plated at the Philadelphia Mint. They also authenticated and certified many 1942 and 1943 Lincoln cents and planchets that were either coated or plated.

As amazing as it seems, it appears that this Curacao cent planchet was either coated or plated with zinc in the experiments during the transition of U.S. cents from bronze planchets to zinc-coated steel planchets.

If the planchet was intentionally plated or coated with zinc as part of the experiments then this would be classified as a test piece. If the planchet was accidentally mixed with U.S. cent planchets that were being experimented on, then it is a mint error. Subsequently, it somehow was transferred to the San Francisco Mint and struck by U.S. cent dies in 1942.

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Here are examples of NGC certified coins and planchets from the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia during World War II that were plated and coated:



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Although accidentally mixing planchets between U.S. Mint branches seems unlikely, it has occurred several times between the U.S. Mints in Denver and in San Francisco. There are 1974 Denver

silver Ike Dollars struck on planchets produced in San Francisco. And there are also 1977 Denver silver Kennedy Half Dollars struck on planchets produced in San Francisco.

This 1977 Eisenhower Dollar was struck at the Denver Mint. It was struck on a 40% Silver planchet that was only used to strike Eisenhower Dollars at the San Francisco Mint.



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Although there is no absolute proof that this is exactly what occurred, nor is there any documentation, the most logical explanation to describe the chain of events of this unique 1942-S cent is intriguing and enigmatic. A Philadelphia Mint produced Curacao planchet was likely coated or plated when Philadelphia experimented with copper and zinc planchets and was subsequently struck in San Francisco by U.S. Cent dies.

For comparison and to provide similar information relative to 1942

U.S. Lincoln cents that were patterns, test pieces or mint errors, here are two excellent examples:

I recently handled the unique 1942 Philadelphia Mint Lincoln cent struck on an aluminum planchet in proof. Clearly it was a pattern and test piece experimenting with a different composition and alternative to producing copper cents in 1943, due to the copper shortage during World War II. This unique aluminum cent has traded several times, once at \$300,000.

*1942 Lincoln Cent J-2079
Struck in Aluminum
PCGS PR 66
UNIQUE*



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Another unique 1942 Lincoln cent experimental off-metal struck at the Philadelphia Mint was 95% tin and 5% zinc, realizing \$86,250 in a Stack's auction in 1996 (lot #4253).

In comparison, in 1996, copper 1943 Lincoln cents were \$30,000 - \$50,000. Today they are \$200,000 - \$350,000.



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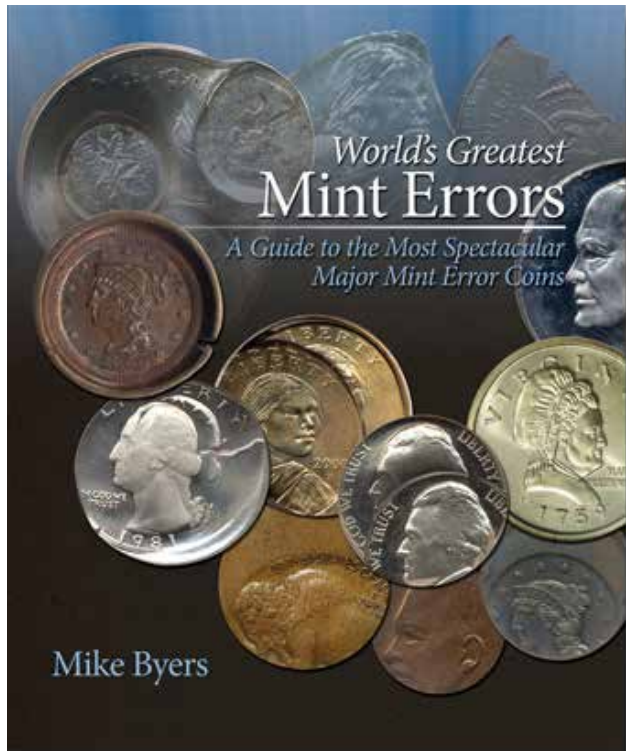
This unique 1942-S cent, most likely struck on a 1942 Curacao cent planchet from the Philadelphia Mint, coated or plated with zinc and then struck in San Francisco by U.S.

cent dies, will remain an enigmatic discovery. It belongs in a world-class collection of Lincoln cents, major mint errors or unique numismatic rarities.



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Spectacular Errors are featured in my NLG Award winning book, World's Greatest Mint Errors.



Foreigners in the Mint

A Mint Error News Exclusive Report

by Gregory Mirsky

Editor's Note: *Here is an article from a previous issue of Mint Error News Magazine. It is a detailed report of coins struck by the U.S. Mint for foreign countries.*

The United States Mint struck coins for foreign countries starting in 1833 but did not have official authority to do so until The Mint Act of Jan. 29, 1874 was approved and signed into law. The 1874 act states that the US Mint may mint coins for a foreign country if the minting does not interfere with regular minting operations, and shall prescribe a charge for minting the foreign coins equal to the cost of the minting (including labor, materials, and the use of machinery).

The US Mint did strike Liberia (LR) one cent coins in 1833. The Liberia one cent, in essence a token dated 1833, was struck by the Mint for the American Colonization Society. The US Mint had long been in the business of striking medals for various groups and artists, in fact, the US Mint was the only place to go in North America if you wanted a large sized medal struck since no other equipment was available that could handle the immense pressures required to strike such pieces. The prospect of the mint manufacturing tokens, as in the case of the Liberian cents, was not a far offshoot from the medal making business. Thus it is believed that the medal manufacturing activities of the mint led to some of the very first foreign coinage struck by the US Mint.

The American Colonization Society was founded in 1817 for the sole purpose of transporting freeborn blacks and emancipated slaves back to Africa. In 1822 the society established on the West Coast of Africa a colony that in 1847 became the independent nation of Liberia. By 1867, the society had sent more than 13,000 American blacks to Liberia. The one-cent token featured Freed Negro standing next to a palm tree, a ship

in the distance. Though many regard the one-cent piece a "hard times" token, and thus not acknowledged by the US mint as foreign coinage in its annual reports, it did function as coinage in the Liberian colony.

US Mint documents and records show that no coins were struck at any of the US Mints for foreign countries between 1855 and 1875. Starting in 1895, the United States Mint has struck coins for foreign countries almost every year. In 1984 the Mint ceased its production of coins for other countries. Part of the explanation for this action was that all excess coinage capacity was allotted to the Olympic commemorative programs in 1984. Since the 1874 act states that may mint coins for a foreign country if the minting does not interfere with regular minting operations, foreign coinage was halted. Further Mint modernization programs since 1984 such as coinage press replacement and modernization; other commemorative programs and the introduction of silver, gold and platinum bullion coinage programs quickly consumed any significant excess coinage capacity after 1984.

Currently the Mint Administration directs foreign coin production to independent mints or other government mints. In 2000, the US mint struck a 1,000 kronur coin for Iceland. The piece celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of Leif Erickson's trip to the New World, and was issued in conjunction with a US commemorative silver dollar dated 2000 celebrating the same event. This marked the first time since 1984 that the US Mint had struck coins for another nation in its mints.

The United States mint has struck coins for the

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following countries:

Argentina	Honduras
Australia	Israel
Bahamas	Korea
Belgian Congo	Liberia
Belgium	Mexico
Bolivia	Nepal
Brazil	Netherlands
Canada	Netherlands East Indies
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Peru
Cuba	Philippines
Curacao	Poland
Dominican Republic	El Salvador
Ecuador	Saudi Arabia
Ethiopia	South Korea
Fiji	Surinam
France	Syria
French Indo-China	Taiwan
Greenland	Thailand
Guatemala	Venezuela
Hawaii	

Not all US Mint struck foreign coins were manufactured in the United States. The coins struck for the Philippines from 1920 until the outbreak of hostilities with Japan during World War Two are a good example. The Manila Mint (Mint Mark 'M') was opened in July 1920 as a branch Mint of the United States and struck coins for the Philippines while the islands were under administration of the United States before World War Two. The Manila Mint still maintains the distinction as being the only US Mint to physically reside outside of the United States.

Foreign Coins Made by the US Mint

Each coin made by the US Mint for another country was minted to the specifications dictated by the client country. Some of the clients of the US mint requested to be furnished with planchets to be utilized at their native mints in the coining process, as was the case with Argentina in 1919 and 1920. In the case of the Venezuelan one and two and half Centavos struck

in the Philadelphia mint in 1876 and 1877, the US mint sub-contracted out to the Waterbury mint, owned by the Scovill Manufacturing Company, to supply planchets for foreign and regular US issues. The Waterbury mint provided the US Mint with many of the planchets for regular US one Cent and five Cent pieces from 1888 to 1906.

In some cases the client country would manufacture and furnish the dies to the US Mint to strike the coins, while other countries opted for the US Mint to produce the minting dies and to mint the issue. A third alternative that was utilized by some client countries, most notably the Dominican Republic, was the usage of a third party mint to produce the dies and then use the US Mint to manufacture the coins. This arrangement led to coins like the 1897 Dominican Republic One Peso struck in 1898 and 1899 by the US mint with dies made by the Paris mint that bear the "A" mint mark on the reverse near the bottom of the coin. These complex minting arrangements sort of reminds one of those "How many does it take to..." jokes. In theory, a foreign coinage issue manufactured by the US mint could involve four or more parties:

The client country wanting the issue.

The mint that designed and produced the dies for coinage.

The mint that manufactured the coin planchets.

The US mint that actually minted the issue.

The mint or central bank that distributes the minted coinage into the economy.

In the case of the 1944 French two Franc pieces it is believed that the French Algerian provincial government issued the pieces into general circulation into the Algerian economy and not into the originally intended French commercial economy.

Over the years of producing coinage for other countries the traditional "P", for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, "D", for Denver, Colorado, and "S", for San Francisco, California mint marks appeared on foreign.

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As mentioned before, a mint mark from another country could be present on a foreign coin produced by the US mint. The New Orleans, Louisiana mint never had a chance to display its "O" mint mark on a foreign coin since its one and only foreign issue was a 1907 Mexican silver 20 Centavos piece that bore the Mexico City mint mark from where the coinage dies originated.

Not all of the foreign mintages of the US Mint met with great success. Some mintages met undignified ends in the melting cauldron such as the Chinese dollars and half dollars or the coinage of our present-day Hawaiian islands. While war and political turmoil damned some issues back to the melting pot, war was also the reason for such high demand for the US Mint to produce foreign coinage. Demand during the early, to mid nineteen-forties pushed coinage request to, at that time, all time highs as devastated World War Two participant countries in the midst of rebuilding required coinage to be produced in order for their respective economies to recover in the post war era. Coinage requests from these war torn countries supplemented and competed for the surplus coinage capacity normally reserved for the US Mint's usual client countries. Thus one can see in mintage reports at the time many coins reported in one year and dated with the previous years date.

While producing foreign coinage, the US Mint demonstrated its metallurgical talents producing numerous alloys it normally did not use for standard US circulating coinage along with coin shapes that the US Mint until that time was unfamiliar with. Coin shapes such as square, scalloped and hexagonal coins and those coins designed with holes in the center were required to be produced. While the US Mint did make limited run pattern coins with holes in the center, as documented in Judd/Pollack, the US Mint never executed a production run of such coins until the dated 2461 Siam (Thailand) One Satang it produced at the Philadelphia Mint in 1918. The US Mint followed up the holed One Satang with additional holed foreign coinage issues such as the 1920 French Indo-China One Centime; the Fiji Half Penny and Fiji Penny pro-

duced from 1942 to 1943.

Scanning the mintage figures of numerous client countries of the US Mint over several years one can see the ongoing effect of economic policies of each country by the debasing change of coinage compositions used to issue certain denominations of that country. Over the years one can follow a denomination of a country changing from gold, to silver, to copper-nickel and finally to brass. Costa Rica in 1923 is one interesting example where US minted fifty and twenty-five Centimos coinage were re-struck or counter-struck by the Costa Rican government into higher one Colon and fifty Centavos denomination pieces because of their metal content and a revaluation of their currency.

Here are some interesting facts about some of the client countries and their coinage that the US mint struck for them.

Argentina

No finished coins, only planchets, were produced for Argentina.

Australia

All coins struck for Australia have either a "D", for Denver, or a "S", for San Francisco, mint mark. On the three pence the mint mark is located on the reverse to the right below the last numeral on the date. The six pence piece has the mint mark located on the reverse at the bottom, just above the date. The shilling piece has the mint mark located on the reverse above the "N" in the word "Shilling". The Florin has the mint mark located on the reverse just above the date.

Brazil

Brazil bought raw planchets from the US Mint and its suppliers, no Brazilian coins were minted by the US mint.

Canada

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Dimes struck for Canada can only be identified by the differences in the reeding. A different style collar was employed by the Philadelphia mint compared to dimes made by its Canadian counterparts.

China

Both the dollar and half-dollar are dated 1936, the twenty-fifth year anniversary of the Republic of China. Unfortunately the dollars and the half-dollars were shipped to Hong Kong and arrived at the same time Japan began invading China in World War II. The coins were never placed into circulation and most were subsequently melted.

There is nickel composition specimen of the one dollar known to exist, and may have been a final die trial.

A re-strike in 1949 produced a total of thirty million coins. These re-strikes were dated 1934, the twenty-third year anniversary of the Republic of China. The Philadelphia mint produced the bulk of the re-strikes with a total of 20,250,000, the Denver mint produced 6,550,000, and the San Francisco minting facility produced 3,200,000 coins. No US mint marks appear on any of the coins made for China by the US mint.

Colombia

In addition to the US Mint manufacturing coins for the government of Cuba, the Waterbury Mint in Waterbury, Connecticut, minted for Colombia the following pieces:

24,000,000 two and one-half Centavos (Y25) in 1881.

400,000 two and one-half Centavos (Y25) in 1902.

400,000 five-centavos (Y24, Y25) in 1888 and 1902.

Costa Rica

In 1942 the 2 Centimos issue was restruck as 5 Centimos pieces dated 1942. 274,342 coins were reported re-

struck by the Costa Rican government. Restruck coins are listed as Y58 in the Yeoman catalog. The US Mint did not participate in the restriking process in 1942. Also in 1923 a revaluation of larger denomination silver coins occurred. Most 50 Centimos were restruck/counterstamped as 1 Colon pieces (Y44).

You will occasionally see these pieces listed on some of the online auction sites as errors. These are not errors and you should not pay a premium for them. Though adding one or two of these restrikes to your error collection as a conversation and educational piece is a great idea.

Cuba

Other private mints in the US such as the Providence mint also made coins for Cuba. In fact, the Providence Mint subcontracted out the actual manufacturing process to a company whose main line of business was as far as you can get from the numismatic field, they made air brakes!

Ethiopia

After Great Britain took possession of Ethiopia from Italy and returned it to Haile Sellassie and his government in 1941, Great Britain tried unsuccessfully to establish the shilling-cent system in Ethiopia. Ethiopian suspicion and a desire for a national identity lead to a new series of coins designed in Philadelphia by John Sinnoch (obverse) and Gilroy Roberts (reverse). The bust of Haile Sellassie and the date 1936EE (1944) are on the obverse; the reverse has the Lion of Judah and the denomination of 1, 5, 10, 25, or 50 Santim (centime) in Amharic.

The US Mint in Philadelphia and the British Royal mint have both minted this series for the country. Ethiopia used these coins into the late 1970s or at least until the Socialist Ethiopian government issued its own set of coinage.

An interesting note that has parallels to the US Rack-

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eteer Nickel (Gold plated/coated US 1883 Liberty No Cents Nickels), the original twenty-five centime coin was round like the fifty-centime piece and close to the same size. Unscrupulous persons quickly discovered they could silver plate the twenty-five centime coin and pass it for the fifty-centime piece. Few in the country could read the denominations on the coins due to low literacy rate. More than 400,000 twenty-five centime coins had been minted when they were withdrawn from circulation and retrofitted by hand with a scalloped edge. Later issues of the twenty-five centime coins were minted with a special milling collar to form the scallops of the coin.

Hawaii

Proofs were made of all denominations. No US mint marks are present on the coins. Claus Sprekels, the sugar king, used his influence to have the coins made for the Hawaiian Government.

The Hawaiian Dime was a substitute for the 12-1/2 Cent (Hapawalu) denomination specified in the original request to the U.S. Government. The 12-1/2 Cent (Hapawalu) would have required specially made blanks and usage of the Dime denomination would use a standard blank already manufactured and in use in US standard circulation coinage. Six Proof Dimes were made in September 1883 at the Philadelphia (PA) Mint for inclusion in four-piece sets containing the 10 Cent (Dime) piece, the 25 Cent piece, 50 Cent piece, and Dollar denominations. 250,000 circulation strikes were struck at the San Francisco, California Mint without mint marks from November 17, 1883 through June 1884.

An additional set of 20 Proof Dimes were made at the Philadelphia Mint in 1884. Charles E. Barber and George T. Morgan prepared the dies for these Proof Dimes. The Proof Dimes were specifically created for inclusion in five-piece sets containing the containing the 10 Cent (Dime) piece, the 25 Cent piece, 50 Cent piece, and Dollar denominations, plus the originally re-

quested 12-1/2 Cent (Hapawalu) coin.

Experts consider the 1883 Hapawalu to be “patterns” with italic 8’s in the date to be fabrications made outside the Mint (as were similar 1884 “patterns” of the Hapaha, Hapalua, and Dala denominations). The numismatic community did not know of these coins until 1954, when the collection of deposed King Farouk of Egypt was sold. Farouk owned many “patterns” from other countries that were made specifically for him, so it is highly likely that the 1883 and 1884 “patterns” with italic 8’s in the date were made for him at the time he collected.

One Hapalua with italic 8’s in the date is known struck over an 1880 Quarter Dollar. The reverse legend “U MAU KE EA O KA AINA I KA PONO” means “The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.”

Iceland

As of the time of this writing, the 1000 Kroner proof coin featured with the US 2000 Leif Ericson Commemorative silver dollar was the last foreign coin produced by the US Mint. No US mint marks are present on the 1000 Kroner proof coins.

Korea (South)

Coins minted for Korea were dated to the Korean calendar. Coins issued in 1959 are dated 4292 and coins issued in 1961 are dated 4294. No US mint marks appear on Korean coins.

Mexico

All coins that were manufactured by the US Mint bear the mint mark for the Mexico City Mint where the coinage dies were manufactured and prepared. The New Orleans Mint made its only foreign coinage production run for Mexico by minting over five million 1907 twenty centavo pieces. Identical coinage runs for most issues manufactured by the US Mint were also produced in the Mexico City Mint in tandem with the

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US manufactured issues.

The San Francisco Mint in 1949 produced an 1898 dated 1 Peso restrike originally minted in the Mexico City Mint composing of 90.27% silver and 9.73% copper. The original Mexico City Mint issue has 139 denticles on the reverse border while the US made San Francisco Mint restrike has only 131 denticles on the reverse border.

Panama

No US mint marks are present on the coins struck for Panama. Some of the coins struck for Panama are on planchets identical to US coinage of the time in weight, diameter and composition.

Peru

US mint marks appear only on Peruvian coinage made at the San Francisco Mint. The “S” for San Francisco is located under the letters “T” and “A” in the word “Centavos” on the reverse of the coin for the brass composite five, ten, and twenty Centavos coined between 1942 and 1943. On the Half Sol a “S” for the San Francisco mint is located on the obverse at the bottom, under the coat of arms. Additionally, the US Mint produced blank coinage planchets for the silver one Sol, gold one Libra, and gold one-fifth Libra from 1916 to 1919.

El Salvador

The 1928-S One centavo is the only coin minted by the US Mint for El Salvador that carries a US mint mark.

Saudi Arabia

All coins made for Saudi Arabia are dated with Arabic script. The Islamic date of 1356 was used on copper coinage and the Islamic date of 1354 was used on silver coinage.

From 1945 to 1947 the US Government had the Philadelphia Mint create two distinct sizes of gold weights

or “discs”. At the time of their creation there was quite a bit of speculation as to what the purpose of these discs were for. One theory was that the discs were created for the Arabian American Oil Company in order to pay the Saudi Arabian Government in gold for oil supplies during World War Two.

An official explanation offered in 1956 by the Director of the Mint was that the discs were made to furnish the Saudi Arabian Government with gold bullion in the weight that the Saudi Arabian Government had requested. The Director of the Mint also explained that any gold bullion cast by the US Mint or any US Assay Offices is customarily marked with its gold content and the eagle hallmark design of the US Mints and Assay offices. Furthermore, the Director of the Mint stated that the US Treasury Department considered the discs to be gold bullion and not coinage, and as such, were not authorized to be imported or held in the United States under the 1934 Gold Reserve Act.

Interestingly enough, some of the pieces were actually used as currency for a few years. Many of the gold discs were later melted in 1951 as material for a latter Saudi Arabian gold piece. Most of the larger discs were sold as bullion over the years. Between 1949 and 1950 unopened crates of these pieces were dispatched to the bullion markets of Bombay, India and sold on the open market.

Due to the nature of the handling and disposal of this issue these of gold weights or “discs” have become quite rare and very convincing counterfeits of these discs do exist.

Syria

Syrian coins made by the US Mint have two dates, one using the standard calendar and one using the Islamic calendar, written in Arabic script.

Thailand (Siam)

The one Satang dated 2461 (Siamese/Thai Calendar) and produced in 1918 became the first massed pro-

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duced coin by the US Mint to feature a center hole. No US mint marks are present on the coins.

Venezuela

Venezuela was the first official foreign coinage client for the US Mint. The 1 Centavo and 2½ Centavo coins made of a copper-nickel alloy were produced in the Philadelphia Mint in 1876 and 1877. The US Mint did not save exact alloy composition details on these coins. The US Mint also did not record an exact breakdown by year of the mintage when they appeared in the 1877 Director of the Mint report.

Coinage manufactured for Venezuela by the US Mint from 1876 until 1948 were inscribed “ESTADOS UNIDOS DE VENEZUELA”.

Coinage after 1954 was inscribed “REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA”.

Planchet Suppliers to the US Mint For Business Strike Issues

The US Mint, while having its own metallurgical plant to produce blanks for its minting purposes over the years, had several suppliers of planchets to supplement its production. Most notable is the Waterbury Mint with whom the US Mint had a very long term relationship. Planchets for precious metal bullion coinage is currently provided by several of the firms that supply bullion rounds to collectors and investors with metals obtained from the former silver strategic stockpile (currently depleted as of the publishing of this article) or the open market as in the case of platinum coinage.

Olin: As the longest continuous supplier of metal to the US Mint, Olin Brass’ Posit-Bond® clad metal is used in quarters, dimes and half dollars. In 1999, Olin Brass developed the unique alloy that the US Mint uses for the Sacajawea “Golden Dollar” coins.

Sherritt Gordon/Westaim, Fort Saskatchewan, Alber-

ta, Canada, No longer produces coinage blanks. Blanks made by Westaim were provided by the Canadian Mint to the US Mint during the production ramp up in 1998 and 1999 in anticipation of monetary shortages due to the Y2K event and the introduction of the new one dollar coin.

PMX Industries is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, it is a wholly owned division of Poongsan Corporation of Korea since November 1998, and has supplied almost half of the coinage strips used by the U.S. Mint since 1992. Tel: (319) 368-7700 Fax: (319) 368-7720, 5300 Willow, Creek Drive S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404, U.S.A - www.ipmx.com.

The Providence Mint

Providence Mint, Gorham Manufacturing Company, founded 1818 by Jabez Gorham to produce jewelry items. Coinage did not start until the 1890’s. This independent mint minted coins for Cuba from 1897 to 1898 and produced coinage for Ecuador in 1919 and Serbia in 1917.

Cuban Souvenir Peso (Y1, KM-M1), 1897, 90% silver, 10% copper, 10,000 pieces. The issue contains three distinct varieties and was struck in two separate locations. Unknown number of proofs exists for this date:

Variety 1: High relief, 858 pieces, 30 pieces were determined to be defective and subsequently destroyed. Coins were struck at the Dunn Air Brake Company, Philadelphia, PA. with dies manufactured and prepared by the Gorham company. Inscribed “PAT 97” at the base of the neck. Numerals of the date are widely spaced.

Variety 2: Low Relief, 4,286 pieces struck at the Providence Mint. Star right of “97” on the obverse is below the base line of the date. There is a letter “H” on the bottom right in the shield, on the reverse of the coin. No initials in the base of the neck. Numerals of the date are closely spaced.

Variety 3: Normal or Mid-Level relief, 4,856 pieces

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struck at the Providence mint. Star right of "97" on the obverse is above the base line of the date. There is no letter "H" on the bottom right in the shield. The stem of the "R" in the word "souvenir" is shorter than the stem of the "R" in the other two varieties.

Cuban Souvenir Peso (Y2), 1898, 90% silver, 10% copper, 1,000 pieces. Unknown number of proofs exists for this date.

The Providence Mint also struck a large silver piece in connection with "William Jennings' Bryan's Free Silver" presidential campaign of 1896.

Due to the limited space of this venue I have assembled a sampling of known US coins on foreign planchets and foreign coins on US planchets to give readers an idea of the types of errors that have been found in connection with the mintage of foreign coinage. Tune up your "cherry picking" skills and may you have some very happy hunting experiences!

A Partial Registry of Known US Coins on Foreign Planchets

Since the early days of the error coin-collecting hobby, error collectors always feared seizure of their numismatic errors by the US Secret Service. Nevertheless, interesting and intriguing errors have still surfaced. Once the domain of a closed group of collectors, these US coins on foreign planchet errors shed light as to how quality control at the Mint was conducted over the years. The Mint could use millions of planchets of similar size yet different compositions in a given year which led to blanks being mixed which is one of the reasons why this list was compiled.

New discoveries will surface each year as old collections turn over and newer generations of numismatists grow more sophisticated in their classification and research of such coins. I would fully expect any census to grow dramatically in the coming years.

(Year, Denomination and certifying agency, if avail-

able or known)

1876 Philadelphia minted 10 million 1 centavo, 2 million 2.5 centavos resulting in a 1877 1 cent on a Venezuela 1 centavo planchet 2.3 grams/19mm certified by NGC. The planchets for the Venezuela 1 centavo were manufactured by the Waterbury mint, Waterbury, Connecticut, under contract from the US Mint. (Numismatic News 24-DEC-2002)

1884 Liberty Nickel On Foreign Planchet ANACS

1888 Liberty Nickel On Foreign Planchet ANACS

1890 P1971/J1758 Indian Head Cent On Foreign Planchet

1900 Nickel Struck on Nicaragua 5 Centimos Planchet

1904 Liberty Nickel Struck on Foreign Planchet NGC the weight is 2.7 grams

1905 Liberty Nickel Struck on Haiti 5-Cent Planchet ANACS struck on a Haiti 5-Cent Planchet

1905 Liberty Nickel Struck on Haiti 5-Cent Planchet PCGS struck on a Haiti 5-Cent Planchet

1905 Liberty Nickel 2.77 grams NGC

1915 Cent struck in nickel

1920-P Cent struck on an Argentine 10-Centavo planchet.

1943 off-metal Cent authenticated as genuine, but it is not copper. It is somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 percent silver, 30 percent copper. Weight is 57.6 grains [3.752 grams] as compared to 48 for normal US copper Cent and around 42 for steel. Walter Breen authenticated it, after analysis through Mort Goodman identified it as probably struck on a planchet intended for the 25-centsukken piece for Netherlands Guiana. According to the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for

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the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, the Mint supplied 1 million coins to Curacao and 6 million coins to Surinam (Netherlands Guiana) during the 1943 calendar year.

1944 the Philadelphia Mint produced 25 million Belgium 2 franc coins from the same blanks as the 1943 zinc-coated steel Cents. 40+ steel 1944 Cents have been reported. (Coins, March, 1994, p. 34f / related story in Coin World, 1/31/94, p3)

1945-S Walking Liberty Half Struck On An El Salvador 25 Centavo Planchet NGC MS 63 This is the only known Walking Liberty Half Dollar struck on a Foreign Planchet for another country. It is on a planchet that was produced for the El Salvador Silver 25 Centavo. The 25 Centavo was struck for only two years, 1943 and 1944. Since this Walking Liberty Half Off-Metal is dated 1945, it is on a left-over planchet that was stuck in the bin or hopper from the previous year or the coin was minted in late 1944 as the Mint was gearing up for the next year's production.

1944'P' Struck on a heavy planchet. Brilliant Uncirculated. 5.96 grams. At nearly 20% over the official weight for a Silver War Nickel, this coin was clearly struck on wrong planchet stock. Although this Nickel has the luster and color of a Silver War Nickel, it is possible that this piece was struck on a planchet intended for a foreign coin struck at the Philadelphia Mint, but no such corresponding coin can be found in Steiner and Zimpfer for this time period.

1944 Cent thick planchet specimen (Pollack #2078) is more likely a mint error struck on a foreign planchet or on incorrectly rolled stock

1945 Cent Struck on Netherlands East Cent Planchet 2.32 grams (35.8 grains), 18.0mm

1945-S Half Dollar on an El Salvador 25 Centavo planchet NGC

1951 Roosevelt Dime struck on a 1951 Costa Rica 5 Centimos, double denomination, authenticated by

ANACS. Roosevelt Dime off-metal strikes are rare due to the fact that the coin or planchet has to be smaller than the Dime blank. There are only a few Dime off-metals known. This piece was struck on a previously struck 1951 Costa Rica 5 Centimos. The Costa Rica coin has a weight of 15.43 grains and is composed of 75% copper and 25% nickel. These coins were only struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1951 and 1952, although they are all dated 1951.

1956 Roosevelt Dime Struck on a Struck Copper 1956 Honduras 1 Centavo ANACS Brown

1967 NGC Cent struck on 5-Cent thickness. Weighs 3.8 grams (???)

1968-S Cent Struck on a Philippine 5 Centavos Planchet (Brass 60%, Cu Zinc 40%)

1968-S Proof Kennedy Half Struck on a Philippine 50 Centavos Planchet ANACS

1970 10c ANACS struck on aluminum scrap (cut in half) may be struck on a Nepal Paisa planchet

1972-D Lincoln Cent PCGS MS-60 Struck on a Philippine 5 Sentimos planchet.(Brass)

1972-D Quarter Dollar PCI EF40 on an unidentified planchet

1972-S PROOF 25c struck on an already Japanese 10 Yen. A proof double denomination on a foreign struck coin, Only 1 known PCGS. The US has never officially minted any coins for Japan. This coin was probably snuck into the Mint, over-stamped and the secreted out of the San Francisco facility.

1972-D Eisenhower 1 Dollar struck on a 1 Piso (Philippines) planchet - ANACS

1972-D IKE Dollar Struck on Philippine 1 Piso Planchet ANACS

1973-D Nickel struck on a Philippine 5 Centavo plan-

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1974-D IKE Dollar Struck on Philippine 1 Piso Planchet ANACS, PCGS

1974-D IKE Dollar Struck on Phil 1 Piso Planchet ANACS

1978-P Cent SEGS 2.7 grams

1982-P Lincoln Cent was struck on an unidentified planchet.

1982 Panama 1/2 Balboa Struck on 1971 Kennedy Half Dollar ANACS MS 63 This is a double denomination involving two different countries and 11 years between the two strikes.

1982 Panama 1/2 Balboa Struck on 1972 Kennedy Half Dollar ANACS MS 63 This is a double denomination involving two different countries and 10 years between the two strikes.

1982 Panama 1/2 Balboa Struck on 1976 Kennedy Half Dollar ANACS MS 63 This is a double denomination involving two different countries and 6 years between the two strikes.

1991 Proof Cent Thick Planchet ANACS weighs 3.8 grams and is thicker than a Nickel. It may have been punched out of Copper-Zinc Cent stock, of Nickel thickness, or it may be an unidentified foreign planchet

1997-D Cent struck on a Foreign Planchet NGC

1998-P Lincoln Cent PCGS MS-65RD struck on a Foreign Copper blank. (Weight: 1.7 Grams.) Comes with matching blank planchet.

1998 Malaysian Sen/Singapore Cent planchets were mixed in with a delivery of raw planchets to the Mint. (This is the error that got me started with this whole project!)

2000-D 1c struck on a Foreign Planchet NGC 1.68 gr. same composition, smaller planchet

2000-D Sacagawea Dollars on outer ring intended for Canadian, bi-metallic coin

2000-D Cent NGC 1.7 grams

2000-D Sacagawea Dollar PCGS Struck on a Ghana 100 Cedis Ringed Planchet the Ghana Blank is from a Bi-Metallic coin.

A Partial Registry of Known Foreign Coins Struck on US Planchets

While most collectors will focus on the US Mint produced foreign coinage issues and US coins struck on foreign planchets, to fully explore this subject we also need to examine the reverse (flip-side) of this coinage equation. How often did foreign coinage runs get contaminated with US planchets? While some foreign issues contained compatible US standard planchets, exact same metallurgical composition, weight and diameter, like the 1944 Belgium Steel two Francs piece that was struck on surplus 1943 zinc coated steel war cent planchets, thus making a distinction from correctly minted pieces to incorrectly minted coins impossible, other US minted foreign issues contained totally different specifications that one can only wonder how they slipped through the inspection process of not only the US Mint but the inspector of the client country for whom the pieces were destined.

In June of 2000, a Harmony Millennium commemorative twenty-five Cent piece was found struck on a Type I Planchet intended for a US Five Cent piece. What makes this particular piece very interesting is that it was not made in the US Mint but in the Royal Canadian Mint. A true foreigner! The US planchet was made at, or for, the Royal Canadian Mint. The Royal Canadian Mint in 1999 and 2000 supplied planchets for 5c pieces and Sacagawea Dollars to be sold to collectors by the US Mint and to assist and alleviate the production constraints caused by the introduction of the new Sa-

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cagawea Dollar in 2000. In addition to this discovery, a Canadian 2000 Elizabeth II 50 Cent piece was found struck on an US One Dollar Sacagawea planchet.

Australia

Australia 1943-S Six-Pence on a US steel Cent planchet ANACS

Australia 1943-S 1 Florin struck on a US Nickel planchet.

Belgium

Belgium, 1944 Produced from the same blanks as the US 1943 zinc-coated steel cents. While sharing the same exact planchet as the US 1943 zinc-coated steel cents this was an intentional decision and not a minting accident.

Brazil

Brazil 1961 20 Centavos struck on US Cent planchet

Brazil wrong planchet 1967 10 Centavos struck on a US Cent planchet

Brazil wrong planchet 1967 20 Centavos struck on a US Cent planchet

Canada

Canada 1968 Dime struck on a United States Dime planchet

Canada Elizabeth II 50 Cents 2000, Struck on an USA Sacagawea \$1 planchet PCGS

Canada 2000 June - Harmony Millennium commemorative twenty-five Cent piece struck on a Type I Planchet intended for a US Five Cent Coin, 5 Grams composed of Cupro Nickel.

Liberia

Liberia 1972 5 Cent(s) on a US Cent blank.

Liberia 1974 25 Cent(s) on a US Cent planchet proof coin KM-16a

Liberia 1974 5 Cent(s) Struck on a US Cent planchet.

Panama

Panama 1966 ½ Balboa on a US or Panama 5c blank

Panama 1966 ½ Balboa on a US or Panama 10c blank 35.0 grains

Panama 1967 ½ Balboa on a US or Panama 25c blank

Panama 1967 ¼ Balboa on a US or Panama 5c blank 77.1 grains

Panama 1967 ¼ Balboa on a US or Panama 10c blank.35.0 grains

Panama 1968 ¼ Balboa on a US 5c blank

Panama 1968 ¼ Balboa struck on US Nickel planchet ANACS

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Philippines

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Philippines 1937M 10 Centavo(s) Struck in Aluminum

Philippines 1944D 20 Centavo(s) Struck on 10 Centavo planchet

Philippines 1944S 50 Centavo(s) Struck on a US 25c planchet.

Philippines 1945 20 Centavo(s) struck on a 10 Centavo planchet

Philippines 1945 ca 5 Centavo(s) struck on a US silver Dime planchet.

Philippines 1945S 50 Centavo(s) Struck on a 20c planchet.

Philippines 1962 5 Centavo(s) on a US Cent blank.

Philippines 1966 5 Centavo(s) on a US Cent blank.

Philippines 1967-1975 50 Sentimo(s) on a US Cent blank.

Philippines 1967-1975 50 Sentimo(s) struck on a US Cent planchet

Philippines 1969 25 Sentimo(s) on a US Cent blank.

Philippines 1970 25 Sentimo(s) on a US Nickel blank.

Philippines 1970 5 Sentimo(s) on a US Cent planchet

Philippines 1970 5 Sentimo(s) on a US clad Dime planchet

Philippines 1971 25 Sentimo(s) struck on a US Cent planchet.

Philippines 1972 1 Piso under size clad planchet intended for a US 5c

Philippines 1972 1 Piso struck on a blank Kennedy Half Dollar.

Philippines 1972 25 Centavo(s) on a US copper planchet. Made at SF Mint

Philippines 1972 25 Centavo(s) on USA 1c planchet

Philippines 1972-1974 1 Piso struck on an under size clad planchet, perhaps intended for a US Quarter

Philippines 1972-1974 1 Piso struck on a US 25c planchet

Philippines 1974 10 Sentimo(s) struck on a US clad Dime planchet.

Philippines 1974 25 Sentimo(s) struck on a US Cent planchet.

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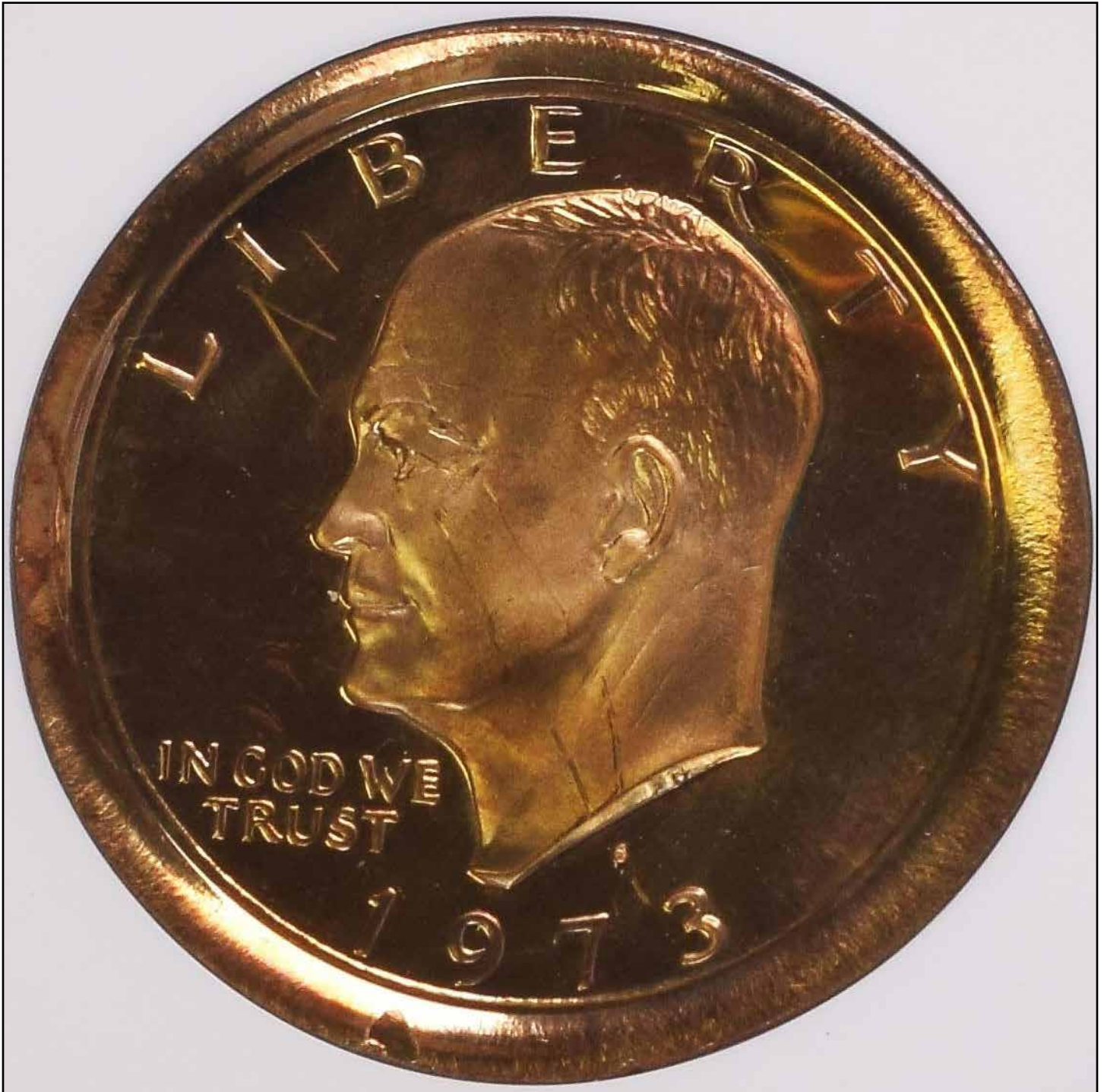
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NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE PROOF IKE \$1 BROADSTRUCK ON A 26G BRONZE PLANCHET

This unique and amazing 1973-S Proof Eisenhower Dollar was broadstruck on a 26g bronze planchet. Since it was struck by proof Ike Dollar dies, the collar was setup to hold the 36mm

diameter of the Ike Dollar planchet. The strike expanded the size of the bronze planchet to approximately 40mm, creating a cupped obverse and was broadstruck.



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After recently surfacing in an old-time collection of U.S. mint errors, it was authenticated and certified by NGC as Proof 61.

It is fully struck with nearly

perfect mirror surfaces and a deep cameo portrait. There are a few light scratches visible on the obverse. Considered one of the most spectacular mint errors known on a proof Eisenhower Dollar.



NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE PROOF IKE \$1 BROADSTRUCK ON A 26G BRONZE PLANCHET

This unique proof bronze Ike Dollar could have been struck on a bronze planchet intended to be used to strike the 1973-S medal in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the cable car in San Francisco. This commemorative medal was enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America.

Public Law 93-114

AN ACT

October 1, 1973
[S. 776]

To authorize the striking of medals in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the cable car in San Francisco.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the invention of the cable car, the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike and deliver to the San Francisco Cable Car Centennial Committee not more than one hundred and fifty thousand medals with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury after consultation with the committee. The medals, which may be disposed of by the committee at a premium, shall be delivered at such times as may be required by the committee in quantities of not less than two thousand, but no medals shall be struck after December 31, 1974. The medals shall be considered to be national medals within the meaning of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368) except that for the purposes of this Act some or all of such medals may be struck by the superintendent of the coining department of the assay office at San Francisco, under such regulations as the superintendent, with the approval of the Director of the Mint, may prescribe. Medals struck at the assay office may bear the legend "Struck at the San Francisco Mint".

San Francisco
cable cars.
100th anniversary
medals.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause such medals to be struck and delivered at not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and security satisfactory to the Director of the Mint shall be furnished to indemnify the United States for the full payment of such costs.

Cost.

SEC. 3. The medals authorized to be struck and delivered under this Act shall be of such size or sizes and of such various metals as shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the committee.

Size.

Approved October 1, 1973.

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1973-S medal in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the cable car in San Francisco



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U.S. PROOF ERROR COINS OFFERED IN ANA HERITAGE AUCTION

Here is a selection of U.S. Proof Error Coins that are featured in the upcoming August 2021 ANA World's Fair Of Money US Coins Signature Auction #1333.

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1972-S Ike Dollar on a Cent Planchet Ike Dollar on a Dime Planchet PR67 Red Cameo and PR67 Unique Mated Error Pair



1972-S Cent and Dime Eisenhower Dollar Mated Pair, PR67 Red Cameo, PR67, PR67 Ultra Cameo NGC.

A proof clad dime planchet and a proof copper cent planchet were fed or placed together, side by side, between proof Ike dollar dies. The strike created a mated pair. The two pieces fit together, with a partial straight edge, across Eisenhower's cheek. The dollar-on-dime was aligned with the collar die at 10:30. The dollar-on-cent was aligned with the collar die at 5:30. The date and mintmark is complete on the dollar-on-cent. Also present is Eisenhower's neck, and the partial legend OD WE UST. Between both mated pairs, the profile of Eisenhower is complete, as is the eagle's head. The dollar-on-dime also shows the partial legend LIB. Earth is complete on the reverse of the dollar-on-cent, along with E PLURIBUS UNUM, STATES OF AME, and the eagle's right (facing) wing. The dollar-on-dime displays

the eagle's legs, olive branch, and left wing. The 1972-S dollar-on-cent is graded PR67 Red Cameo NGC. The (1972-S) dollar-on-dime is graded PR67 NGC. Also included, to demonstrate the type, is a 1972-S Silver Eisenhower Dollar PR67 Ultra Cameo NGC, Type Two Reverse, light gold toning with exemplary contrast. The three coins (mated pair and proof silver Eisenhower dollar) are housed together in a large format NGC holder, titled UNIQUE PENNY/DIME MATED PAIR. It is unusual, although certainly appropriate, for NGC to use the word unique to describe this error pair, since it involves a non-overlapping mated error pair on two different off-metal wrong planchets struck by proof dies of an obsolete type. The mated error pair is reminiscent of a three-piece "clover leaf" proof Eisenhower dollar struck on adjacent and non-overlapping dime planchets, which realized \$105,000 as lot 1329 in our April 2021 Central States Signature.

**1972-S Ike Dollar on a Cent Planchet
Ike Dollar on a Dime Planchet
PR67 Red Cameo and PR67
Unique Mated Error Pair**



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Ike Dollar on a Dime Planchet
PR67 Red Cameo and PR67
Unique Mated Error Pair



**1972-S Quarter, PR68
Double Struck on a Dime
Double Denomination**



1972-S Washington Quarter -- Double Struck on a Dime, Double Denomination -- PR68 NGC.

A clad Roosevelt dime was inadvertently fed between proof Washington quarter dies, and struck twice, as usual for proofs. The dime undertype is most evident near 4:30 on the obverse border, where NITED STA shows. The dime was struck aligned

with the quarter collar die at 4:30. The coin has an out-of-round appearance, and shows red color along the obverse border from 7 o'clock to 1 o'clock, where the copper clad layer was pushed out of the edge and struck along the obverse rim. Evidence of the double strike from quarter dies shows on GOD and TRUST. The mintmark is bold, as is the 72 in the date. The 19 is partial and distorted.

**1972-S Quarter, PR68
Double Struck on a Dime
Double Denomination**



**1972-S Quarter, PR68
Double Struck on a Dime
Double Denomination**



**40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollar
Double Struck, Die Adjustment**



Undated Kennedy Half Dollar, 40% Silver -- Die Adjustment Strike, Double Struck -- NGC.

This certified but ungraded Kennedy half dollar was struck twice. The first strike was well centered but very soft. On the obverse, only the top of Kennedy's hair shows. The reverse displays the eagle's head and wings, along with a mushy impression of the

clouds, banner, and D STATES OF AMER. The second strike is uniface obverse, and 50% off center toward 6 o'clock. The second strike is also soft. No date or mintmark is present, but Kennedy half dollars were struck in 40% silver between 1965 and 1970. The coin was likely struck as a proof (1968-S to 1970-S) but it could also have been struck for a 1965 to 1967 special mint set.

**40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollar
Double Struck, Die Adjustment**



**40% Silver Kennedy Half Dollar
Double Struck, Die Adjustment**



**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Struck Quarter
Double Denomination**



**1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar --
Double Struck on a Quarter, Double
Denomination -- PR68 Cameo NGC.**

A struck quarter was fed between proof half dollar dies and broadstruck twice. The half dollar collar die likely deployed, but the quarter was fed nearly centered and did not expand widely enough to reach the collar die. The quarter design was effaced by the proof half dollar striking, but the

complete edge reeding confirms the half dollar is on a struck quarter instead of a quarter planchet. The half dollar is out of round near 8 o'clock, where the diameter is widest. Most of LIBERTY is too distorted to read, but each date digit is apparent, and the mintmark is bold. On the reverse, UNITED and HALF show the greatest distortion from unrestrained outward metal flow. The portrait and eagle are well struck and frosty.

**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Struck Quarter
Double Denomination**



**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Struck Quarter
Double Denomination**



**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Flipover Double Struck
Second Strike Off Center**



**1973-S Kennedy Half Dollar -- Flipover
Double Struck, Second Strike Off Center
-- PR68 Cameo NGC.**

The first strike was normal. The second strike was approximately 40% off center

toward 10:30, at 1:30 relative to the reverse of the first strike. The date and mintmark from the second strike are clear. The date and mintmark from the first strike were effaced by the second strike. A spectacular error on the popular Kennedy type.

**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Flipover Double Struck
Second Strike Off Center**



**1973-S Kennedy Half, PR68 Cameo
Flipover Double Struck
Second Strike Off Center**



**Undated Ike Dollar, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Half Dollar Planchet**



Undated Eisenhower Dollar -- Double Struck on a Half Dollar Planchet -- PR68 Cameo NGC. 11.2 grams. Type Three Reverse.

A clad Kennedy half dollar planchet was fed between Ike dollar dies. It was struck aligned with the collar die near 11 o'clock, with reeding present between 8 o'clock and 2 o'clock. The date is off the flan, but the San Francisco mintmark is present below the

bust. After the first strike, the coin failed to eject from the dies. It rotated approximately 60 degrees counter-clockwise, and was struck a second time. No date shows from the second strike, though the mintmark is visible. A majority of ONE DOLLAR from both strikes is present. No planchet was fed between strikes. The reverse border shows traces of mahogany color where the copper from the edge was pressed out during the strikes.

**Undated Ike Dollar, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Half Dollar Planchet**



**Undated Ike Dollar, PR68 Cameo
Double Struck on a Half Dollar Planchet**



**1972-S Silver Ike, PR64 Cameo
Improper Obverse Die Alignment**



**1972-S Eisenhower Dollar, Silver --
Improper Obverse Die Alignment --
PR64 Cameo NGC.**

The obverse die was dramatically misaligned when this proof Ike dollar was struck. The obverse die was installed tilted, with the right side projecting out and the left side recessed. The die was also installed

approximately 15% off-center toward 10 o'clock. This proof Ike is featureless on the left half of both sides. The obverse has a tilted appearance and shows the 2 in the date, the TY in LIBERTY, and the right outline of Ike's bust. The reverse displays about 40% of the design, between 1 and 5 o'clock, including all of the eagle's right (facing) wing and most of the tail.

**1972-S Silver Ike, PR64 Cameo
Improper Obverse Die Alignment**



**1972-S Silver Ike, PR64 Cameo
Improper Obverse Die Alignment**



**Undated Kennedy Half Dollar, PR67 NGC
Struck on a 5C Planchet**



**(Undated)-S 50C Kennedy Half Dollar --
Struck on 5C Planchet -- PR67 NGC.**

The mintmark is visible, but the date is off the flan. On the reverse, much of UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA runs off the flan. Deeply mirrored in the fields with satiny luster across the sharp motifs. A hint of light golden color is seen.

**Undated Kennedy Half Dollar, PR67 NGC
Struck on a 5C Planchet**



**Undated Kennedy Half Dollar, PR67 NGC
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PCGS Certifies Unique Standard Silver Pattern

by Marc Crane



Patterns in the Standard Silver series, inscribed on each coin STANDARD SILVER, were produced in the dime, quarter dollar and half dollar denominations. The dies were engraved by William Barber with one common reverse die. They were struck in silver, copper, aluminum and brass.

This discovery coin was struck without Barber's initial on the ribbon.

This unique discovery coin, without Barber's initial on the ribbon, was struck with a plain edge. It has been assigned Judd number 742b and was previously unknown to the numismatic community.

PCGS Certifies Unique Standard Silver Pattern



1869 Standard Silver Half Dollar

J-742b

Without Initial "B" On Ribbon

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Below is a comparison with J-742a (pictured on the left) that has the B on the ribbon:



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J746/P828

The Standard Silver design. These were sold in sets with the other designs and denominations for \$15. To view the set, click [here](#).

2 die varieties are known for this design as follows:

Barber's initial "B" in the folds of the ribbon above the "L" in "Liberty" as shown in the enlargement below



This die also shows doubling on the motto "In God We Trust". These were struck with about 20 degrees rotation from normal coin turn.

Silver with reeded edge **J742/P823** This is fairly common.

Silver with plain edge **J743/P824** Less than a dozen are known.

Copper with reeded edge **J744/P825** Less than a dozen are known.

Copper with plain edge **J745/P826** Less than a dozen are known.

Brass with reeded edge **J745A/P827** This was not in the original Judd book. An example was offered in Christie's 1/88 sale and then "rediscovered" by PCGS and illustrated in the May 11, 1992 issue of Coin World.

Your editor also has an image of a damaged/scratched example that has also been described as brass. It is not known if this is truly a second example or an off-color **J744**.

Aluminum with reeded edge **J746/P828** Less than a half dozen are known.

Aluminum with plain edge **J747/P829** Less than a half dozen are known.

No initial "B" in the folds

There are actually 2 dies like this. The first is the die of 1869 with point of crown under the letter "E".



The second is the die of 1870 with point of crown under the letter "G".



Examples are known as follows:

Silver with reeded edge **J742A & J747A/P830** with about 3 or 4 are known including the Morris Evans-B/M 8/98, Heritage 1/07 (PCGS84) and Heritage 6/17 (PCGS80) sales. All seen thus far use the first die.

Silver with plain edge **J742B/P830A** with an example submitted to PCGS in June 2019 and as of November 2019 was in the possession of Mike Byers and is illustrated below courtesy of PCGS.



A reverse hub trial of this design, in white metal, **J51869-11/P3382** is in the Smithsonian.

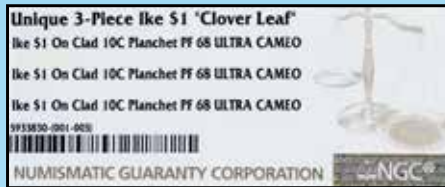
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by Mike Byers

This is a world-class 1943 Lincoln Cent major mint error. It's many times rarer than the 1943 copper Cent.



NGC CERTIFIES 1943 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK ON CURACAO 25 CENTSTUKKEN PLANCHET

The United States Mint has produced coins for foreign governments at various times during its history. During World War II the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia struck 1943 dated coins for the Netherlands, intended for circulation in their territories of Surinam and Curacao. These blank planchets weighed 3.575 grams,

had a diameter of 19 mm, and the composition was 64% silver and 36% copper.

Below is the Surinam/Curacao 1943 25 Cent struck at the Philadelphia Mint with a mintage of 2,000,000 for Surinam and a mintage of 500,000 for Curacao.



Recent Auction Sales of 1943 Lincoln Cents Struck on Surinam/Curacao Planchets:

- *Heritage Auctions - NGC XF 40 \$14,950*
- *Bowers & Merena - ANACS VF Details Net F 12 Damaged \$16,675*
- *Heritage Auctions - NGC MS 61 (Damaged) \$24,000*

NGC CERTIFIES 1943 LINCOLN CENT STRUCK ON CURACAO 25 CENTSTUKKEN PLANCHET

In 1940, Nazi Germany defeated the Netherlands during the War. The Dutch territories of Surinam (in northern South America) and Curacao (an island in the Caribbean Sea north of Surinam and part of the Netherlands Antilles) were protected by the Allied forces. Subsequently the U.S. Mints struck coins for these countries during the War.

According to public auction records since World War II (75 years) PCGS and NGC have just authenticated and certified a total 5 of 1943 Lincoln Cents struck from blank planchets from these countries.

There is one known designated as “struck on a Netherlands 25 Cent planchet” that sold in a Heritage Auction for \$24k certified by NGC as MS 61. Although this coin is damaged with a clearly visible X cut, it was not net graded by NGC. It was pedigreed to the Albert Michael Pratt collection. According to the Heritage Auction write-up,

“The strike details are crisp overall, and there are only a couple of small patches of the underlying silver that show through the copper on each side. Apparently someone else was unsure of the composition and cut a long X into the right obverse field out from Lincoln’s chin, but the underlying silver does not show in that area. Undoubtedly, this is one of the most intriguing errors we have seen in many years.”

There are 2 known designated as “struck on Curacao 25 Cent planchets” that have sold in public auctions. The most recent was the NGC certified XF 40 that was sold by Heritage Auctions for \$14,950 in 2015.

There is 1 known designated as “struck on a Surinam 25 Cent planchet” that was certified by ANACS as Fine 12 Damaged Net Graded and sold for \$16,675 in a Bowers & Merena 2006 public auction.

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This one offered is certified MS 61 NGC and designated as “struck on a Curacao 25 Centstukken planchet” and was in the Fred Weinberg Collection for over 20 years.

This 1943 Lincoln Cent struck on a Curacao planchet looks copper and

does not look at all like the Surinam/ Curacao 25 Cent piece.

This extremely rare 1943 Lincoln Cent off-metal would be the highlight and centerpiece of a collection of Lincoln Cents, mint errors or coins struck during World War II.



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by Mike Byers



Although there are U.S. coins that are 2 headed (struck by 2 obverse dies), 2 tailed (struck by 2 reverse dies) and muled (struck by 2

different denominations), this is a unique mated 2 headed Lincoln Cent pair struck by 2 U.S. Cent obverse dies.

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The U.S. Mint in San Francisco struck coins for Panama in 1973. In this mated pair, coin #1 is a 1973 Panama Tenth Balboa die struck both sides by the Panama dies on a U.S. clad Dime planchet. In 1974, also at the San Francisco Mint, 2 obverse Lincoln Cent dies, both dated 1974-S, were paired together and installed in the same press. If a copper Cent planchet had been struck by this die pair, a 2 headed Lincoln Cent would have been produced. To date, none have been discovered. This 1973 Tenth Balboa was placed in the collar of the press containing the 2 obverse dies for the 1974-S Lincoln Cent, on top of a copper Cent planchet already seated in the collar. These were then subsequently struck together (mated).

Both “S” mint marks are different, proving that 2 obverse dies were simultaneously in the press together! NGC has authenticated and certified each Cent as a 1974-S 1C since 2 different Lincoln Cent obverse dies

were used to create this mated pair.

The reverse of the Tenth Balboa (coin #1) was struck by the obverse Lincoln Cent upper die (hammer die). The obverse of the Tenth Balboa design brockaged the obverse of coin #2 (copper planchet) since they were struck together. Therefore, coin #1 is a 1974-S obverse Lincoln Cent overstruck on a 1973 (dual date) Panama Tenth Balboa coin.

Coin #2 is the second mint error of this mated pair, struck by the second Lincoln Cent obverse die in the same press at the same time. The obverse shows the brockage of the Panama design from coin #1 and the reverse shows the design from the obverse die of the second 1974-S Lincoln Cent, not the memorial building had it been a reverse Cent die!

As previously mentioned, there are a variety of U.S. coins known that were struck by either 2 obverse dies, 2 reverse dies or 2 muled dies of different denominations.

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Other known U.S. 2 Headed, 2 Tailed and Muled coins:

- A unique 1859 Indian Cent struck by 2 obverse dies
- A unique 1858 Indian Cent obverse die muled with a 1858 Flying Eagle Cent pattern obverse die
- A unique Jefferson Nickel struck by 2 obverse dies
- (2) known Roosevelt Dimes struck by 2 reverse dies
- A unique 1993-D Lincoln Cent obverse die muled to a Roosevelt Dime reverse die in copper
- A unique 1995-P Dime reverse die mated to a Lincoln Cent obverse die in clad
- (3) known Washington Quarters struck by 2 reverse dies, 1 of these is indented
- (19) known Sacagawea Dollars with reverse die muled with State Quarter obverse die in manganese, with 1 selling for \$192,000 in a Stack's Bowers auction certified by NGC
- And now this unique Lincoln Cent mated pair struck from 2 obverse Cent dies in the same press

Also previously mentioned, there are no known 2 headed or 2 tailed Lincoln Cents other than this unique discovery mated pair struck by 2 obverse Lincoln Cent dies. It is also the only known mated pair of 2 headed, 2 tailed or muled dies on any U.S. coin of any denomination! This off-metal mated pair that is dual

dated from 2 different countries and struck by 2 Lincoln Cent obverse dies in the same press is amazing. It stands alone in a class by itself in terms of rarity and fascination and combines an incredible and seemingly impossible set of circumstances creating this world-class mint error.

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NGC CERTIFIES AMAZING & UNIQUE PROOF IKE DOLLAR MATED PAIR WITH TWO DIFFERENT OFF-METALS

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This amazing unique discovery is the only known off-metal mated pair on any U.S. proof coinage that combines *two different off-metals*. This mated pair is unique in several ways and is visually breathtaking. A clad dime planchet and a copper cent planchet were both in the collar at the same time and were struck by both the obverse and reverse Ike Dollar proof dies. The placement of Eisenhower's head on the obverse and the eagle on the reverse is perfectly positioned.

Even in mint state, a single Ike Dollar off-metal struck on a cent or dime planchet sells for \$10,000 each. In proof, of which there are only 2 or 3 known, they would each sell in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range. Previously in the January 2008 FUN Heritage auction, a different mated pair of proof Ike Dollars sold for \$40,250

(lot #3523). It included a proof Ike Dollar indented by a foreign planchet that was mated to that copper planchet. As spectacular as the Heritage mated pair is, it does not compare to the unique mated pair offered here which includes *two different off-metals that are mated*.

Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes (in collar) and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by

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the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

This unique mated pair was recently authenticated and certified by NGC and is from a 40 year old U.S. proof mint error collection. This mated pair is the ultimate Eisenhower Dollar major mint error and the ultimate proof major mint error.



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1972-S Proof Ike Dollar Mated Pair
Ike Dollar Struck on a 1¢ Planchet
mated with an
Ike Dollar Struck on a 10¢ Planchet
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This Unique 1977 Aluminum Cent is either:

- *An Intentionally Made Mint Error*
- *On a Leftover Aluminum Planchet From 1974-1975*
- *A Pattern Struck in Aluminum*

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There are no authorized US coins that were struck in aluminum for circulation. In 1977, Lincoln Cents were composed of 95% copper and 5% zinc. Since 1982, they are composed of 97.5% zinc and 2.5% copper.

The 1974 Aluminum Cent is world famous. Proposed in 1973 and struck in 1974, it was never released into circulation. The U.S. Mint distributed several to members of Congress, but they were recalled by the U.S. Mint Director, Mary Brooks, and destroyed. One example struck by the Philadelphia Mint was donated to the Smithsonian Institution. Another was certified in 2005 by PCGS as MS 62. In 1975, the Philadelphia Mint struck at least 66 aluminum cents dated 1975.

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In 2014, a 1974 Denver Mint aluminum cent surfaced from Randall Lawrence, who stated that his father had worked at the U.S. Mint in Denver and had received it as a retirement gift. It was certified MS 63 by PCGS and was subsequently surrendered to the U.S. Government since it was not authorized for release.

Other than the officially struck 1974 and 1975 Aluminum Cents, this 1977 Aluminum Cent is the only other one known. There are two other aluminum Lincoln Cents known but they are struck on foreign planchets. The first

is a 1971 San Francisco Mint aluminum cent that was struck on a planchet intended for Nepal or the Philippines and was certified by NGC as AU 58. It sold in the March 2005 Heritage Signature Sale #368 for \$8,050 (lot #7604). On February 5, 2016 the new owner rejected an offer of \$10,000 on the Heritage auction website. The second is a spectacular and unique 1974 San Francisco Mint aluminum cent that was only struck by the obverse die (uniface). The planchet was intended for a Philippine 1 Sentimo, which were struck by the San Francisco Mint in 1974. It was authenticated and certified by PCGS as MS 61. It is currently being offered for \$40,000.

As spectacular as the 1971-S and 1974-S aluminum cents are, they do not begin to compare to this unique 1977 aluminum cent struck at the Philadelphia Mint. NGC was unable to identify

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this Aluminum Lincoln Cent as being struck on a foreign planchet, since it was not a match to a specific weight or size. Mint Error News Magazine was also unable to match it to any planchet from their comprehensive report of coins struck by the U.S. Mint for foreign countries. Experts have concluded that it is either an intentional mint error, struck on a leftover aluminum planchet from 1974-75 or an unrecorded aluminum pattern.

It is plausible that this unique 1977 Aluminum Cent was an intentionally struck mint error. One example of intentionally produced mint errors occurred at the San Francisco Mint during the 1970's. Mint employees intentionally created spectacular proof and mint state error coins. These errors were auctioned off by the State of California after they were discovered in a bank safe deposit box. The U.S. Secret

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Striking a 1977 Aluminum Cent at the Philadelphia Mint was not out of the realm of possibilities given the fact that unique mint errors were being intentionally struck in the San Francisco Mint and had assistance leaving the Mint as well.

Aluminum Cents were first struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1974 and listed as Judd #2151. They were also struck in 1975 and are listed as Judd #2155. These were trial pieces struck from regular dies and referred to as patterns. It is conceivable that an aluminum planchet, leftover from 1974 or 1975, was inadvertently or intentionally retrieved to strike this 1977 Lincoln Cent. There are many documented examples of United States coins which have been authenticated and certified by PCGS and NGC that

were struck on planchets from previous years. One example of a Lincoln Cent on a leftover planchet from years before is a 1989-D Lincoln Cent struck on a 3.1 gram full copper planchet intended for production prior to 1983 that was authenticated and certified by PCGS as MS 64 Brown.

Regardless of the circumstances surrounding the intentional or non-intentional striking of this unique 1977 aluminum cent, it carries the mystique and excitement that surrounds the world famous 1974 aluminum cents. Certified by NGC as MS 60, this 1977 Aluminum Lincoln Cent belongs in a world class collection of Lincoln Cents or in a collection of unique rarities, discovery coins, patterns and mint errors.

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NGC MS 60
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As incredible as it seems, there is a unique 1977 Aluminum Cent that was discovered and certified by NGC. It was struck on an aluminum planchet with a weight of 1.04 grams. There are several possibilities as to how this unique Lincoln Cent was produced. It could have been an intentionally made mint error. It could have been struck on a leftover aluminum blank from 1974-75 when the U.S. Mint

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Although this 1974-S Aluminum Cent is designated as a mint error by PCGS, there is no way to determine if this was intentionally created or is a mint error due to malfunctions that occurred during the minting process in San Francisco. There are two possibilities. Either scenario starts with a planchet intended for a Philippine 1 Sentimo struck from 1967 through 1974. The composition is 95% aluminum and 5% magnesium. It weighs .5 grams, has a diameter of 15.25 mm and a thickness of 1.37 mm.

If this mint error was intentionally struck at the San Francisco Mint to create a 1974 aluminum Lincoln cent during the same time period that the Philadelphia and Denver Mints were striking experimental 1974 aluminum cents, several steps would have been necessary. Since there weren't any aluminum planchets produced in San Francisco to test strike the 1974 cents, a Mint employee took an aluminum planchet intended for the Philippine 1 Sentimo, placed it on top of a U.S. copper-zinc cent planchet in the

collar so that only the obverse die struck the aluminum planchet. Finally this unique mint error had assistance leaving the San Francisco Mint.

This scenario is entirely plausible since in the 1970's, the San Francisco Mint was well known to have intentionally created spectacular proof errors and a few mint state errors as well. These errors were auctioned off by the State of California after they were discovered in a bank safe deposit box. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released the collection, determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned off the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

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The other possibility is that this aluminum cent was a mint error caused by malfunctions that occurred during the minting process striking 1974 copper Lincoln Cents at the San Francisco Mint. A leftover aluminum planchet intended to produce the 1974 Philippine 1 Sentimo was somehow mixed in the bin of blanks or somewhere else along the path from producing blanks to striking Lincoln Cents. So far, this scenario is possible since many off-metal errors are known. But very few U.S. coins are known struck on aluminum planchets from foreign countries. In addition, the aluminum planchet had to be in the collar at the exact time that a cent planchet was also in the collar, which is a rare occurrence. This would have created this unique mint error struck only by the obverse die and the reverse would be uniface since it was on top of a cent planchet. Additionally it would have to escape the

quality control procedures implemented by the San Francisco Mint.

Furthermore, an interesting event transpired with the mint state 1974-S cents. They were being hoarded and speculated on, with \$50 bags selling for \$475. To prevent the hoarding, the U.S. Mint Director Mary Brooks ordered that the cents from the San Francisco Assay Office be mixed with those of the other Mints in unlabeled bags before being shipped to the Federal Reserve Banks. It is common to find 1974-S rolls of cents that are mixed with other mint marks. This was yet another process that this mint error had to survive. And last but not least, it is coincidentally and magically also dated 1974, the same date as the 1974 aluminum cents struck in Philadelphia and Denver.

Regardless of the circumstances surrounding the intentional or non-intentional striking of this unique aluminum cent, it carries the mystique and excitement that surrounds the world famous 1974 aluminum cents. Certified by PCGS as MS 61, this 1974-S aluminum Lincoln Cent belongs in a world class collection of Lincoln Cents or in a collection of unique rarities, discovery coins, patterns and mint errors.

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Struck by the Obverse Die Only
On Philippine 1 Sentimo Planchet
PCGS MS 61
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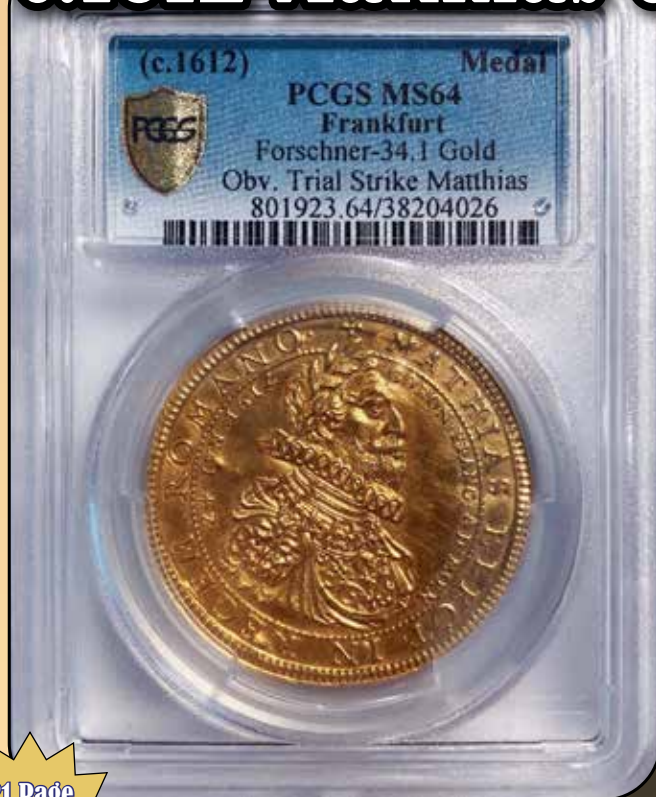


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PCGS Certifies German Gold Obverse Die Trial Strikes c.1612 Matthias Coronation Medals

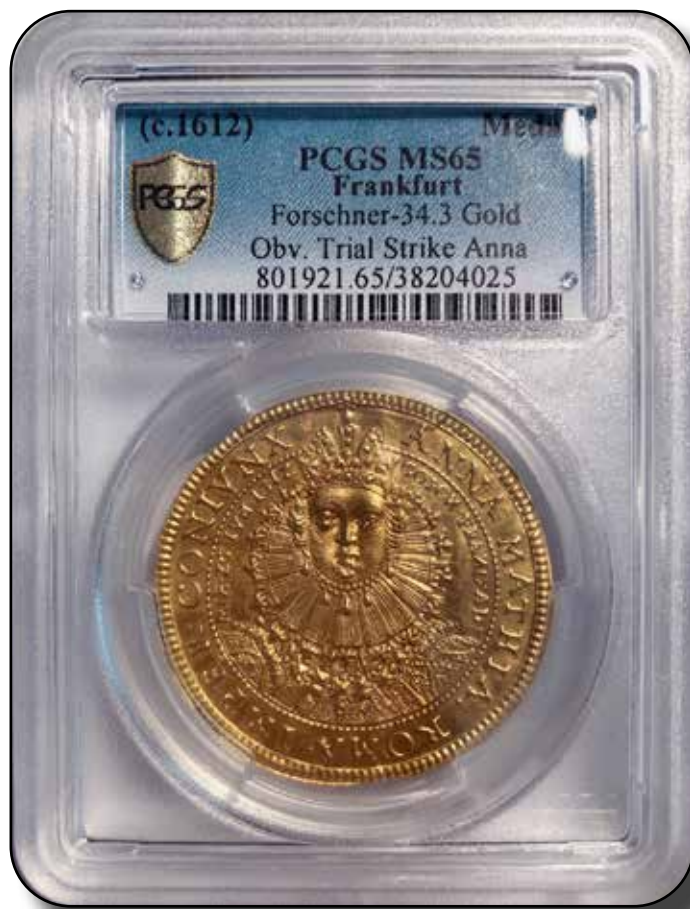


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PCGS CERTIFIES GERMAN GOLD OBVERSE DIE TRIAL STRIKES c.1612 MATTHIAS CORONATION MEDALS

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*Matthias II and Anna
German States - Frankfurt am Main
Plate Coins in Forschner - #34.1 Gold & #34.3 Gold*



PCGS CERTIFIES GERMAN GOLD OBVERSE DIE TRIAL STRIKES

This historical and museum quality set of gold Coronation Die Trial Strikes was just authenticated and certified by PCGS and is one of only two known. It is amazing that after 500 years, these gold Die Trials remained together, intact and preserved in gem mint state condition. They are 5 or 10 Ducat size in diameter.

The Matthias II Obverse Trial Strike is the plate coin in Forschner, listed as #34.1 gold, with a diameter of 37 mm. The other Die Trial of his wife Anna, is also the plate coin in Forschner, listed as #34.3 gold, with a diameter of 36 mm. The Forschner numismatic reference book on medals is referenced by both PCGS and NGC for attribution and listing the Forschner # on the inserts.

Matthias II of Austria (Feb 24, 1557-March 20, 1619) was crowned King of Hungary and Croatia in 1608. He was also King of Bohemia in 1611, as well as the Archduke of Austria. He was Head of the House of Hasburg.

Matthias II reigned from June 13, 1612 to March 20, 1619 as the Holy Roman Emperor. These gold obverse die trials commemorate his Coronation, and likely were presented to Matthias for his approval prior to striking the Coronation medals. It's unbelievable that after centuries of war, barbaric times and world instability, these even exist today!

The Electors, located in Frankfurt am Main, Germany but part of the Roman Empire at that time, authorized and minted coins and medals to celebrate Coronations and the accession to the position of Holy Roman Emperor. Frankfurt am Main was a free City and only accountable to the Holy Roman Emperor. The Monarch who would receive the Coronation at the hands of the Pope was elected by the Electors.

Electors were members of the Electoral College that elected Matthias II as the Holy Roman Emperor in 1612. The Mint struck these 2 gold Die Trials of the obverse

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portraits of Matthias and Anne, and eventually struck the actual gold medals which are extremely rare, usually seen in circulated and/or damaged condition.

In 1618, during the last year of Matthias reign as the Holy Roman Emperor, the Thirty Years War broke out in Europe, lasting until 1648. It was one of the most destructive wars in history, starting as a war between Protestants and Catholics but evolved into a major European full-scale war resulting in millions of deaths and transforming Europe. The Holy Roman Empire eventually became what is known as Austria and Hungary today.

Gold coins and gold medals of Matthias II and of Matthias as the Holy Roman Emperor are extremely rare, and are seldom seen. Many are often damaged, especially in the larger denominations of the 4 Ducat, 5 Ducat and 10 Ducat, and on the Gold Coronation Medals.

In Freidberg, under Germany Frankfurt am Main, gold coins from 1612-1618 during the short reign of Matthias II (Freidberg #947-957) are designated as very rare and unpriced.

In The Standard Catalog of World Coins (Krause) the ND 1612 Matthias 3 Ducat (KM #43) is listed as rare and unpriced. The 5 Ducat (KM #44) is also listed as rare and unpriced.

Heritage Auctions only shows (1) Matthias large size gold coin, a 4 Ducat Medal, Forschner #21 that sold for \$18,800. It was also a 1612 Commemorative gold coin celebrating his Coronation and rise to Holy Roman Emperor. It was certified UNC by NGC, but was damaged mount removed.

Stacks Bowers sold a Matthias Gold Medal "Seize and Captured Graw" from Hungary in 1605 for \$19,550. It was 49.5 MM and was in VF condition, uncertified, with damaged heated edges.

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Stacks Bowers also sold a German State Frankfurt am Main 5 Ducat ND 1612 commemorating the election of Matthias as the Holy Roman Emperor. It was 32.2 MM, 2 known, realizing \$60,000. in VF condition, with damage, graffiti in the obverse fields.

In another Stacks Bowers auction, they sold an Austria Vienna 10 Ducat, 32.8 MM, of Matthias 1612 in EF condition, uncertified, realizing \$23,000 with damage, 2 carved X's in the obverse fields.

As documented above, most of the large Ducat gold coins and gold Coronation Medals of Matthias, whether as his Coronation as King or his accession to the throne as the Holy Roman Emperor, are very circulated and damaged, selling in the 20k to 60k USD in public auctions.

Recently in a Kunker German Coin Auction, a non damaged 10 Ducat

1619 of Matthias II from Vienna, Austria in good - very fine condition, not certified by PCGS or NGC, sold for approximately \$164,650.

Very few gold medals of Coronations of European Kings, have the fascination and excitement of these 2 gold Obverse Die Trials. Additionally, in this case they also celebrate Matthias' rise to be the Holy Roman Emperor. They are historically significant and numismatically important since they document a Coronation and accession to the position of Holy Roman Emperor.

These PCGS certified Matthias Gold Obverse Die Trial strikes defy logic and history, both surviving 500 years in gem condition. They belong in the finest European collection of gold coins, in a world-class collection of numismatic treasures, or in major Museum showcasing their history and significance.



**Gold Obverse Trial Strike (Obverse)
Matthias II - Holy Roman Emperor
c.1612 Gold Coronation Medal
German States - Frankfurt am Main
Plate Coin in Forschner - #34.1 Gold
PCGS MS64
*1 of Only 2 Known***



**Gold Obverse Trial Strike (Reverse)
Matthias II - Holy Roman Emperor
c.1612 Gold Coronation Medal
German States - Frankfurt am Main
Plate Coin in Forscher - #34.1 Gold
PCGS MS64
*1 of Only 2 Known***



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According to the PCGS Certification Database, the requested certification number is defined as the following:

PCGS Coin Information

PCGS #	801923
Date, mintmark	(c.1612)
Denomination	Medal
Variety	Forschner-34.1 Gold Obv. Trial Strike Matthias
Region	Frankfurt
Grade	MS64
Holder Type	PCGS Gold Shield
Population	1
Pop Higher	0



Gold Obverse Trial Strike (Obverse)

Anna

c.1612 Gold Coronation Medal

German States - Frankfurt am Main

Plate Coin in Forscher - #34.3 Gold

PCGS MS65

1 of Only 2 Known



Gold Obverse Trial Strike (Reverse)

Anna

c.1612 Gold Coronation Medal

German States - Frankfurt am Main

Plate Coin in Forscher - #34.3 Gold

PCGS MS65

1 of Only 2 Known



CERT VERIFICATION #38204025

According to the PCGS Certification Database, the requested certification number is defined as the following:

PCGS Coin Information

PCGS #	801921
Date, mintmark	(c.1612)
Denomination	Medal
Variety	Forschner-34.3 Gold Obv. Trial Strike Anna
Region	Frankfurt
Grade	MS65
Holder Type	PCGS Gold Shield
Population	1
Pop Higher	0

These are both Plate Coins in the Forscher reference book:

Mathias 1612–1619

S. 7, T. 2

34.

3. Die Rückseite:

Gekröntes Brustbild der Kaiserin Anna von vorn im reich gesticktem Gewand mit aufgestelltem Spitzenkragen und Kette

ANNA MATHIAE ROMA . IMPER . CONIVNX

innere Umschrift: CORON . FRANC . AD . MOE . Z6 IVN . 161Z (der Buchstabe N erscheint retrograd)

Gold 37 mm 2,31 g Foto 1954/17/L

Lit.: J.u.F.320.



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34. Einseitige Probeabschläge für eine Medaille 1612 auf seine Krönung und die seiner Gemahlin Anna

Die Vorderseite: Belorbeertes Brustbild rechts im Harnisch und Mantel, Halskrause und Vließkette mit Ordenszeichen

Kreuz MATHIAS ELECT . IN REGEM . ROMANO .

innere Umschrift: CORON . FRANC . AD MOEN: Z4 . IVN : 161Z.

Gold 39 mm 2,49 g Foto 1954/17/L, 2211/3/L

Lit.: J.u.F.320.

Frankfurt in 1612



Matthias II



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Unique Great Britain Gold Lauer Victoria Pattern Obverse Die Trial



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Several patterns struck in gold with new designs were submitted in 1887 for the jubilee of Queen Victoria. Her young head portrait had been used for 50 years since her coronation in 1837. This unique gold pattern portrays a new portrait of Queen Victoria on the obverse. It is technically an obverse die trial and is uniface since there is no design or denomination on the reverse. This unique Great Britain gold pattern was designed by L. C. Lauer, who was a famous German engraver who designed well known gold patterns in 1887 for the Queen's Jubilee. Lauer had Adolph Weyl present it in 1887 to the Royal Mint as a proposed pattern for the design change. This Proof 63 Lauer gold pattern obverse die trial is unique since it is only of Queen Victoria's portrait.

There is some speculation that this gold pattern was intended for a Florin, Half Crown or Penny, each with a diameter of 29.5mm or more. Many

experts believe that this pattern was intended for a gold 2 Pound design since the diameter specification is 28.4mm which is the closest size to this pattern of 27.2mm. This piece is considered unique from 1887 due to the design and is almost identical to other patterns Lauer struck for the 1887 portrait change. It was intended for one of four denominations but is closest in diameter to the gold 2 Pound.

In the reference book used by PCGS and NGC, English Pattern Trial and Proof Coins in Gold by Alex Wilson and Mark Rasmussen, Lauer's gold patterns for 1887 are photographed, attributed and assigned W&R numbers. This includes W&R #378 on page 433, which is an undated obverse pattern (1887) for an unspecified denomination, also by Lauer, with a very similar portrait of Queen Victoria. Also listed and plated in W&R is #371 on page 426, a gold Crown pattern of 1887 that was designed by Lauer for the

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jubilee of Queen Victoria. There are six known and one just sold in a Heritage Auction for \$156,000. W&R lists several other gold patterns designed and struck by Lauer for the reverse design and some with both the obverse and reverse design including (3) 6 Pence patterns, (3) Penny patterns, (2) 1/2 Penny patterns and (2) Farthing patterns. W&R #394 on page 450 documents a uniface obverse pattern for an 1887 Penny, also by Lauer and is 31mm. There are other Lauer gold patterns for the 31mm Penny that are uniface as well (BMC-2137, BMC-2172).

Lauer is famous for designing and producing well known gold patterns for Queen Victoria's Jubilee for Spink & Son in 1887. The highest price recorded for a Lauer Great Britain gold pattern in auction for an 1887 design is a gold Crown (ESC-342A), also pedigreed to the Murdoch Collection of 1904. It realized \$235,000 and is considered one of only two known. Also sold in auction was a small 1887 gold 6

Pence pattern Rarity 5 (6-10 known) that was designed by Lauer (W&R #381) which realized over \$17,000. Also sold in a Heritage auction was an 1887 Victoria pattern gold Penny, also by Lauer, W&R #392 for \$20,562 with 3-5 known.

Since this design is almost identical to the 1887 gold Crown designed by Lauer for Spink & Son, which realized \$156,000 in the Heritage auction, it is believed that this veiled head portrait of Queen Victoria was also commissioned by Spink & Son in 1887. There are no surviving records or documents since there was a fire during World War II that destroyed the Spink & Son records in London.

Although the diameter of this unique gold pattern is closest to the gold 2 Pound, Lauer did not conform to the British weight standards when producing the planchets to strike his gold and silver patterns. W&R #378 is a pattern in gold by Lauer but weighs 7.64 grams, not the standard

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7.32 grams for a Sovereign. Several of his silver Crown patterns for Queen Victoria listed in ESC did not conform to the sterling silver ratio as well. So it is documented that the diameter, weight and purity differ from pattern to pattern.

This piece was rediscovered in 2008 after the publication of the W&R volume of British gold patterns and proofs, which was published in 2000. It recently appeared and was sold in a Japanese auction of world-class British gold coins, gold patterns and silver patterns. This auction featured several unique British Lauer patterns designed and struck for the 1887 Victoria Jubilee. Also featured were 5 Pound 1839 Una and the Lion off-metal patterns and British silver Crown patterns and die trials by Lauer for Queen Victoria. These were from the Murdoch Collection and not listed in W&R or ESC.

This gold pattern by Lauer, pedigreed to the Murdoch collection in 1904, is

not listed in any reference book and was auctioned by Sotheby's in 1904, lot #541. This lot also included an 1887 pattern Farthing in gold. There were seven sessions of the sale of Murdoch's collection, featuring unique gold and silver British patterns and die trials which even one hundred years later is regarded as one of the most famous British coin collections ever assembled and sold.

NGC authenticated and certified this gold pattern as Medal PR 63 Cameo, since the exact denomination is unknown. The insert documents that it is designed by Lauer and is from the world famous Murdoch Collection of 1904. This unique gold pattern belongs in a world-class collection of British gold coins, or pattern and die trials or in a collection of unique numismatic rarities. This coin stands alone as a unique part of the history of Great Britain's coinage during the reign of Queen Victoria from 1837 to 1901.

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(1887) Great Britain Queen Victoria
Lauer Victoria Pattern in Gold
10.16gr Gold, 27.2mm
Ex. Murdoch Collection (1904)
NGC Medal PF 63 Cameo
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Unique Bavarian Medal Gold Off-Metal Strike With Mint Engraving "First Test" (Trial Strike)



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UNIQUE BAVARIAN MEDAL GOLD OFF-METAL STRIKE WITH MINT ENGRAVING “FIRST TEST” (TRIAL STRIKE)

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*The reverse includes six lines of
hand engraving from the Bavarian Mint:*

L'IMMORTEL / et / Royal protecteur / COSMOPOLITE / 1ère Epreuve / 1861



1ère Epreuve translates to “First Test”

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This is a unique and spectacular German Bavaria Gold Medal struck as a specimen in high relief. It is a “First Test” (trial strike) with six lines of hand engraving from the Bavarian Mint. Inscribed on the reverse is “1ère Epreuve” which translates to “First Test.” It was presented to the House of Wittelsbach for approval.

It is unlisted in gold and is a unique special presentation gold off-metal strike. The Hauser reference book only lists this medal (#536) in tin and bronze. It weighs 54.43 grams with a diameter of 42.59 mm. Designed by L. Leigh, it portrays Prince Adalbert, who was the brother of King Maximilian II, in dramatic high relief format. It has a special inscription on the edge:

TRES RESPECTUEUX
HOMMAGEDUFONDATEUR,
LE CONSEILLER DUTRÔNE
RECONNAISSANT Ü.

The level of preparation and detail in producing this 150 year old specimen gold medal is amazing. It was struck several times creating a high relief cameo portrait with proof-like mirror surfaces. It was struck in 1861 at the Bavarian Mint which is one of the oldest mints in the world, having existed for over 850 years.

For nearly 800 years, the House of Wittelsbach ranked as one of the most powerful and influential of all European dynasties. The Wittelsbachs served as Electors Palatine, Electors of Bavaria, and Counts Palatine. Members of this remarkable family

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reigned not only in Bavaria, but also in many foreign lands and territories. Many members of the House of Wittelsbach were dukes, kings, and Holy Roman emperors including each of the Bavarian kingdom's six monarchs (Maximilian I Joseph, Ludwig I, Maximilian II, Ludwig II, Otto, and Ludwig III).

On March 20, 1848 King Ludwig of Bavaria abdicates. The Crown Prince becomes Maximilian II, King of Bavaria. He died on March 10, 1864. In 1861, King Maximilian II honored his brother, Prince Adalbert Wilhelm Georg Ludwig by producing a specimen gold medal with his portrait, commemorating hornless cattle breeding.

Gold coins and medals that were hand engraved at an official government mint as test pieces or trial strikes are extremely

rare. Another hand engraved gold coin that comes to mind was produced by James Longacre for the test strike for the 1849 \$1 gold pattern, Judd #115. It is the only known U.S. pattern that was hand engraved. It sold for \$76,375 in a Heritage auction in April 2015.

This gold medal combines rarity (unique), history (struck at the Bavarian Mint in 1861 as a "First Test" trial strike), mystique (only one of several gold coins, patterns or medals that were officially struck and hand engraved at a government mint), pedigree (the House of Wittelsbach).

This historic and beautiful high relief specimen gold medal belongs in a museum, a collection of patterns and test strikes or a collection of German gold coins, medals and numismatic rarities.

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**1861 German States Bavaria Medal
Prince Adalbert (Brother of King Maximilian II)**

Gold Off Metal Strike

"First Test" (Trial Strike)

Hand Engraving from the Bavarian Mint

Presented to the House of Wittelsbach

Pedigreed to Prince Adalbert

UNLISTED IN GOLD AND UNIQUE

World-Class Numismatic Rarity

54.43 grams 42.59 mm

Hauser-536 (in Tin & Bronze)

PCGS SPECIMEN 62

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DIE
MÜNZEN UND MEDAILLEN

DER

IM JAHRE 1156 GEGRÜNDETEN (SEIT 1255)

HAUPT- UND RESIDENZSTADT
MÜNCHEN

MIT EINREIHUNG JENER STÜCKE, WELCHE HIERAUF BEZUG HABEN.

SYSTEMATISCH GEORDNET, ZUM THEIL NEU BESCHRIEBEN,
MIT BIOGRAPHISCH-HISTORISCHEN NOTIZEN UND 42 LICHTDRUCKTAFELN VERSEHEN

VON

JOSEF HAUSER.

MÜNCHEN 1905.

VERLAG VON JOSEF HAUSER
HERZOGL. BAYER. HOFLIEFERANT.

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Tafel IV.



Rs. In einem Kranz von Eichenlaub Schrift in 5 Zeilen: Ausstellung | Münchener | Industrie- u. Gewerks- | Erzeugnisse | 1858. Unten: TH. BIRNBOECK. F.

In Bronze.★ Mm. 40. Tafel XXIII, 242. Eyb 141.

532 Grosse, einseitige Medaille, 1859, auf die Grossmeisterwürde im Harbniorden.

Vs. Innerhalb eines gerippten Randes: F. v. BEISSENBERG — (Kgl. Rechnungsrat Franz Gartner,) GROSSMEISTER 1859 Im Felde Kopf Gartners von links.

In Bronzeguss. Mm. 80. Mitgt. v. Hr. A. Börsch.

(Diese Medaille wurde gelegentlich der Wahl als Auszeichnung vom Grossmeister — Gesellschaftsvorstand — an die Mitglieder verliehen. Gesellschaftslokal am Platzl.)

533 Medaille, 1860, auf das fünfzigste Oktoberfest.

Vs. In einem breiten Eichenkranz Schrift in 9 Zeilen: ZUR | ERINNERUNG | AN DAS | 50 JAEHRIGE | BESTEHEN DES | OCTOBERFESTES | IN MÜNCHEN | IM JAHRE | 1860

Rs. Auf einer Leiste der Rennknabe zu Pferd, im Karriere nach links reitend. Ueber demselben in fünf durch Arabesken gebildeten Kreisen verschiedene Preistiere. Im Abschnitt auf Arabesken das Königliche- und das Stadtwappen. Auf der Leiste: LOEWENBACH

In Zinn.★ Mm. 45. Tafel XXIII, 243. Eyb 144.

534 Kalendermedaille, 1860, von J. Löwenbach.

Vs. In Feldern der Kalender pro I. Semester. Darüber Schrift in 3 Zeilen, wovon die erste bogig: KALENDER | VON | 1860 Unten: MÜNCHEN

Rs. In Feldern der Kalender pro II. Semester mit gleicher Ueberschrift. Unten: J. LÖWENBACH

In Zinn.★ Mm. 36. Tafel XXIII, 244. —

535 Medaille, 1861, auf das einundfünfzigste Oktoberfest.

Vs. In einem breiten Eichenkranz Schrift in 9 Zeilen: ZUR | ERINNERUNG | AN DAS | 51 JAEHRIGE | BESTEHEN DES | OCTOBERFESTES | IN MÜNCHEN | IM JAHRE | 1861

Rs. Wie auf der Medaille zum fünfzigsten Oktoberfest, Nr. 533.

In Zinn.★ Mm. 45. Tafel XXIII, 245. —

536 Medaille, 1861, als Prämie für Veredelung der Rindviehrassen.

Vs. S. A. R. LE PRINCE ADALBERT DE BAVIERE PROTECTEUR. Kopf des Prinzen von rechts, mit Bart. Unterm Halsabschnitt: L. LEIGH Unten: 1861

Rs. Im Felde Schrift in 4 Zeilen, wovon die erste bogig: PROPAGATION | DES
RACES BOVINES | DÉARMÉES | À Darunter Raum für die Aufnahme des
betreffenden Namen bestimmt.

In Bronze u. Zinn.★ Mm. 43. Tafel IV, 36. Wittb. 2924.

537 Medaille, 1862, auf die Enthüllung des König Ludwig I. Denkmals, auf dem Odeonsplatz.

Vs. Kopf des Königs von rechts. Umschrift: LUDWIG I KÖNIG — VON BAYERN

Rs. Das Denkmal, die Reiterstatue des Königs auf hohem Piedestal von links. Umschrift in 2 Zeilen: ZUR FEIER DER ENTHÜLLUNG — DES KÖNIG LUDWIG DENKMALS | ERRICHT. V. D. STADT MÜNCHEN — AM XXV AUGUST MDCCCLXII Unter dem Monument: A. STANGER. F.

In Silber, Bronze★ u. Zinn. Mm. 42. Tafel XXIII, 246. Wittb. 2696.

(Dieses von Widmann modellierte und von F. v. Müller gegossene Denkmal wurde „von dem dankbaren Magistrat der Stadt München gewidmet“ und 1862 unter dem Geläute aller Glocken und tausendstimmigen Jubelrufen enthüllt.)

538 Kleine Medaille, 1863, auf die Einweihung der Turnhalle, an der Auenstrasse.

Vs. Auf einer Leiste die Frontansicht der Turnhalle. Im Abschnitt: GUT HEIL

Rs. Im Felde Schrift in 5 Zeilen: ZUR | EINWEIHUNG | DER | TURNHALLE | 1863 Ober dieser Schrift eine schnörkelartige und unter derselben eine blätterartige Verzierung. Rechts im Bogen: MÜNCHNER links ebenso: TURN-VEREIN

In Zinn.★ Mm. 24. Tafel XXII, 247. Eyb 148.

539 Medaille, 1865, auf das 25jährig. Jubiläum der Bürger-Sänger-Zunft.

Vs. Innerhalb eines gezähnten Randes Schrift in 7 Zeilen: 25 JAHRIGES | JUBILÄUM | DER | BÜRIGERSÄNGER- | ZUNFT | MÜNCHEN | 1840 = 65.

Rs. Im Felde eine Harfe, an deren oberem Ende ein Schwan und über selbe hängend ein Lorbeerkrantz mit flatternden Bändern. Das Ganze ist umgeben von einem mehrfachen Linienkreis mit Verzierungen. Umschrift: EIN MEISTER DER ERSANN * GESELLE DER WAS KANN * U: LEHRLING JEDER-MANN * (Wurde nur für Ausschussmitglieder geprägt.)

In Bronze.★ Mm. 37. Tafel XXIII, 248. Eyb 163.

(Diese Gesellschaft wurde 1840 gegründet. Sie pflegt: Gesang, Poesie, Instrumentalmusik und Geselligkeit.)

540 Medaille, 1869, bei Gelegenheit der Internationalen Kunst- und Industrie-Ausstellung.

Vs. Im Felde auf einer Leiste die Frontansicht des Glaspalastes. Ueberschrift in

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Prince Adalbert Wilhelm Georg Ludwig:



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This is a recent discovery of a unique pair of 1935 Mercury Dime obverse and reverse dies from the Philadelphia Mint.



NGC Certifies & Encapsulates Unique Pair of Mercury Dime Dies

Both dies are partially cancelled but considerable detail is still present on both die faces. Enough incuse design remains on the obverse die which designates it as dated 1935. The reverse die also shows enough incuse design and there is no Mint Mark at the location where it is placed, designating it as originating from Philadelphia.

The reverse (hammer die) shows die number 163 stamped on the barrel, while the obverse (anvil die) shows die number 119. Both

dies are in very good condition with minimal rust and handling.

These are unique dies in the Mercury Dime series from 1916 through 1945 and the only known U.S. dies in private hands from the 1930's and 1940's of regular issued U.S. coins.

This unique pair of obverse and reverse Mercury Dime dies would be a spectacular addition to any collection of U.S. coins and unique numismatic rarities.



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1935 Mercury Dime Obverse Die

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1935 Mercury Dime Reverse Die

NGC Certifies & Encapsulates Unique Pair of Mercury Dime Dies



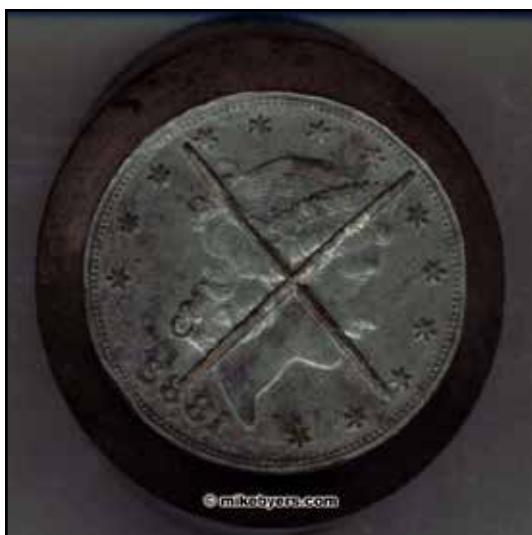
NGC Certifies & Encapsulates Unique Pair of Mercury Dime Dies

I have handled many U.S. obsolete obverse and reverse dies used to strike U.S. type coins and even rarer dated coins. These included (2) \$20 Liberty Head obverse dies, (1) Barber Quarter reverse die, (1) Indian Head Cent obverse die and (2) Morgan Dollar obverse dies. All of these have sold in the \$12,500 to \$25,000 range.

1872 \$20 Liberty Head Obverse Die



1882 \$20 Liberty Head Obverse Die



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This recent discovery was previously
unknown to the numismatic community.



NGC Certifies Unique Gold \$1 1852 Judd #138 On A Cut-Down Gold Plated Seated 10c

NGC authenticated and certified this unique pattern and CAC approved it. It is the only known U.S. pattern or coin that was gold plated (gilt) at the Mint and then overstruck. It was originally a silver Seated Dime that was cut down (trimmed to size), perforated creating a hole in the center, gold plated (gilt) at the Mint, and then struck by the 1852 gold \$1 pattern dies.

This unique pattern should not be confused with U.S. patterns that were struck first, then gilded either inside the Mint or by collectors after they were released. This discovery pattern was manufactured in a completely different way inside the U.S. Mint. It was gold plated (gilt) on a cut-down Seated Dime prior to being struck by pattern dies. To date, this is the only known authenticated and certified by NGC or PCGS, pattern struck on

a coin that was gold plated (gilt) first!

It was determined that the gold plating (gilt) was applied at the U.S. Mint prior to striking this pattern. Careful examination of the cut-down edge, the striations around the center hole that was perforated and the overall surfaces confirm that it was gold plated (gilt) first, then struck as a pattern.

Gold plating is the process of applying a thin layer of gold to the surface of the coin through a process called electroplating. Gilt is a process of applying a fine gold powder or gold leaf to the surface of the struck coin, without the use of electric current.

The 1852 Gold Dollars were struck in various metals: Gold, Silver, Copper, Copper-Nickel, Nickel and Brass. There are also (2) known Judd #147 Gold Dollar

NGC Certifies Unique Gold \$1 1852 Judd #138 On A Cut-Down Gold Plated Seated 10c

patterns that were gilt after they were struck, a MS-62 PCGS and a PR-65 PCGS.

This unique pattern, Judd #138, struck on a gold plated (gilt) cut-down silver Seated Dime, clearly demonstrates that the U.S. Mint was experimenting with the manufacturing methods and production to strike these Gold Dollar patterns. Different metals were used as blank planchets, they were perforated, and a few were struck on silver dimes instead of blank planchets.

This new unique discovery is an important part of numismatic history because it proves that the U.S. Mint gold plated (gilt) a struck coin first, prior to using it to strike a pattern and gives insight into the experiments used at the time.

Fred Weinberg is the PCGS authenticator for mint errors and has handled as many patterns,

experimental strikes, overstrikes and unique pieces as anyone, making him a world renowned expert. Fred was one of a handful of experts that authenticated all (5) known 1913 Liberty Head Nickels at the 2003 ANA. In 1974, while at Numismatics Ltd., he purchased most of the Kosoff Judd Pattern Collection from Abe Kosoff. Fred said that there were a few mint errors and experimental strikes, but nothing that compared to this pattern. He stated that:

“It’s the first U.S. Mint gold plated (gilt) pattern that has been certified and authenticated by either PCGS or NGC, that was struck over another U.S. coin.”

This unique pattern would be the highlight and centerpiece of a collection of U.S. patterns, experimental coins or cherished as a unique rarity and discovery coin.

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PCGS Certifies Unique Proof Canadian \$100 Struck in Platinum & Rhodium



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by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is the only known Canadian \$100 platinum striking of any design or series.



This is one of the most spectacular coins ever released by the Royal Canadian Mint. It is certified by PCGS as an “Unofficial Platinum Strike Uniface.” Lab analysis determined that the metal composition is 90% platinum and 10% rhodium and weighs 16.73 grams. In 1985, the Royal Canadian Mint experimented with platinum coins and began issuing them in 1988. This is the only known platinum mint error or pattern/die trial.

The Royal Canadian Mint issued the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin in 1985. This coin was issued in gold for one year only in 1985.

The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse has a Bighorn mountain sheep. Starting in 1988, the Royal Canadian Mint produced platinum coins that were made of .9995 pure platinum in four denominations of different sizes, consisting of 1 troy ounce (oz), 1/2 oz, 1/4 oz, and 1/10 oz. bearing the face values of \$50, \$20, \$10, and \$5, respectively. Since then they have also struck platinum coins with various designs in \$8 and \$300 denominations. The Royal Canadian Mint did not strike any \$100 denomination coins in platinum of any design or series.

PCGS Certifies Unique Proof Canadian \$100 Struck in Platinum & Rhodium

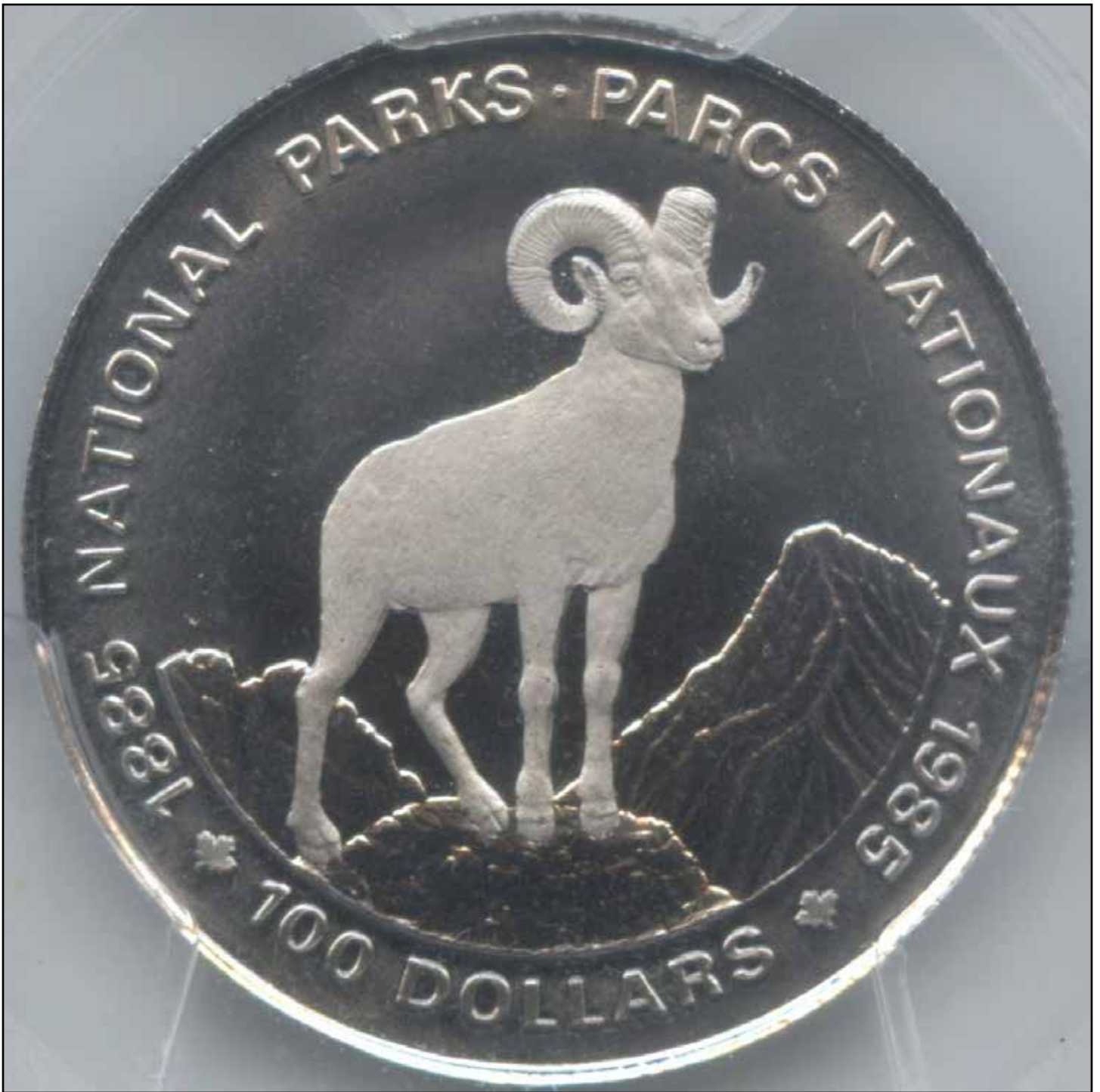
It is incredible that this dramatic and unique platinum striking was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. This proof Canadian \$100 Commemorative Coin struck in platinum combines several major mint errors. It is an off-metal (not struck in gold) and is also uniface. Whether it is a mint error or a pattern/die trial only adds mystique to this

world-class proof platinum uniface striking. It is in gem proof condition and is on a perfectly centered full size planchet with full reeding, specifically produced to strike this platinum proof uniface coin. This unique proof platinum striking rivals any U.S. Major Mint Error, Pattern or Die Trial in rarity, prestige and value.



Here is a comparison of this platinum proof striking (left) with the authorized issue in gold (right).

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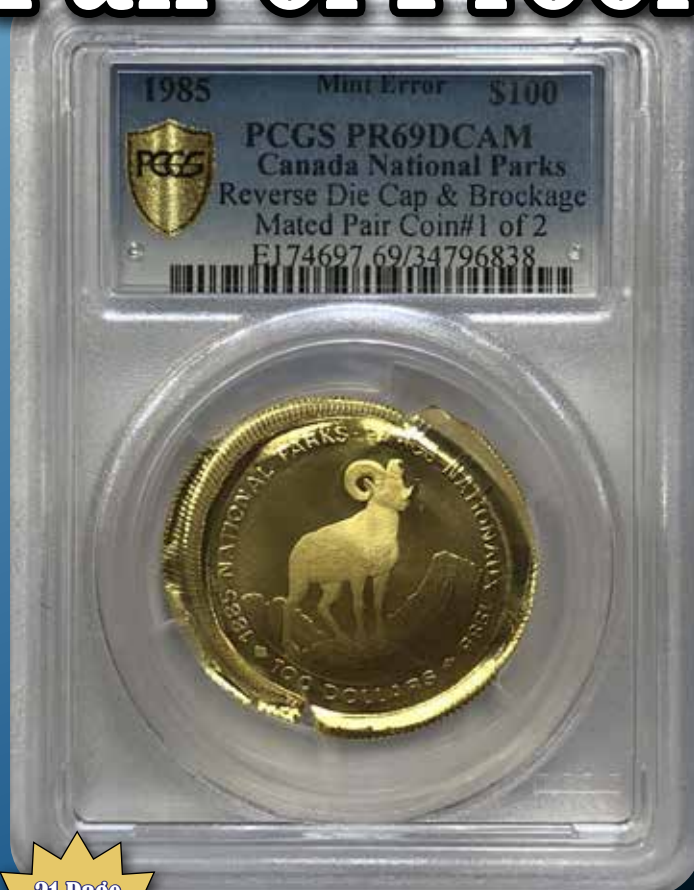


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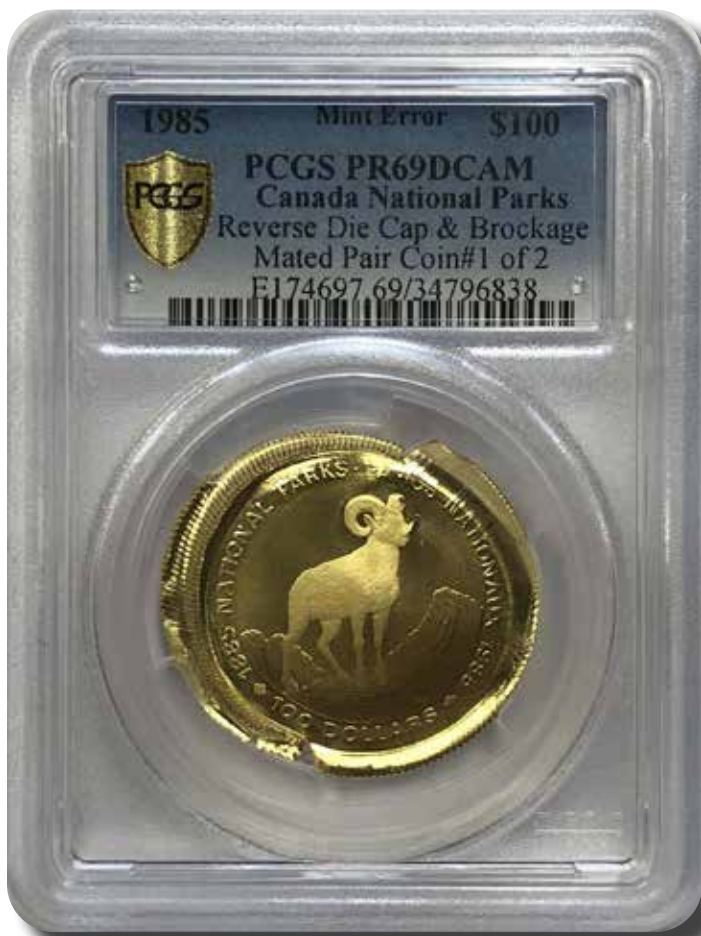
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by Mike Byers



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This is a unique mated pair of the only known reverse die caps for any Canadian gold coin.

Coin #1 is a Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap. The Royal Canadian Mint issued this coin in 1985. It is the \$100 National Park Commemorative Coin. The obverse depicts Queen Elizabeth II and the reverse depicts a Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep.

After being struck, Coin #1 adhered to the reverse die and became a reverse die cap striking blank planchets that created a brockage on the reverse of each coin.

The obverse design of this die cap expanded with each strike. As with any reverse die cap, the shape resembles a bottle cap with deep walls. This gold die cap struck a large number of coins as the diameter expanded.



This proof gold reverse die cap (Coin #1) is more than 30% larger in diameter than a properly struck commemorative.

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Coin #2 is also a Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap. After being struck, this coin adhered to the reverse die becoming a reverse die cap. It subsequently struck Coin #1 creating a brockage on the obverse of Coin #2, resulting in this phenomenal mated pair. As with any reverse die cap, the shape resembles a bottle cap.

It is incredible that this dramatic gold die cap mated pair was discovered and subsequently sent to PCGS for authentication and grading. Furthermore, there is only one other known gold die cap from any country. It is an 1824 English Half Sovereign obverse die cap, which struck

only two or three coins and is very shallow and slightly cupped. By comparison this proof Canadian \$100 Commemorative Gold Die Cap Mated Pair combines several major mint errors; deep reverse die caps with brockages that were mated and struck multiple times.

These are two of the rarest, most expensive and most spectacular Canadian Mint Errors known. This unique proof gold die cap mated pair rivals any U.S. Gold Mint Error in rarity, prestige and value. In fact, there are no known U.S. gold obverse or reverse die caps and only two known U.S. gold brockages.

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Canadian Gold \$100 Reverse Die Cap & Brockage (Coin #1 Obverse)

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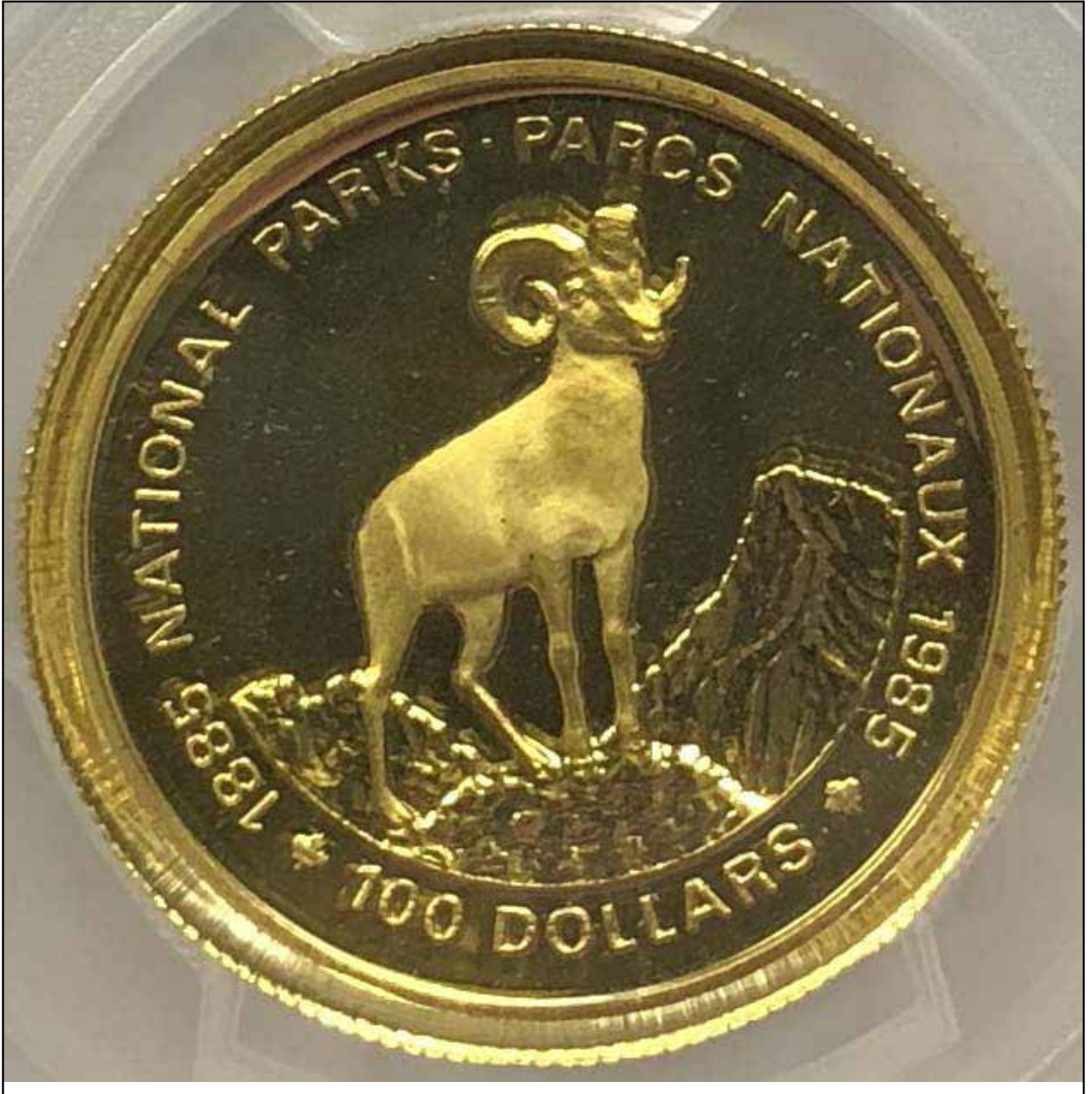
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L discovered the first known Martha Washington Test Pieces, of ANY denomination in 2000. It was struck on a U.S. cent planchet. Coin World featured this discovery on their front page on August 7th, 2000.

Since then, there have been Martha Washington Test Pieces struck on the 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1 size denominations. Different metal compositions and surfaces were used in these experimental test pieces.

Martha Washington Obverse Die

The only other known Martha Washington Die (obverse or reverse) in private hands is an obverse die for the cent-sized U.S. Judd #2180.

Fred Weinberg displayed the Martha Washington Cent reverse die in his showcase at the Denver 2017 ANA and at previous Long Beach Expos.

Below are the Martha Washington Test Pieces that I discovered in 2000:



Martha Washington Obverse Die

The U.S. Mint conducted metallurgical tests in 1999 on the golden colored manganese-clad planchets which would later be used for the Sacagawea Dollar.

For the first time, the U.S. Mint included representatives from Industry because the new Sacagawea Dollar would have to be completely interchangeable with the existing SBA Dollar. The electromagnetic fingerprint had to be identical. All of the metals combined changed the alloy's electromagnetic properties. Many tests were conducted including those at IDX Inc., Olin Brass and PMX Industries.

In a Coin World article on July 16th, 2001, James Halsey, President of IDX Inc. was interviewed. IDX Inc. is one of the firms contracted by the U.S. Mint to test prototypes. Mr. Halsey said "numerous samples in different alloys bearing the Martha Washington obverse and Mt. Vernon reverse dies - special designs used for experimental coinage - were shipped to IDX Inc. for testing. Some of the packages were insured for as high as \$250,000, with the recipients required to return any and all pieces supplied by the Mint for tests."

Two other firms under contract by the U.S. Mint include Olin Brass and PMX Industries. Both of these companies

supply the U.S. Mint with the manganese-clad strips from which the Sacagawea Dollars are struck. Olin Brass is a leading U.S. copper alloy producer and is located in East Alton, Illinois. PMX Industries is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

According to a Coin World article in the June 24, 2002 issue, "anti-tarnish tests were conducted at the Philadelphia Mint on January 8, 2000, on Sacagawea dollar blanks struck with the experimental Martha Washington obverse, Mount Vernon reverse experimental dies, according to Mint e-mails." The article continued: "Seven processes were explored: one on circulation quality strikes, three on Uncirculated [Mint set] quality coins, and three on Proof quality strikes. The coins were struck on at least four different kinds of presses, with the blanks subjected to one of five burnishing methods."

I discovered one of the three known Martha Washington Test Pieces struck on a Sacagawea Dollar blank planchet. It was certified by NGC as a dollar-sized test piece weighing 8.0 grams and was graded MS 66. It is listed as Judd #2185 on page 294 of eighth edition of United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces.

A Martha Washington Half Dollar struck

Martha Washington Obverse Die

on a clad Quarter blank planchet sold for \$29,900 in a Heritage Auction at the 2003 Mid-Winter ANA. Click here for more info on the Martha Washington Half Dollar from uspatterns.com.

I discovered the first Martha Washington Test Piece struck on a clad Quarter blank planchet. This coin is the plate coin for Judd #2115 on page 290 of the eighth edition of United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces. Recently a second Martha Washington Quarter has been discovered. Click here for more info on the Martha Washington Quarter from uspatterns.com.

The first Martha Washington Dime Trial Piece in private hands sold for \$51,750 at the 2003 Baltimore ANA. NGC authenticated and encapsulated this Martha Washington Dime in April of 2000. The second Martha Washington Dime Trial Piece is in the Heritage Galleries 2007 January Orlando, FL (FUN) Signature Coin Auction #422. It was certified AU 58 by NGC and is struck in cupronickel-copper (multi-layer composite). Click here for more info on the Martha Washington Dime from uspatterns.com.

According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock

III, "the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper." There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by the Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. Click here to view the Martha Washington patterns permanently housed in a block of lucite at the Smithsonian.

I also discovered a Martha Washington Test Piece struck on a copper-zinc Cent blank planchet. This Martha Washington Test Piece might have been used to test the new copper-zinc planchets for the U.S. Mint in 1982. This coin is the plate coin for Judd #2180 on page 294 of the eighth edition of United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces. Starting in 1982 the composition and weight of the Cent planchet changed. Instead of weighing 3.11 grams and having a composition of 95% copper and 5% zinc, the weight is 2.5 grams with a composition of 97.5% zinc and 2.5% copper. Click here for more info on the Martha Washington Cent from uspatterns.com.

In August of 2000, I discovered a Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-

Martha Washington Obverse Die

zinc Cent planchet that was struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse. This discovery was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000. In a response to the Martha Washington Test Piece that I discovered, the Mint announced that “the dies are available to the Mint’s metal and blank vendors for testing.” This die trial piece was discovered by a Brinks employee. It is in gem mint state condition with red and brown toning. The

obverse design of the die features a bust of Martha Washington facing right. In the right field is the inscription MARTHA WASHINGTON. Above the portrait is VIRGINIA and below the date 1759.

The evolving story about the Martha Washington Dies, test strikes and the discovery of these pieces is among the most interesting Numismatic stories in decades.

Featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine Issue 14:



Martha Washington Obverse Die

Mike Byers' discovery was featured in a front page article in *Coin World*

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Martha Washington 'error' may not be Mint product

Mint lends dies to private firms for tests
By Victoria Stone Moledor
COIN WORLD Staff

A recent discovery of a current Lincoln cent planchet with the off-center image of the U.S. Mint's trial Martha Washington dies led to an announcement from Mint officials: The dies are made available to the Mint's metal and blank vendors for testing, and therefore any item with the image of the trial pieces may not have been struck by the U.S. Mint.

The dies are not regulated by the U.S. Mint, said Michael S. White. Therefore, it is not outside the bounds of reason that the dies may at times be used in an "uncontrolled" manner, meaning that any item with the image of the Martha Washington pattern dies may have been struck outside the U.S. Mint, and would therefore not be considered a U.S. Mint product.



A WEAKLY struck cent planchet struck with the Mint's Martha Washington pattern test die may not be a genuine Mint product.

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By press time, the Mint could not confirm for *Coin World* how many years it has made the Martha Washington dies available to outside vendors for metallurgical testing, how many companies may have the dies and how many pairs are outside the Mint. The Mint also could not confirm if the pattern dies were employed recently for use in the U.S. Mint.

The item that drew comment from the Mint was submitted to ANACS by Michael S. Byers of Byers Numismatic Corp. Byers told *Coin World* the item was found in a Mint-sewn bag of 1999 Lincoln cents when it was opened in a Brink's Inc. counting room.

In light of the information provided by the Mint, said Michael Fahey, senior authenticator with ANACS, the coin was returned as a "no decision" item since it could not be verified as an official U.S. Mint product.

The item is uniface with a weak, 10 percent off-center strike. "There is a marked difference in coins that are struck on an ordinary machine press vs. a U.S. Mint coinage press," Fahey said. "This item could have easily been created with an ordinary machine press," he added.

The piece was struck on a copper-plated, zinc planchet of the type first used for the 1982 Lincoln cent and for all cents since 1983.

According to *United States Patterns and Related Issues* by Andrew W. Pollock III, the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the dime, quarter dollar and half dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper. They are embedded in a block of Lucite displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

According to an April 22, 1975, letter to pattern researcher Abe Kosoff from Eva

Adams, Mint director from October 1961 to August 1969, "... to be certain no coins were 'lost' while being viewed at official hearings, etc., we had them embedded in a large plastic 'block' which no one certainly could 'pocket' accidentally or otherwise. One of these was presented to the Smithsonian Institution. ..."

Coin World readers will recall that in April 2000, the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation of America authenticated and encapsulated a Martha Washington "dime." Eagle Numismatics submitted the dime trial piece to NGC, which graded the piece Mint State 65.

Readers will also recall that in 1999 as the Sacagawea dollar alloy was tested, Martha Washington pattern dies were used to test the alloy's suitability for coining. The dies were the size of the dollar, and *Coin World's* photo files dating from 1965 confirm that dies also exist in the half dollar, quarter dollar and dime size. The dies were used in testing potential replacement compositions for the 90 percent silver alloy

used for those three denominations since the 19th century.

Given the size of the image reproduction on the latest item, both the owner and ANACS staff surmised that an obverse dime die struck the coin.

Edward R. Grove, a sculptor, medallist and bank note engraver, is credited with preparing the Martha Washington obverse design. The test designs were used because of "the technical avoidance by the government of forging their own coins before they were passed into law," according to *The Numismatist* article.


Grove's design features a bust of Martha Washington facing right. In the right field is inscribed MARTHA WASHINGTON, with VIRGINIA above and 1759 below.

Another Mint engraver, Philip Fowler, is credited with executing the designs for the Mount Vernon reverse. The design features a three-quarters view of the Washington's Virginia mansion with MOUNT VERNON below. Inscribed around is HOME OF THE WASHINGTON FAMILY. **CW**

Martha Washington Obverse Die

This only known Martha Washington Half Dollar Obverse Die in private hands is featured in the U.S. Patterns website (uspatterns.com) that references all U.S. patterns and related numismatic rarities:

uspatterns.com



J2132/P2083

This is the Martha Washington half dollar. The Martha Washington obverse was designed by Edward R. Grove and the reverse is by Philip Fowler.

Examples are believed to have been struck as follows:

Nickel [J2131](#) with an example offered in Heritage 10/14 sale.

Cupro-Nickel Clad [J2132](#) with over a dozen known including the illustrated piece above courtesy of Bowers and Merena from their July 2005 sale. An example was first offered in ANR's 12/03 sale and a second one was in Bowers & Merena's 7/05 sale and later reoffered in ANR's 1/06 sale. One is also known struck on a clad quarter planchet. A mint error, it was offered in Heritage 3/2003 and 8/2004 sales. To view this piece, click [here](#). It is unknown if these were struck inside or outside the mint.

50% Silver, 50% Copper [J2133](#)

Silver Clad [J2134](#) as used from 1965 to 1970 on the Kennedy half dollar. There are 6 examples, 3 each embedded in two blocks of blue lucite, along with [J2101/P2081](#) and [J2116/P2082](#) in the Smithsonian. To view one of these blocks, click [here](#).

Pollock inadvertently lists these Smithsonian pieces as being struck in cupro-nickel clad.

Columbium (type 1) [J2135](#)

Columbium (type 2) [J2136](#)

Zirconium [J2137](#)

Monel (nickel base alloy) [J2138](#)

Nickel-5% Silicon with Magnetic Core [J2139](#)

Stainless Steel (type 301-Type I) [J2140](#)

Stainless Steel (type 301-Type II) [J2141](#)

Stainless Steel (type 302) [J2142](#)


Copper Zinc Silver alloy [J2143](#). In March 2016, NGC received an example for grading that is Cu 58.3%, Zn 34.3% and Ag 7.2%. This alloy does not match any mentioned in "A Study of Alloys Suitable for Use as United States Coinage". The piece was later offered in Heritage 1/17 FUN sale.

It is not known if any of the other alloys mentioned still exist.

These dies are now used by the U.S. Mint to test various planchet sizes and alloys. They were used in 1999 to test the new "brass" planchet used on the Sacagawea dollar. To view one of these trial pieces, click [here](#).

A waffle cancelled example appeared in Heritage 4/14 sale.

An obverse die for this pattern is also in private hands and is shown below courtesy of Mike Byers.



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Here is the first Martha Washington half dollar size test piece that I discovered in 2000:



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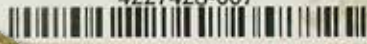


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NGC Certifies Mexico 60 Pesos Struck on U.S. \$10 Liberty

1916 TM MEXICO 60P
OAXACA
GOLD
AU 53

STRUCK ON USA \$10 (16.7g)
4227428-007



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NGC Certifies Mexico 60 Pesos Struck on U.S. \$10 Liberty

by Mike Byers

This incredible Mexico 1916 Oaxaca Gold 60 Pesos was struck on a U.S. \$10 Liberty.



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The 1916 Gold 60 Pesos were struck in Oaxaca, Mexico. Oaxaca is one of the southern states in Mexico. The coins bear the portrait of Benito Juarez. These coins were struck by a

Provisional Government during the revolution. The original dies for the 1916 60 Pesos were impounded at the ANS almost a century ago.

The specifications for the 1916 Oaxaca Gold 60 Pesos are:

- **Composition: Gold**
- **Fineness: 0.8590**
- **Weight: 50.0000g**
- **AGW: 1.3808735351327oz**

The specifications for the U.S. \$10 Liberty are:

- **Composition: Gold**
- **Fineness: 0.9000**
- **Weight: 16.7200g**
- **AGW: 0.4837oz**

Here is a comparison with a regular Gold 60 Pesos and \$10 Liberty:



NGC Certifies Mexico 60 Pesos Struck on U.S. \$10 Liberty

The Smithsonian recently preserved a collection through NGC encapsulation that included a Mexico 1916 Oaxaca Gold 60 Pesos. They describe it “is one of a handful of survivors from an original mintage of 21 pieces.”

Krause lists the 1916 60 Pesos as rare with a value of \$20,000 in XF 40 and \$35,000 in MS 60. A specimen sold in an ANR Auction (Eliasberg) for \$74,750 which subsequently was certified by NGC as MS 64. Heritage Auctions recently sold a PCGS MS 64+ for \$102,000.

This spectacular gold piece is in almost uncirculated condition with original and attractive toning. There is a considerable amount of detail remaining from the understrike. On the obverse the denticles and some detail are visible from the \$10 Liberty design. On the reverse the shield and some detail are visible as well. The complete reeding from the \$10 Liberty is intact.

This fascinating and dramatic numismatic rarity would be the centerpiece of a major world gold coin collection or a collection of U.S. \$10 gold coins.



NGC Certifies Mexico 60 Pesos Struck on U.S. \$10 Liberty

1916 Mexico 60 Peso Oaxaca Gold
Struck on a USA \$10 Liberty
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NGC Certifies Unique **GOLD** Belgium Franc Obverse Die Trial (1904 Design Overstruck on 1903 Design)

(1904) BELGIUM FRANC
DUPRIEZ-1414 VAR. GOLD
OBVERSE TRIAL
MS 61
Ex 1



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NGC Certifies Unique GOLD Belgium Franc Obverse Die Trial (1904 Design Overstruck on 1903 Design)

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This is a unique, spectacular and dramatic
Belgium Franc struck in GOLD.



NGC Certifies Unique GOLD Belgium Franc Obverse Die Trial (1904 Design Overstruck on 1903 Design)

Below is an example of the 1903 obverse (French text) and the 1904 obverse (Dutch text) both struck in silver:



It is an obverse die trial to test the die in 1904, which was the first year of issue. The gold planchet that was selected is larger in diameter than the silver planchet used for the regular issue. It was first struck using the 1903 obverse die that has French text. Patterns with the obverse design with French text were only struck in 1903. It was struck again with the 1904 obverse die that has Dutch text. The separation between the strikes is clearly visible in the portrait, lettering and denticles. The difference in spelling is particularly evident in the word BELGES (French)

on the understrike and BELGEN (Dutch) on the overstrike.

Many renowned numismatists specializing in world gold coins describe the surface as a matte finish. It has the gold color and granular finish typical of gold coins struck in matte proof or matte specimen. This is a *discovery piece* and the *only known* Belgium gold die trial of the 1904 design overstruck on the 1903 design. This is an exciting and unique numismatic rarity appealing to collectors of gold strikings, patterns, die trials and mint errors.

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The detail from the understrike is clearly visible in the lettering and denticles.



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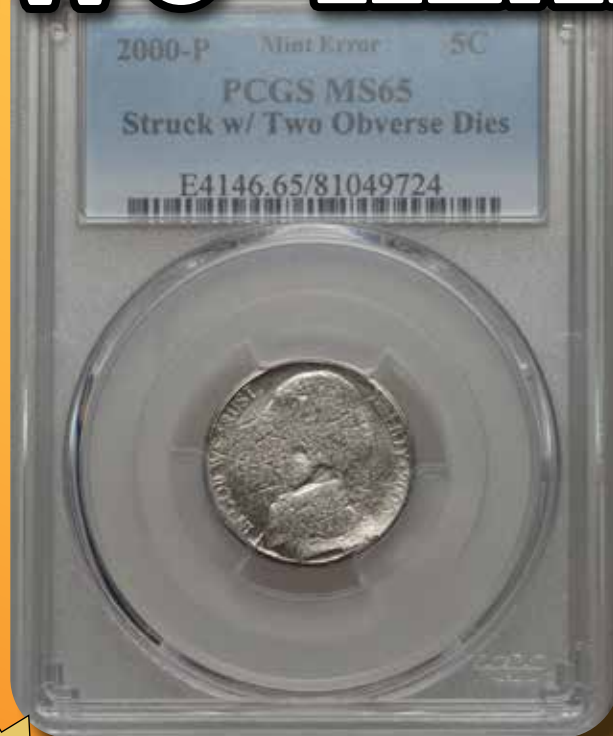


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This is the only known U.S. regular issued coin of ANY denomination that was struck with two obverse dies (two-headed). It stands alone as a major U.S. numismatic rarity and proves that a U.S. two-headed coin exists!



PCGS Certifies Unique TWO HEADED Nickel

There are three known U.S. regular issued coins struck with two reverse dies. Fred Weinberg sold a two-tailed Washington Quarter for \$75,000 and a two-tailed Roosevelt Dime for \$45,000. The third known two-tailed was a Washington Quarter that sold in a Heritage Auction for \$41,975.

Fred Weinberg stated that:

“this amazing unique major mint error is the only known U.S. two-headed coin. It is very dramatic since both sides are identical, having been struck with two obverse dies.”

Although slightly weakly struck, it is in gem condition and was certified and authenticated by PCGS as MS 65. It is exciting that this unique and spectacular major mint error survived the minting process. This unique mule was authenticated and certified by PCGS in 2016.

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NGC Certifies Unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 13-Piece Set Including an *Experimental Antimony Test Piece*



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NGC Certifies Unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 13-Piece Set Including an Experimental Antimony Test Piece

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Included in this unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 13-piece set is an experimental 1943 Lincoln cent and 12 blanks and planchets with different compositions that were part of the metallurgical testing done by the Philadelphia Mint for an alternative to the pre-1943 bronze cent.



NGC Certifies Unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 13-Piece Set Including an Experimental Antimony Test Piece

The experimental 1943 Lincoln cent was struck in steel but was coated with a combination of 90% zinc, 4% antimony and 6% iron. It is similar to Judd-2085 although no Judd designation is on the NGC holder.

The only other known piece was featured in an article in the September 21, 2009 edition of Coin World. The article, written by Coin World reporter Paul Gilkes, identified the owners as “the children of a former Philadelphia Mint metallurgist [now deceased] who worked on finding an alternative to the pre-1943 bronze cent.”

The 1943 Judd-2085 Lincoln cent is part of a 5-piece NGC certified set and was authenticated and certified AU58. The accompanying envelope is annotated: “Experimental Zinc & Antimony on steel. Dec. 1942.” According to David Camire, an NGC consultant, this pattern for the 1943 cent was “subjected to nondestructive, X-ray fluorescence.” Camire continued that “the testing determined the composition to be 90 percent zinc, 4 percent antimony, 6 percent iron plating” according to the Coin World article.

The USPatterns.com website reports that “It differs from

NGC Certifies Unique 1943 Lincoln Cent 13-Piece Set Including an Experimental Antimony Test Piece

the regular zinc coated steel cent of this year in that the plating includes antimony and iron. According to researcher Roger Burdette, it is probable that the antimony was added to make the coin darker in color in order to make it less likely to be confused with a dime which, apparently happened often.”

The 5-piece NGC set from The Geyer Family Collection included an experimental antimony test piece, a pattern and 3 blanks. It originally sold for \$161,000.00 in the Heritage January 2010 FUN US Coin Auction in Orlando, FL. It later sold for \$58,750.00 in the Heritage November 2013 US Coin

Signature Auction in New York. In comparison, the 13-piece set featured here includes a similar antimony test piece as well as several experimental blanks and planchets that were not part of the 5-piece set, making it a much more interesting and comprehensive collection.

This unique 13-piece set represents a fascinating part of the Mint’s history and production of experimental coinage. This exciting and historic set clearly illustrates the U.S. Mint’s process in developing an alternative to the bronze cent due to the shortage of copper during World War II.

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NGC Certifies 1904 \$20 Double Struck Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar



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NGC Certifies 1904 \$20 Double Struck Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar

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Major mint errors on U.S. gold coins are extremely rare. There are only a few known that are double or triple struck. One phenomenal example is this double struck 1904 \$20 rotated 180 degrees in the collar. Considerable detail remains from

the initial strike and is visible under the portrait on the obverse and the eagle on the reverse. This exciting mint error was in my person collection and has been authenticated and certified by NGC and BYERS COLLECTION is noted on the insert.

NGC Certifies 1904 \$20 Double Struck Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar

A different double struck 1904 \$20 gold piece with slight rotation sold a few years ago for \$100,000. It was authenticated and certified by PCGS MS 63. Also recently, a \$2 1/2 Indian double struck rotated 180 degrees sold for slightly over \$66,000. This double struck \$20 Liberty combines the high denomination and large size with dramatic eye appeal and it is unique for being rotated 180 degrees.



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NGC Certifies Unique Pair of Proof Quarters Struck on a Silver Barber Quarter and a Silver Canadian Quarter

1970 S 25C STRUCK ON A
BARBER 25C
MINT ERROR PF 65
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1970 S 25C STRUCK ON
1941 CANADA 25C 5.63 GR
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NGC Certifies Unique Pair of Proof Quarters Struck on a Silver Barber Quarter and a Silver Canadian Quarter

Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes in collars and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

Proof Washington Quarters struck in 1970 by the San Francisco Mint were clad. The first coin of this unique pair,

a 1970-S Proof Quarter was overstruck on a Silver Barber Quarter and is one of two known. This mint error was originally discovered in group of San Francisco Proof Errors that was auctioned by the State of California. There is some detail on both sides showing the design of the Barber Quarter. This is one of the most famous U.S. Proof Major Mint Error ever released from the San Francisco Mint.

The second coin of this unique pair is a 1970-S Proof Quarter from the United States that was overstruck on a 1941 Quarter from Canada. This unique mint error was originally discovered in group of San Francisco Proof Errors that was auctioned by the State of California. There is a significant amount of detail on both sides showing the design of the Canadian Quarter. This is one of the most fascinating and intriguing proof mint errors ever discovered.

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1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on a Silver Barber Quarter NGC PF 65 1 of 2 Known (Obverse)



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1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on a Silver Barber Quarter NGC PF 65 1 of 2 Known (Reverse)



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1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on 1941 Canada Quarter NGC PF 65 (Obverse)



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1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on 1941 Canada Quarter NGC PF 65 (Reverse)



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1970-S Proof Washington Quarter Struck on 1941 Canada Quarter NGC PF 65



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Mike Byers was on Fox News in a segment featuring these two incredible quarters.



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NGC Certifies Proof Canadian \$15 STRUCK IN GOLD

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NGC Certifies Proof Canadian \$15 STRUCK IN GOLD

(should be struck in silver)

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is one of the rarest, most expensive and spectacular Canadian coins known. This special striking in gold of a proof commemorative coin was unknown to the numismatic community and was just certified and authenticated by NGC.



NGC Certifies Proof Canadian \$15 STRUCK IN GOLD (should be struck in silver)



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NGC Certifies Proof Canadian \$15 STRUCK IN GOLD (should be struck in silver)

It is the size of a U.S. Silver American Eagle and is in superb proof cameo condition.

The International Olympic Committee decided to commemorate the centennial of the Olympic Games. In 1992 the Spirit of the Generations proof silver coin was issued by the Royal Canadian Mint and released in a special presentation box. These were struck with CITIUS ALTIUS FORTIUS on the edge.

On September 15, 2003, the Royal Canadian Mint auctioned two different special gold strikings of silver commemorative coins. These were sold on eBay and made headline news in Canada since the Royal Canadian Mint had never released special gold strikings before. CBC News and other Canadian news outlets followed the auction and reported this story in their business sections. These two gold strikings were the size of a Kennedy Half Dollar and they



NGC Certifies Proof Canadian \$15 STRUCK IN GOLD (should be struck in silver)

sold for approximately \$50,000 and \$75,000 (U.S. Dollars). Andy Lustig was the successful high bidder and purchased both of these gold strikings on eBay. He subsequently sold them to a serious collector of unique numismatic rarities. Andy Lustig is a well respected U.S. coin dealer and specializes in coins and patterns from the U.S. and around the world.

This 1992 \$15 special gold striking is more than twice the size of the two special gold

striking that sold on eBay. It was also struck without edge lettering. This proof gold special striking rivals any U.S. coin, commemorative or pattern, specially struck in gold. For comparison purposes, the U.S. Mint struck two commemorative Panama Pacific Silver Half Dollars in Gold. One recently sold in a Heritage Auction for \$460,000. This amazing gold proof commemorative coin would be the centerpiece of any collection of Canadian coins or commemorative issues.

For comparison, here is the regular issue in silver.



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From The Heritage Auction Listing:

Exactly five Indian cents are known on gold planchets, according to information available to us. Among them are three dated 1900, this piece dated 1905, and an example dated 1906. The Judd pattern reference lists 1900 and 1907 gold cents in the section on mint errors. However, Andrew W. Pollock, III, listed the 1900 gold Indian cents as P-1990 in the regular pattern section of his reference. Pollock writes: "Listed in Judd as a mint error, but it is difficult to imagine that a Mint employee would be so careless as to feed gold planchets into a coinage press fitted with one-cent piece dies." Pollock suggests that these pieces may have been deliberately struck for one or more collectors.

The following Census of gold Indian cents and additional information about them is compiled from a variety of sources, including www.uspatterns.com <http://www.uspatterns.com>, www.minterrornews.com <http://www.minterrornews.com>, Donald Taxay's 1976 Catalogue and Encyclopedia, Andrew Pollock's 1994 United States Patterns and Related Issues, the Judd reference, and selected auction catalogs. Conversations with Fred Weinberg and Richard Snow provided additional background.

1900 MS65 PCGS. Col. E.H.R. Green; B.G. Johnson; John Beck (Abner Kreisberg Corporation, 1/1975), lot 609; Mike Byers; Auction '89 (Superior, 7/1989), lot 856; Bowers and Merena (8/1991), lot 4103; recently PCGS authenticated as a 1900 Indian cent struck on a gold \$2.50 planchet, and graded MS65. The 1991 ANA catalog gives a weight of 65.8 grains, 1.3 grains too much for a quarter eagle planchet.

1900 AU55. Heritage (8/1993), lot 8000. The 1993 ANA catalog gives a weight of 4.35 grams (67.12 grains), 2.62 grains too much for a quarter eagle planchet.



1900. Michael Hodder reported in a May 14, 1996 letter to Q. David Bowers that he had personally seen three different pieces, all with weights in the range of 65.8 to 67.1 grains. See Bowers' A Buyer's and Enthusiast's Guide to Flying Eagle and Indian Cents, p. 427.

1905 MS64 PCGS. Apparently unknown to the numismatic community prior to the current offering. Weight: 64.5 grains, the standard weight for a quarter eagle planchet.

1906 AU58 NGC. Stack's (6/2004), lot 4097; Stack's (9/2009), lot 4299. Weight: 64.4 grains, within the 0.25 grain tolerance for a quarter eagle planchet.

PCGS Certifies 1905 Indian Cent Struck On A \$2½ Gold Planchet

1907. Listed in the Judd pattern book, and in Donald Taxay's Catalogue and Encyclopedia [of] U.S. Coins. The 1907 gold Indian cent is currently unlocated.

One example dated 1900 is also known in silver, from the identical dies as the 1900 gold Indian cents, suggesting they were all made at or near the same time. Rick Snow writes in *A Guide Book of Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents* that "both the silver and gold examples are

struck from the same dies, with light roughness on the reverse die, probably from die rust." That all three 1900 pieces have higher weights suggests that they were specially made, perhaps without the knowledge of Mint officials. Fred Weinberg explained to this cataloger that "the weights vary because in all probability, they were on planchets that might not have been filed down to the proper weight spread." Hand adjusting of individual gold planchets continued in the Mint until circa 1910.



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Those three pieces are almost certainly fancy pieces made for collectors, while the 1905 and 1906 examples, on correct weight planchets, are more likely pieces truly made in error, and substantially more important as such. This example is slightly off-center toward 9 o'clock, the tops of UNITED STATES off the planchet. The strike is weak at the date, feather tips, RICA, the outer parts of the wreath, and the ribbon bow. The weakness seems counter to expectations of the soft gold, but the diameter

is at least a full millimeter less than an Indian cent, meaning that the metal flowed out and was insufficient to accept the design from the deepest recesses of the dies. Both sides have fully brilliant yellow surfaces with frosty mint luster. A few faint hairlines on the cheek prevent a Gem grade assignment. This stunning gold Indian cent is one of the truly amazing error coins we have ever handled.



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NGC Certifies A 1928 Standing Liberty Quarter Struck On A Cent Planchet



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NGC Certifies A 1928 Standing Liberty Quarter Struck On A Cent Planchet

by Mike Byers

As incredible as it seems, two Standing Liberty Quarters struck on U.S. Cent planchets have been recently authenticated and certified by NGC. This extremely rare U.S. off-metal is valued at six-figures. This exciting mint error was in my person collection and has been authenticated and certified by NGC and BYERS COLLECTION is noted on the insert.



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PCGS Certifies Type 2 \$1 Gold Piece Full Brockage Reverse



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PCGS Certifies Type 2 \$1 Gold Piece Full Brockage Reverse

by Mike Byers

This unbelievable U.S. Gold Brockage recently surfaced at the 2009 ANA held in Los Angeles. It was authenticated and certified by PCGS years ago, but had not been offered for sale until the convention. The dealer who sold it had it in his personal collection for over 20 years and never displayed it at coin shows. It traded hands twice, for \$90,000 and then \$100,000.

To date, this is only the second known full brockage on a U.S. gold coin to be authenticated and graded by a major third party grading service. The other known full brockage is also on a \$1 gold piece and was authenticated and certified by NGC. It is an 1874 type 3 \$1 gold piece.

Having any major gold error on a Type 2 \$1 gold piece is incredible since they were struck for only 3 years. Even a regular Type 2 \$1 gold piece which is circulated can easily bring \$1,000.

Some collectors will refer to the Type 2 \$1 as an obverse brockage since the brockage is the incuse design of the obverse. But this is not correct. It is referred to as a reverse brockage since the brockage is on the reverse.

The type 3 \$1 referred to in this article is an

obverse brockage of the reverse design. Once again, some collectors will refer to it as a reverse brockage since the brockage is of the reverse design.

Regardless of how dealers and collectors describe these two gold brockages, they are among the rarest and most coveted of all U.S. major mint errors.



PCGS Certifies Type 2 \$1 Gold Piece Full Brockage Reverse

No Date

Mint Error

G\$1

PCGS AU55

Full Brock Rev & T-2

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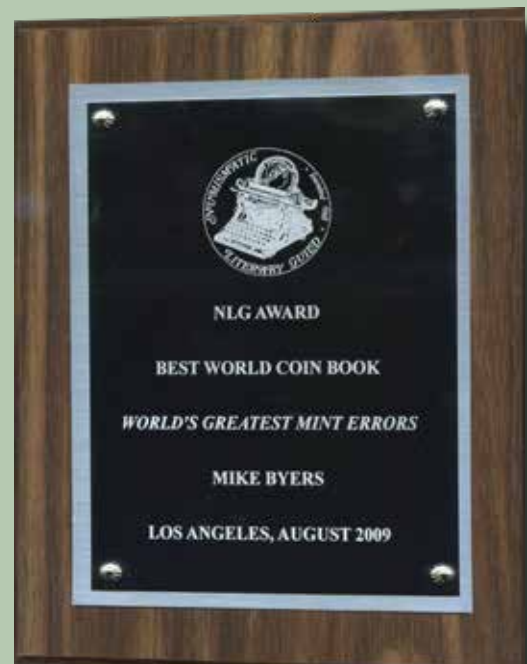


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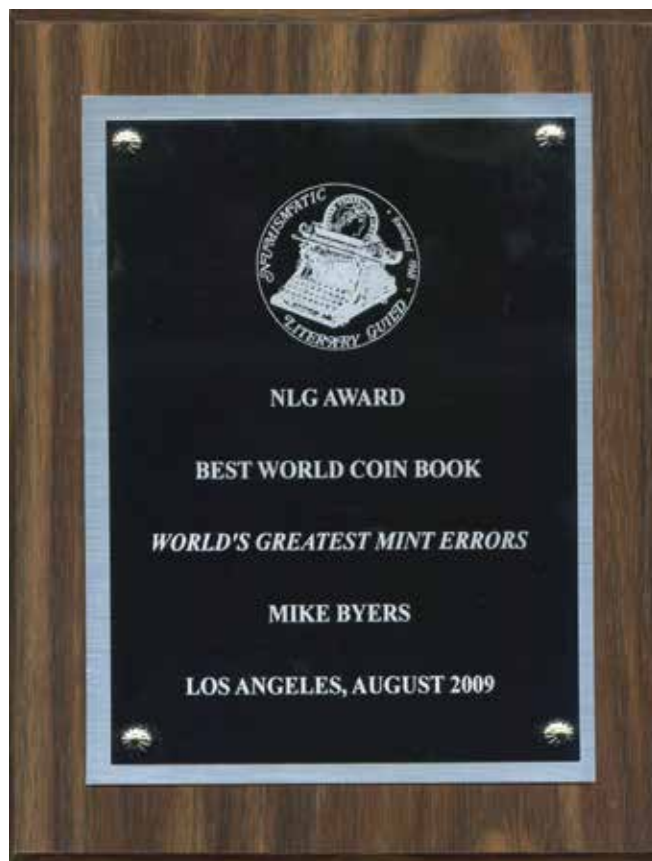
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Mike Byers, author of *World’s Greatest Mint Errors*, was presented with the Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG) award for Best World Coin Book at the NLG Bash of 2009!

World’s Greatest Mint Errors is fully packed with some of the most dramatic, rare and extraordinary mint error and die trials ever assembled in one publication. This book delves into the details of every coin and describes the minting process that created them. Each chapter includes the most accurate price guide available, providing anyone interested in error coins with the latest information from the United States and around the world.

In addition to being the author of NLG award winning *World’s Greatest Mint Errors*, Mike Byers is president of Byers Numismatic Corp., the largest dealer of the world’s rarest mint errors. In the last decade, Byers has made more discoveries of major mint errors both in the

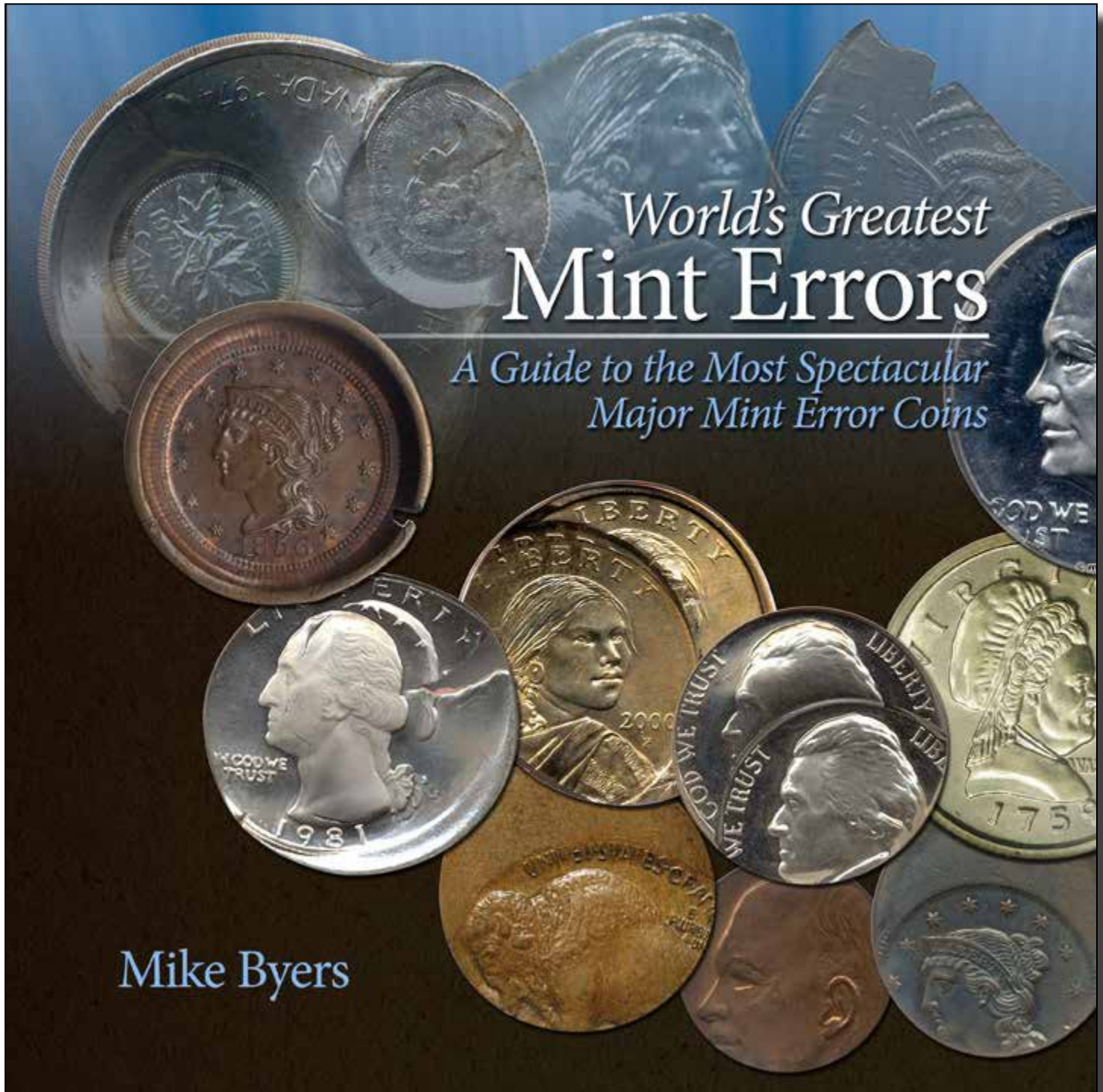
United States and around the world than any other dealer. Byers is also the sponsor of two websites, mikebyers.com and minterrornews.com, both devoted to bringing the latest mint



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error news and information to the collector. The Numismatic Literary Guild was founded in 1968 to honor excellence and bestow recognition to those who have contributed significantly to numismatic literature. Every year the NLG receives submissions from authors, publishers, and editors for their entries to be considered

for an award in various categories. A panel of numismatic editors and qualified individuals judge the entries and the awards are presented at the annual NLG Bash. This year the NLG Bash was held at the American Numismatic Association’s World’s Fair of Money in Los Angeles, CA.



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PCGS Certifies The Finest Known Indian Head Cent Struck In **GOLD** On A \$2½ Planchet MS 65!

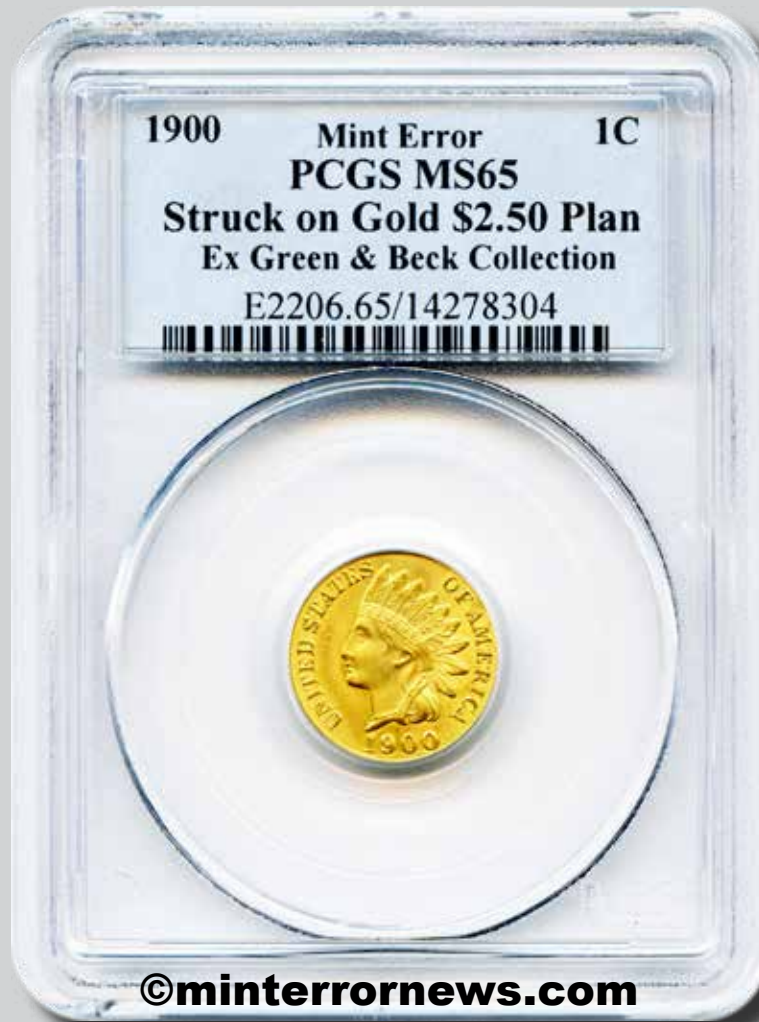


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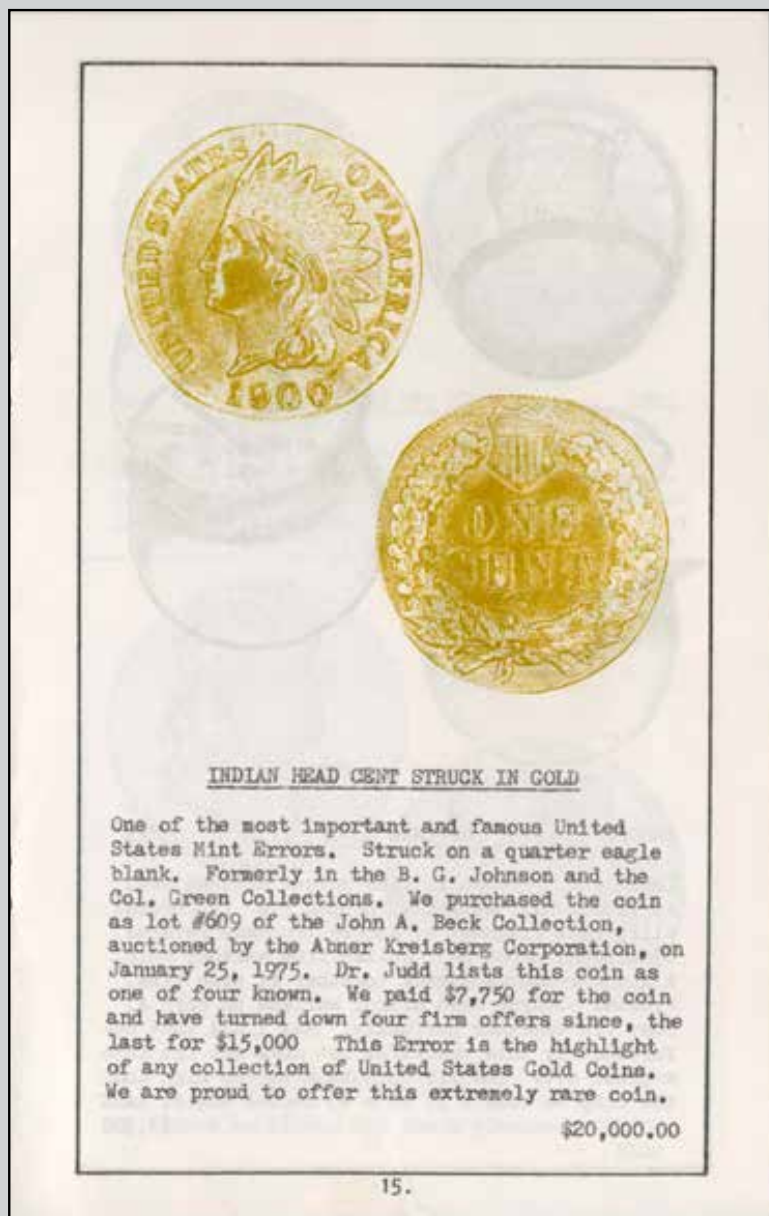
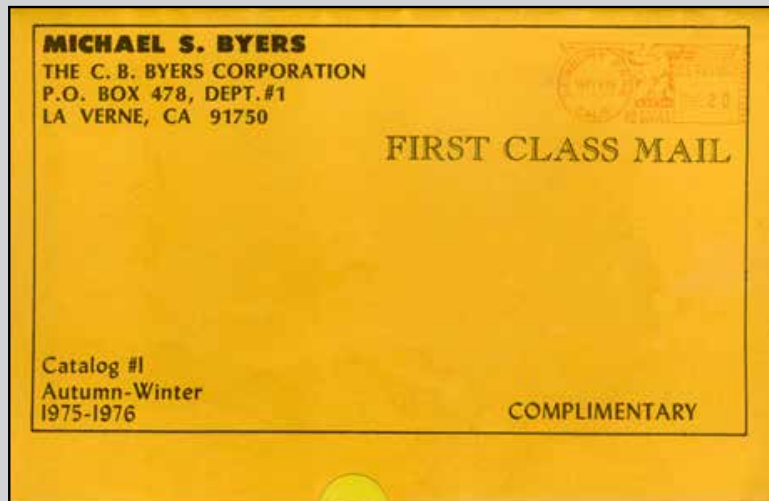
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- **Pedigree** - B.G. Johnson, Colonel Green, John Beck, Mike Byers
- **Condition** - Finest Known And The Only One Certified Mint State
- **Rarity** - One Of 3 Known Dated 1900
- **World Famous** - One of the most well-known U.S. Coins that transcends mint errors and is coveted by dealers & collectors.
- **World Record** - Mike Byers bought this coin in 1975 out of the Beck Collection for \$7,750. which was a world record price at that time.
- **Value** - A Half-Million Dollars

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This Gold Cent was listed for sale in Mike Byers' 1975 Catalog at \$20,000.



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● **Auction '89** - This Gold Cent was featured in a Superior auction 14 years later...



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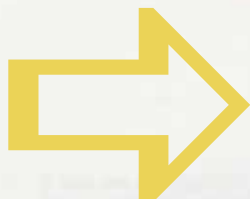
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U.S. QUARTER EAGLES

FAMOUS 1900 INDIAN CENT STRUCK ON QUARTER EAGLE PLANCHET



See Color Plate 2

856 **1900 Indian Cent Struck on a Quarter Eagle Planchet. Mint State 64.** One of America's most spectacular, eye-catching mint errors! This is the famous Beck Collection specimen, sold by our good friends Jerry Cohen and Abner Kreisberg, in January 1975, Lot 609, where it was described: "Gem Uncirculated. Formerly in the collections of the famous St. Louis coin dealer B.G. Johnson and in the Col. Green collection. This is the first time we have ever had an error of this type in our QUALITY SALES. We know there are supposedly three other Cents struck in gold but none have been offered for many years. Valued by the consignor at close to \$10,000.00." The lot realized \$7750.00.

In the 14 exciting years since then, our coin "hobby" has become big business. As a consequence, prices have advanced markedly in virtually every area. We expect a record realization when this one is hammered down.



857 **1903. Mint State 65. 1925-D. Mint State 65.** Deep golden lustre on the 1903 and particularly flashy brightness on the 1925-D. A lovely pair to represent both modern types of American Quarter Eagles. Lot of 2 coins.

GEM PROOF 1910 QUARTER EAGLE



858 **1910. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Struck in the satin or "Roman Gold" finish found on Proofs of this year and 1909. A magnificent, premium quality example with lovely, rich coloring. Even under magnification, it is very difficult to find a single detracting mark. According to Mint records, a total of 682 Proof 1910 Quarter Eagles were struck. It is assumed that this figure is either incorrect or that a great majority of the original mintage was melted in 1910. Today, approximately 50 to 60 pieces are known with most of these grading between Proof 60 and Proof 64. As of March 1989, this is one of only three pieces graded as such by PCGS with none graded higher. An outstanding opportunity for the sophisticated collector.

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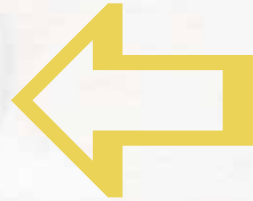
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Cents on Quarter Eagle Planchets

The Indian cent struck on a quarter eagle planchet. The year 1900 was listed by Pollock as P1990 because of the possibility that they were deliberately struck for collectors. The only problem with this is that 1900 is not the only date known. The illustrated 1906 piece was offered in Stacks June 2004 sale and Taxay lists 1907 and, also, 3 other years for Lincoln cents in his 1976 Comprehensive Catalog.



With regard to the 1900, 3 or 4 are believed to exist including the circulated 1993 ANA example and the PCGS MS 65 Col Green, Beck, Byers coin, which is illustrated above, and is believed to be the finest known for any of these. The earliest known purchase for one of these was the 1900 in the Dewitt Smith collection that was purchased by Virgil Brand in 1908 and entered into the Brand journals as item #46973.

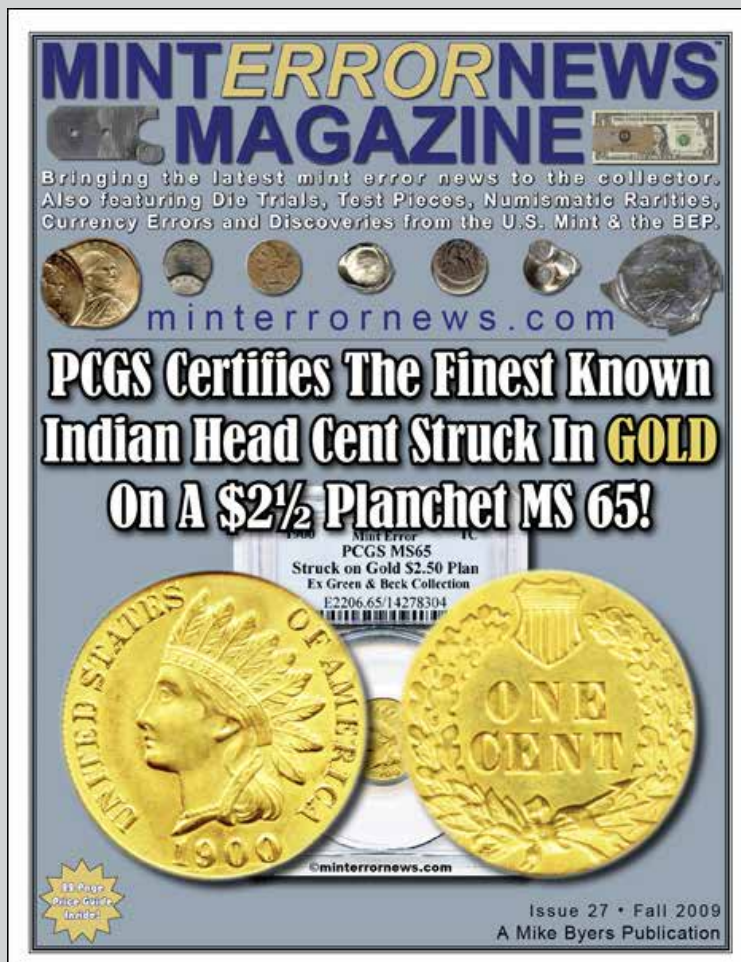
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Just Certified - PCGS Just Certified this Indian Head Cent Struck on a Gold \$2 1/2 Planchet MS 65.

Fred Weinberg also attended the 1975 Cohen-Kreisberg Auction of the Beck Collection and was the under-bidder on this coin. Because he is the mint error consultant and authenticator for PCGS, this coin was sent to him to authenticate. Upon examining this gold Indian Cent, Fred stated that "It's one of the most breathtaking mint errors to see in person, and one of the most famous and rare mint errors of all time. In my 40 year career of dealing in mint errors, it's one of a very few coins that I regret not buying when I had the opportunity. When it was delivered to me to authenticate for PCGS, it brought back the thrill and awe of examining it again, after 35 years. The combination of rarity, condition and pedigree makes this gold Indian Cent a world class mint error."

Today - This spectacular Gold Cent is featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine Issue 27.



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In the last few years, several U.S. Major Mint Errors have sold, both in public auction and via private treaty, anywhere from \$200,000 to close to \$400,000. Listed below are several of these including the prices realized.

A 1944 Steel Cent NGC MS 66 sold in a recent Heritage auction for \$373,750.

A 1915 Gold Pan Pac 50¢ NGC PF 64 just sold for \$345,000. in a different Heritage Auction.

A Gem Mint State Copper 1943 Cent sold for almost \$300,000. to a private collector.

A 1916 5¢ Doubled Die Obverse PCGS MS 64 sold for \$264,500. in a Heritage Auction.

A 1918/7-D 5¢ PCGS MS 65 just sold in a Heritage auction for \$253,000.

A 1943-D Copper Cent PCGS MS 64 sold for \$212,750. in a Goldberg Auction.

An 1859 Indian Cent Dual Obverse Mule PCGS MS62 sold for \$195,500. in a Heritage Auction.

Considering that quite a few mint errors are realizing six figures in today's market, it takes an absolutely spectacular mint error to claim the title of "world's most valuable." This rare and world-famous Gold Indian Cent, which was just authenticated and certified by PCGS as a Gem Mint State 65 with an exceptional pedigree, certainly meets the criteria for being the **world's most valuable mint error**. This Gold Cent sold for a world record price in 1975 and would certainly set another record if sold today.

This coin will be displayed at the Long Beach Coin Expos and the 2009 ANA National Money Show in Los Angeles. It is valued at and has been insured for a half-million dollars. Sorry, it is currently not for sale.

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PCGS Certifies Unique Set of **SPECIMEN** Silver Certificates



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by Mike Byers

For over thirty years, I have handled many unique rarities and new discoveries from the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. My rarities and discoveries have been featured on the front page of *Coin World* and numerous other publications including *CoinLink*, *Numismatic News*, *Mint Error News* and others. Some of these discoveries were numismatic rarities, unique mint errors, die trials, test pieces and U.S. currency errors. I'm proud to present my latest discovery, a complete set of unique Specimen Silver Certificates certified by PCGS. It was just purchased via private treaty and originated from The Bank of Poland.

Collectors and historians now have

the opportunity to view this previously unknown complete set of U.S. Specimen Silver Certificates. Fortunate collectors may acquire U.S. Specimen notes on current denominations when one occasionally surfaces. To obtain a complete set of previously unknown Specimen Silver Certificates, in superb preservation and certified by PCGS, is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the serious collector of historic rarities from the U.S. Mint or the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The U.S. Treasury Dept. has been very careful not to divulge the experimental development of U.S. Currency. One of the biggest insights into test notes or patterns, if you will apply a Numismatic term to U.S. paper money, was the discovery of the Giori Test Sheets the

Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) discarded that were recovered later at a landfill, as rumor has it.

These Test Sheets are mostly cut now. However, uncut sheets are desirable and they are very wonderful to study and examine because assay or test notes have either been destroyed or they are seldom displayed by the BEP.

Unlike U.S. currency, U.S. pattern coinage and test pieces have been bought and sold and in some cases traded by the U.S. Mint with collectors and have been avidly studied by Numismatists since 1792. In fact, the finest known 1792 Half Dimes (5 Cent Piece) was just sold for over 1.5 Million Dollars. This

PCGS Certifies Unique Set of SPECIMEN Silver Certificates

coin is one of the first test pieces struck by the U.S. Mint. The silver used to produce these test pieces came from George and Martha Washington's personal sterling silver set.

Small size Silver Certificates (Series 1935D the Narrow Margin variety) were printed on the old presses in 12 subject sheets. The new Giori paper presses printed 18 subject sheets and the 1935D series back or reverse design was modified into what is known as the Wide Margin variety. 1935D is the "transition" series silver certificate with the onset of the new Giori presses.

Billions of U.S. Dollars are overseas and the BEP made SPECIMEN notes for Foreign Banks to aid in the authentication of U.S. Paper Money abroad. This is not a new concept as "Currency Shields" were made during the 1860's for U.S. Banks to authenticate the new "Fractional" currency being made in America during a time when new notes not seen before were being quickly issued. These shields are very desirable and collectors buy

and sell the few that are available.

Specimen notes are extremely rare and very few are known to exist today. The 16 silver certificates which are pictured here are from The Bank of Poland. It is believed that these 16 notes were issued after the Giori Test period as The Bank of Poland was provided only with the before and after 1935D wide and narrow types and then all of the following issued Silver Certificates. This group represents the complete set of silver certificates issued by the United States after the Giori Press came into use.

Up until the discovery of this unique set, the only known Specimen Silver Certificate was a \$10 1934A North Africa Specimen Silver Certificate. It was recently featured in an auction. This Specimen was printed with no special serial number, the word SPECIMEN was punched into the note and not printed in red ink by the BEP nor is there a definitive or documented reason why it exists. This note was stained and very worn and was not authenticated or certified by a major grad-

ing service. It was valued at \$5,000 even considering the condition and lack of authenticity and documentation. The difference between this note and the discovery of these 16 Specimen Silver Certificates is that these were clearly presented to The Bank of Poland. This is evident by the serial numbers, quality of preservation, authentication by PCGS and it's presentation to the bank as a complete set of Specimen Silver Certificates.

The Silver Certificates featured in this unique set have the word SPECIMEN printed in red ink on both sides by the BEP. These notes are the only known Silver Certificates of this type in private hands. Every note has a solid non-zero serial number indicating it was legally issued. Specimen notes of solid zeros are subject to confiscation but Specimen notes with a serial number are not the subject of Government confiscation. Banks are not State owned and therefore their contents can be bought and sold. The Bank of Poland sold these notes which were originally obtained from the U.S. Government.

- **This set is Unique.**
- **Each note is Unique.**
- **No other specimen silver certificates are known to exist with SPECIMEN printed in red ink by the BEP.**
- **Each notes' serial number is known as a "ladder" as the serial numbers go up from 1 to 8.**
- **Each note is a major rarity.**
- **This is a unique discovery set of Specimen Silver Certificates that The Bank of Poland originally obtained from the U.S. Government.**

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1953 \$10 Specimen Silver Certificate - PCGS 66PPQ



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1953C \$5 Specimen Silver Certificate - PCGS 66PPQ



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1953B \$5 Specimen Silver Certificate - PCGS 67PPQ



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1935G \$1 No Motto Specimen Silver Certificate - PCGS 66PPQ



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The Only Known Certified Gold Die Cap

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This is the only known obverse or reverse die cap struck in gold. It was recently certified and authenticated by NGC. It is an English Half Sovereign dated 1824 of King George IV. This happens to be an extremely rare date in the English Half Sovereign series and is also in gem mint state condition.

After being struck, this gold coin adhered to the obverse die and became an obverse die cap. It subsequently struck several blank planchets, creating brockages on the obverse of each coin. The reverse design of this die cap expanded with each strike. As with any obverse die cap, the shape resembles a thimble or bottle cap depending on the number of strikes.

This unique gold obverse die cap has an incredible pedigree including Eliasberg. The Eliasberg coin collection is world famous and many records were set when it hit the auction block.

I consulted many of the recognized mint error experts and dealers and none of them had ever heard of another gold die cap. They were surprised that one even existed and thought it was fascinating that it was on such a rare English gold coin from the Eliasberg collection.



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PCGS Certifies 1806 \$5 Capped Bust Triple Struck Mint Error



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John Dannreuther is one of the founders and owners of PCGS. He is a well known professional numismatist, scholar, researcher, world class grader and has authored and co-authored many research books on coins. This 1806 \$5 Capped Bust to Right, Heraldic Eagle, Pointed 6, 8X5 Stars Gold Piece was actually struck four times. John Dannreuther's research and scans clearly illustrate the four strikes as this coin was struck off-center, rotated and then centered. With only six to ten pieces known of this rare die variety and considering that it is also struck four times, this discovery coin is a significant numismatic rarity. The following are his comments on the research he conducted regarding this discovery coin.

This is one of the rarest early gold varieties with an estimate of 6 to 10 known in my new book on early gold (covering the 205 known varieties of the three denominations from 1795 to the 1834 Motto coinage). This example is the earliest die state encountered and this fabulous error coin may explain the rarity of this early half eagle variety (Bass-Dannreuther 3, Miller 80, Breen unlisted). Both dies failed early with this variety, this unique obverse and reverse die pair's only use. This is unusual in the early half eagle series, as dies were used until they failed, sometimes paired with multiple dies to create several varieties. The BD-3 variety quickly developed the die crack that traverses from the edge through the top of the cap, meanders down through the head, and ends at the edge below the right side of the 0 of the date. On this error example only part of this eventually bisecting crack has developed, while neither the field break behind the head nor the crack from Star 6 through 8 to the rim have appeared. Thus, there seems to be a good explanation for the absence of these cracks on this coin.

It appears that this coin may have caused the cracks by stressing the dies! This coin first was struck in normal alignment about 10-15% off center. After this first strike it was rotated about 90 degrees and struck properly centered between the dies. It then appears to have been slightly rotated again and struck a third time. The fourth and final blow was in proper alignment, as well as centered, and results in an almost normal looking coin - at least at first glance.

Closer examination reveals the date at 9:00 on the obverse (second, and possibly a third, strike)



FOUR sets of stars (second, third, and fourth)

The first strike was off center so only a few left stars, but quite a few dentils



A mangle of lettering under UNITED on the reverse (second and third strikes)



The obverse die was in the lower position for this variety (this changed with the introduction of the 1806 Knobbed 6 half eagle later that year), so I believe the obverse and reverse dies of this coin were damaged with this striking, especially the obverse, which took a more severe blow. As noted, all examples of this very rare 1806 Pointed 6 (BD-3) variety seen until this point had the field break left of the head and the crack from S6-S8, so this coin is the likely culprit: Sherlock Holmes would arrest this coin!

It is the coin that “cracked” the dies. To find such an unusual coin of such a rare die variety is unusual, indeed!

Here is the excerpt from John Dannreuther's new book on this rare variety:

BD-3 1806 Pointed 6

Imperfect T Obverse, Leaf, R, and I Merged
Bass-Dannreuther 2-B

Estimated mintage 750-1,250 (64,093+ total for date)

‡ R-7 † † † † † † † 6-10 Known † †

1990-2005 Auction Appearances: 3

Key Identifiers: Pointed 6, S1 touches or nearly touches curl, broken left foot of T of LIBERTY (keys); reverse with leaf wedged between R & I of AMERICA (key), "ghost" arrows without points are misplaced, thus not completed.

Equivalents: HBCC-3098 (I:14294, State b)/3097 (I:Q-357, State c)/3102 (I:18275-HBRF, State d); PCGS 8090; Breen unlisted or 2-B (should be 2-C); Breen Encyclopedia 6447; Miller 80 (3-B); Adams 2; Clapp unlisted; Newcomer 69

Die States: State a, no clashing, no lapping, no cracks either side.

● State b, now with faint vertical crack on cap, another S-5 - S-8, another S9 - S13; reverse same.

● State c, another crack, S1 - S3; reverse same.

● State d, terminal, now with heavy crack edge - cap - hair - through o - edge, another edge - field between S6 & S7, connecting to crack or clashing behind head, although cracks seem to run along the clashing; reverse with some unknown injury, as this is first and only use.

Bass notebook: "OBV: Pointed 6. Close date, 1806, with top of 1 imbedded in curl. Tip of 6 overlies drapery. 0 leans to left! Large letters LIBERTY, T without bottom left serif. REV: Large letters, except for A's in AMERICA." For HBCC-3097, Mr. Bass noted: "Vertical crack in hat. REV: Large D and A." The comments for HBCC-3102 also were short: "Obverse crack; 2nd known specimen."

The core collection retained all three varieties of this very rare variety, each in different states of the dies. As Mr. Bass noted, this is the only 1806 obverse die that used the T without its left foot. Thus, undoubtedly this was the last obverse die created before the letter punch set was replaced with the slightly smaller size one used for the Knobbed 6 variety (BD-6). It is uncertain where this variety belongs in the emission sequence, but it has been placed here in deference to Edgar Adams who listed it as his variety 2. This coin may belong elsewhere, possibly even after BD-6, the available Knobbed 6 variety.

Miller thought this variety was unique, but Harry Bass owned three examples! There are likely only a few other examples of this super rarity out there, as Breen did not even list this variety in his monograph on half eagles! However, Adams and Newcomer both recorded this very rare die variety. Adams noted: "Die crack through '0'; Leaf of olive branch and bases of 'R' and 'I' united." One can see that no other 1806 variety fits these criteria, save this one.

Harry Bass rediscovered this variety in 1970 when he bought the Gaston DiBello coin in the Stack's sale of that collection. This coin earlier appeared in S.H. Chapman's Wilson sale in 1907, likely the example noted by Adams and possibly the Newcomer specimen.

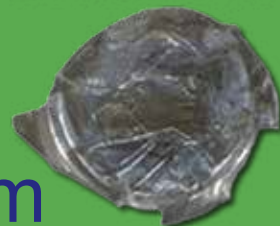
Another example appeared in the Bowers and Merena 12/2003 auction as Lot 2548, although no variety was noted in the catalog.

Since this was the only use of the obverse and reverse, we can surmise that the reverse suffered some injury like the obverse displays on HBCC-3102.



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Martha Washington Test Piece Struck on SBA Dollar Blank Planchet With Experimental Edge

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The U.S. Mint conducted metallurgical tests in 1999 on the golden colored manganese-clad planchets which would later be used for the Sacagawea Dollar.

For the first time, the U.S. Mint included representatives from Industry because the new Sacagawea Dollar would have to be completely interchangeable with the existing SBA Dollar. The electromagnetic fingerprint had to be identical. All of the metals combined changed the alloy's electromagnetic properties. Many tests were conducted including those at IDX Inc., Olin Brass and PMX Industries.

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In a Coin World article on July 16th, 2001, James Halsey, President of IDX Inc. was interviewed. IDX Inc. is one of the firms contracted by the U.S. Mint to test prototypes. Mr. Halsey said “numerous samples in different alloys bearing the Martha Washington obverse and Mt. Vernon reverse dies - special designs used for experimental coinage - were shipped to IDX Inc. for testing. Some of the packages were insured for as high as \$250,000, with the recipients required to return any and all pieces supplied by the Mint for tests.”

Two other firms under contract by the U.S. Mint include Olin Brass and PMX Industries. Both of these companies supply the U.S. Mint with the manganese-clad strips from which the Sacagawea Dollars are struck. Olin Brass is a leading U.S. copper alloy producer and is located in East Alton, Illinois. PMX Industries is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

According to a Coin World article in the June 24, 2002 issue, “anti-tarnish tests were conducted at the Philadelphia Mint on January 8, 2000, on

Sacagawea dollar blanks struck with the experimental Martha Washington obverse, Mount Vernon reverse experimental dies, according to Mint e-mails.” The article continued: “Seven processes were explored: one on circulation quality strikes, three on Uncirculated [Mint set] quality coins, and three on Proof quality strikes. The coins were struck on at least four different kinds of presses, with the blanks subjected to one of five burnishing methods.”

I discovered one of the three known Martha Washington Test Pieces struck on a Sacagawea Dollar blank planchet. It was certified by NGC as a dollar-sized test piece weighing 8.0 grams and was graded MS 66. It is listed as Judd #2185 on page 294 of eighth edition of United States Pattern Coins, Experimental and Trial Pieces.

This Martha Washington Test Piece struck on a clad SBA blank planchet was just discovered so obviously it is not listed in the 8th Edition of Judd, which photographs and lists other Martha Washington Test Pieces.



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Unique Pair of 1806 Draped Bust Quarters Obverse & Reverse Brockages

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These two mirror brockages of 1806 Draped Bust Quarters are spectacular and are among the rarest U.S. type errors that I have ever handled. I just purchased these from a old time mint error collection and was very pleased since it took months of negotiations to buy them. PCGS just certified them and I am proud to offer them for sale since they have not been available for decades.

They are unique and the only known brockages in the Bust Quarter Series (1796-1838). These are the earliest known brockages on any U.S. Silver denomination. The obverse brockage was matched to the reverse die of the 1806 B-2. The reverse brockage was matched to the obverse die of the 1806 B-1 (1806/5 overdate).

Fred Weinberg, the mint error authenticator for PCGS, examined and authenticated these two brockages. He stated that “this pair of 1806 Draped Bust Quarters is unique, spectacular, incredible and has not been seen in 25 years.”

For comparison purposes, although not in the same class as the two Draped Bust Quarter brockages, the only early U.S. Silver brockage that even comes close is a Cap Bust

Dime Brockage that sold for \$20,700 in the Bowers and Merena Auction of the Logan Collection. It subsequently graded VG at NGC and is being offered for considerably more. These two brockages are from an early and rarer series, are larger denominations, are graded considerably higher and are unique for the series.

There really is no U.S. early type coin mint error that compares to the rarity, status, importance and excitement of this unique pair of Draped Bust Quarter brockages.



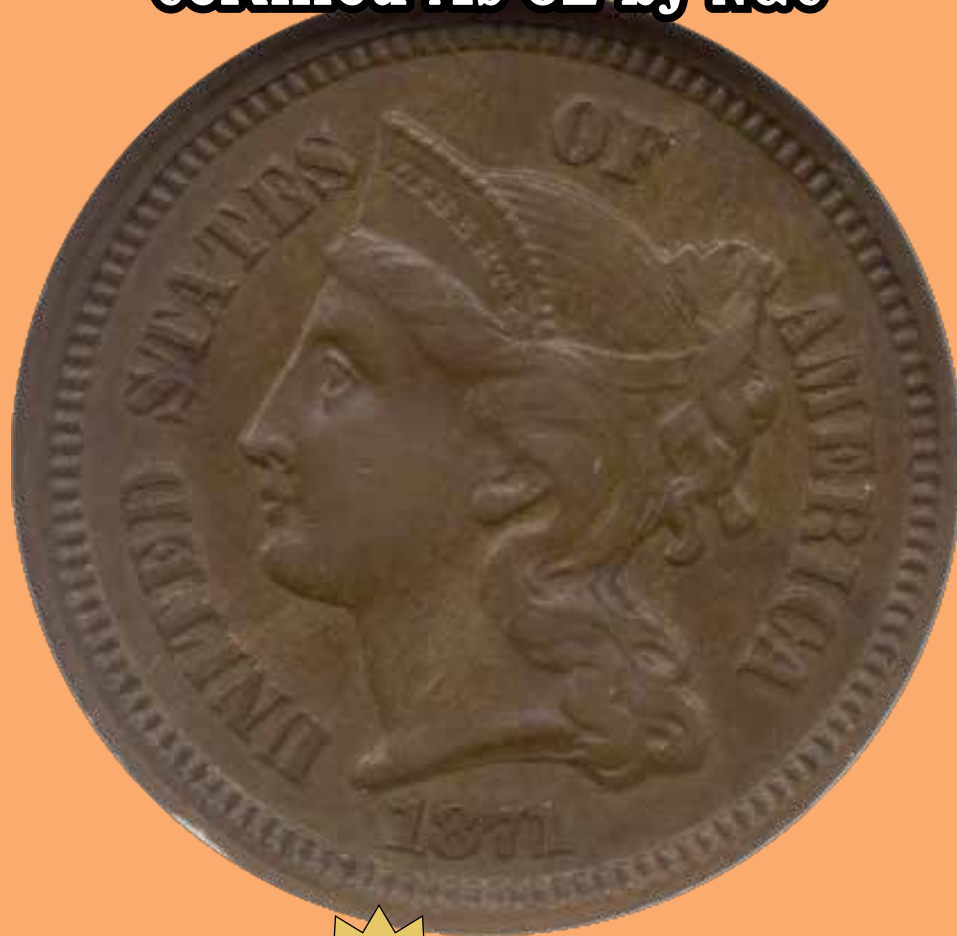


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Unique 3¢ Nickel Struck on 1¢ Stock

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This is the only known off-metal mint error in the 3¢ Nickel series.

Copper Cent stock that was intended for the production of Indian Head Cents was inadvertently punched to the size for 3¢ Nickels and was then struck by 3¢ dies. Unique.





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Spectacular 1859 Indian Head Cent Obverse Struck on an 1857 Seated Half Dime



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1859 Indian Head Cent Obverse Struck on an 1857 Seated Half Dime

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This is one of the most dramatic and unique major mint errors ever discovered and has been well known in the numismatic community for decades.

It is an Indian Head Cent double denomination with different dates. An 1859 Indian Head Cent was struck over an 1857 Seated Half Dime.

This mint error may have been deliberately made. Only the obverse of an 1859 Indian Head Cent Die was used. It was struck over the obverse of the 1857 Half Dime. The reverse of the Half Dime is slightly spread out since the most likely scenario was that this Half Dime was placed on top of an Indian Cent blank planchet prior to being struck by the obverse Indian Cent die.

This mint error ranks at the top of the list of the most spectacular mint errors of all time.





PCGS Certifies Unique Jefferson Nickel Die Trial

by Mike Byers



This recently discovered and certified Jefferson Nickel Reverse Die Trial is unique and also the only known die trial for the entire Jefferson Nickel series.

It is a reverse die trial of a design for the Monticello that was not adopted. It was struck in copper with a diameter of .854 inches and the weight is 109.4 grains.

This die trial was designed by Anthony De Francisci, who also designed the Peace Dollar which replaced the Morgan Dollar in 1921. De Francisci's models including this reverse design are in the Smithsonian and were donated by Teresa De Francisci.

This recent discovery was unknown to the numismatic community and is not listed in Judd, Pollock nor any other numismatic reference book. It was discovered in an estate including coins and other numismatic items. I immediately purchased this die trial from another dealer upon certification by PCGS. Uspatterns.com has given this piece the designation of JC1938-1.

I am proud to share this unique discovery with the readers of Mint Error News Magazine.



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Chile 10 Pesos Double Struck on Feeder Finger

by Mike Byers



This unbelievable Mint Error is the cover story. It is a 1998 Chile 10 Pesos double struck on the actual feeder finger!! This is one of the most incredible and spectacular Major Mint Errors that has ever surfaced.

After reading about the U.S. Coins struck on feeder finger tips, one can appreciate this piece even more because it is completely intact and did not break off.

Bill Snyder of worlderrors.com sent an e-mail to me after visiting minterrornews.com. He is a collector of world errors and read about the group of U.S. Coins struck on feeder finger tips. He asked me if we would feature this amazing feeder finger error. After several conversations, I finally convinced Bill to part with his prized possession and was lucky enough to purchase it on the spot. I am not going to sell it, but since it is too incredible to keep secret and locked in my safe, both Bill and I are proud to share it with the readers of Mint Error News.



This 10 Pesos design was struck at the Santiago Mint in Chile from 1990 thru 1998. A regular piece has a composition of Nickel/Brass.

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This price guide is brought to you by Mint Error News. It has been compiled by many of the top major mint error dealers.

This price guide is a guide. Prices fluctuate due to the date, grade, eye appeal and how dramatic the striking error is. Rarity is also a factor. The price is sometimes based on the rarity and grade of the type of coin as well as how rare the error is. The price can also vary depending on whether two collectors are bidding for the same rare major mint error. When purchasing a mint error, it is important to use multiple resources to determine value, as there are many mint errors that do not fit into one category.

Proof Errors (Updated May 2023)



Proof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined, and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes in collars and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

Denomination	Broadstrikes	Die Trials	Double/Triple Strikes	Off-Center Strikes	Partial Collar Errors
Proof Lincoln Cent	\$1,000 - \$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$2,000 - \$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,000 - \$5,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$2,000 - \$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$2,500 - \$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$1,500
Proof Clad Half	\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	\$4,000 - \$10,000	-	\$25,000	-	\$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

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Broadstrikes (Updated May 2023)



A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is struck without the collar to form the rim and edge that is part of the shape of the coin. Coins can be broadstruck on either type one or type two planchets. When a coin is broadstruck the blank being fed into the collar will spread and distort outward as it is being struck because the collar isn't in the correct position to retain it.

Denomination	(Small) XF/AU	(Small) Unc	(Large) XF/AU	(Large) Unc
Large Cent	\$150	\$300	\$400	\$1,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$50	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$250
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$100	\$75	\$200
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500
3 Cent Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$400	\$1,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Shield Nickel	\$400	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Liberty Nickel	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$600
Buffalo Nickel	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$2,500	N/A	\$4,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$3,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$600	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
Washington Quarter Silver	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	\$25	N/A	\$50
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$4,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
Franklin Half	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$300
Kennedy Half Clad	\$40	\$60	\$50	\$75
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$5,000	N/A	\$7,000
Morgan Dollar	\$200	\$500	\$400	\$1,000
Peace Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$200
SBA Dollar	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$1,000
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500

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Partial Collars (Updated May 2023)



Partial collar strikes occur when there is a malfunction of the striking press. This causes the collar to be in an incorrect position. The lower die (usually the reverse die) is recessed in the collar. This allows the coin which is going to be struck to have a formed rim. After a coin is struck the lower die raises upwards, pushing the struck coin out of the collar and ejecting it. If a blank entering the collar is not properly seated, it will only have partial reeding as it is struck. The edge of this coin will have a partial reeding and a partial blank surface area. Recently, the Mint has installed new machinery where either die can be installed in either position.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$100	\$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$500	\$1,500
Indian Cent	\$35	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$30	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$25	\$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750
3 Cent Nickel	\$150	\$500
3 Cent Silver	\$250	\$750
Shield Nickel	\$200	\$600
Liberty Nickel	\$50	\$150
Buffalo Nickel	\$50	\$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$40	\$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$750	\$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,250
Barber Dime	\$75	\$150
Mercury Dime	\$30	\$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$1,250
Barber Quarter	\$300	\$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$40	\$75
State Quarter	N/A	\$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$1,500
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$1,500	\$3,500
Franklin Half	\$500	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$50	\$100
Kennedy Half Clad	\$20	\$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$150	\$300
Peace Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	\$50	\$100
SBA Dollar	\$20	\$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$100
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$3	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$5 Indian	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$10 Liberty	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$10 Indian	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$20 Liberty Type 3	\$10,000	\$12,500

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Uniface Strikes (Updated May 2023)



Uniface coins occur when there have been two blank planchets in the press at the same time. The other blank will obstruct the die on either the obverse or reverse side, which will prevent it from having that design on the coin. There are many different variations involving uniface errors. In addition to having a 100% blank obverse or reverse, a coin can be struck off-center, with a blank planchet in the collar which will obstruct one side of the off-center. There are also mated pairs which have a combination of multiple errors which can include a side which is uniface. Finally, there are uniface strikes due to a die cap which adhered to the die, forming itself in the shape of a die and striking blank planchets.

Denomination	Uniface Obverse XF	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
Large Cent	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$750	\$3,000	\$700	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$250	\$500	\$200	\$400
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$50	\$100	\$40	\$75
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
Shield Nickel	\$1,750	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$300	\$750	\$250	\$500
Jefferson Nickel	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40
Barber Dime	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$500	\$750	\$500	\$1,250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$40	\$75	\$35	\$60
Washington Quarter Silver	\$400	\$750	\$350	\$500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,000	\$500	\$750
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000	N/A	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	\$500	\$1,000	N/A	\$750
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,500	N/A	\$1,000

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Bonded Coins

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Bonded coins occur when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin will land on top of the previously unejected strike. These coins will then crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets	5-10 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$5,000	\$15,000	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$600	\$2,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$6,000 - \$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$12,500	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,500	\$5,000	–
Washington Quarter Silver	\$7,500	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,000	–	–
State Quarter	\$5,000	–	–
Kennedy Half Silver	\$12,500	–	–
Kennedy Half Clad	\$10,000	–	–
IKE Dollar	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	–	–
Sac Dollar	\$12,500	–	–

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Struck Fragments

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The blanking press takes the coils of metal strips and punches blanks out of it, ejecting the webbing at the other end. The webbing is cut into small scrap pieces to be melted and recycled. Occasionally a scrap piece will be mixed with the blank planchets and struck by the dies. Struck fragments are rare in the larger denominations. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$750	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$3,000	\$3,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$100	\$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$500	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$150	\$250
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,250	\$1,500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$200	\$300
State Quarter	\$750	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,250
IKE Dollar	\$4,000	\$6,000
SBA Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000
Sac Dollar	\$4,000	\$7,500

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Mated Pairs (Updated May 2023)



Mated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped when one of the coins is struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin was perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies were capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year. One of the most spectacular mated pairs involve two Barber Dimes, an obverse die cap mated to a reverse die cap and are unique.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half which was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This pair was then struck together. It is unique.

Denomination	Overlapping	Full Brockage	Die Cap	2 Die Caps
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$1,250
Liberty Nickel	–	\$20,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	–	–	–	\$15,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500
Barber Dime	–	–	–	\$50,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$5,000	–	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	–
Kennedy Half Silver	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$20,000	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	\$12,500	–	–
Sac Dollar	\$10,000	\$12,500	–	–

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Transitional Errors (Updated May 2023)



A transitional error occurs when a coin is struck on a planchet from a previous year with different metal composition. The most famous transitional is a 1943 copper cent struck on a 1942 copper blank. 1943 cents were struck in steel because of the copper shortage during World War II. Other famous transitionals include 1965 coinage struck in silver instead of clad.

There are also transitionals struck on blanks for the next year. An example is 1964 coinage in clad instead of silver. Most recently, transitionals were discovered involving the SBA and Sacagawea Dollars of 1999 and 2000. There are eight known 1999 SBA Dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea Dollar, and four known 2000 Sacagawea Dollars struck on a clad planchet for the 1999 SBA Dollar.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$9,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000

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U.S. Gold Errors (Updated May 2023)



Major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for \$15,000 to \$30,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under \$10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection.

The prices listed here are for common dates in AU-Unc. Better dates and errors that are in gem condition are worth considerably more.

Denomination	Partial Collar	Broadstruck	Clipped Planchet	3% - 5% Off-Center	10% - 15% Off-Center
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$35,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$17,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$12,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$30,000	\$50,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
\$10 Indian	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
\$20 Liberty	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$7,500	\$50,000	\$125,000
\$20 St. Gaudens	—	—	\$5,000	—	—
\$5 American Eagle	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$3,500
\$10 American Eagle	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
\$25 American Eagle	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$50 American Eagle	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

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Indents (Updated May 2023)



An indent error occurs when two blanks are fed inadvertently into the same collar, with one blank partly overlaying on top of the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper blank will be forced into the lower blank, creating a depression which is shaped similar to the upper blank. A scarce type of indent occurs when a blank intended for one denomination lands on top of a blank from a different denomination.

Denomination	10% - 25% XF	30% - 50% XF	10% - 25% Unc	30% - 50% Unc
Large Cent	\$300	\$600	\$750	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$250	\$500	\$400	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$100	\$300	\$175	\$500
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$30	\$75	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$3,000
Shield Nickel	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$400	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$300	\$1,000	\$600	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$200	\$400	\$400	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$30
Barber Dime	\$500	\$1,000	\$750	\$2,000
Mercury Dime	\$300	\$750	\$500	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$30	\$60	\$50	\$100
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$10	\$20	\$15	\$30
Washington Quarter Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$300
Washington Quarter Clad	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$350
Kennedy Half Clad	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$400
IKE Dollar	\$350	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

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Die Caps (Updated May 2023)



Die caps are caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	\$25,000	\$50,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1859	\$20,000	\$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$15,000	\$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$15,000	\$30,000	–	–
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	–	–	–	–
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$150	\$200	\$50	\$100
2 Cent Piece	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
3 Cent Nickel	–	–	–	–
Shield Nickel	–	–	–	–
Liberty Nickel	\$12,500	\$25,000	–	–
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	–	\$30,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$10,000	–	–	–
Jefferson Nickel	\$200	\$350	\$150	\$250
Barber Dime	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	\$5,000	\$7,500	–	–
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$750	\$1,250	\$500	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$200	\$400	\$200	\$250
Barber Quarter	\$20,000	\$50,000	–	–
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$350	\$750	\$250	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$600
Kennedy Half Silver	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	–	\$30,000	–	–
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$10,000	N/A	\$5,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$10,000	N/A	\$5,000

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Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated May 2023)



Die adjustment strikes are also known as die trials. This error occurs when a coin is struck from the press with very little pressure. When the press is being set up and adjusted, extremely weak strikes occur as the strike pressure reaches its optimum level. These die trials are destroyed after being struck and are rarely found in circulation.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ear	\$200	\$300
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$750	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$50	\$75
2 Cent	\$5,000	—
Liberty Nickel	\$3,000	\$5,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$1,250	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$75	\$100
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$4,000
Barber Dime	\$2,500	\$3,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$350	\$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$125
Seated Quarter	\$2,500	\$5,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$7,500	\$15,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	\$125	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	\$200
Walking Liberty Half	\$2,500	\$5,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$500	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	\$200	\$250
Proof Kennedy Half 40% Silver	N/A	\$5,000
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$4,000
Morgan Dollar	\$2,000	\$5,000
Peace Dollar	\$2,000	\$5,000
IKE Dollar	\$300	\$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	\$350	\$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,000

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Double Denominations (Updated May 2023)



One of the most expensive, popular, and desired types of errors are the double denominations. This error happens when a coin is struck on a previously struck coin of a smaller denomination. Examples are a cent on a struck dime, and a nickel on a struck cent. The most dramatic are those with considerable design visible from the original strike. There are a few known double denominations with different dates.

Denomination	Struck On	Circulated	AU	Unc
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Mercury Dime	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Clad	N/A	N/A	\$750
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Foreign Coin	N/A	\$600	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Memorial	N/A	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel	Foreign Coin	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	Roosevelt Dime	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Coin	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Coin	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Foreign Coin	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Jefferson Nickel	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Clad	Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
State Quarter	Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	\$10,000	\$12,500
Franklin Half	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	\$3,000	\$4,000

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Brockages (Updated May 2023)



A brockage error can only occur when there are two coins involved. One of the coins involved will always be a struck coin which has not ejected properly. That struck coin will find its way back between the dies and will be struck next to a blank planchet which was fed into the collar. The image of that first struck coin will be impressed into that side of the blank planchet. The result will be a second coin which has images of the first coin impressed into it. Those images will be pressed into the coin and the image will be in reverse. This incuse sunken image is known as a brockage.

Denomination	50% Brockage XF	100% Brockage XF	50% Brockage Unc	100% Brockage Unc
Large Cent	\$600	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$10,000
Indian Cent	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$350	\$500	\$650	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$125	\$200	\$200	\$350
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
3 Cent Silver	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$4,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$12,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$75	\$50	\$150
Barber Dime	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$12,500
Mercury Dime	\$750	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$75	\$150	\$150	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$750	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	N/A	\$650	\$1,500
IKE Dollar	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$5,000

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Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated May 2023)



When a blank planchet is struck by the dies, the normal procedure is for the feeders to eject the struck coin out of the collar and into a chute. If there is a malfunction and the struck coin isn't ejected, it may receive a second or third strike by the dies. A multiple struck coin can happen in many ways and have many combinations of errors.

(Since each double and multiple strike can vary from being 10% off-center to 90% off-center, the prices listed below can be substantially more based on the percent off-center and dramatic overall look.)

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$1,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$600	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$850	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$400	\$1,500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$4,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500
Liberty Nickel	\$4,000	\$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$5,000	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$750	\$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$5,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$6,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$10,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	\$6,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$750
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$10,000	\$25,000
Peace Dollar	\$15,000	\$25,000
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000 - \$7,500
SBA Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500 – \$4,000
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,250 – \$2,500

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Off-Center Strikes (Updated May 2023)



Off-center coins are one of the most common and best known types of errors. This happens when a blank which is supposed to be fed into the press, lands in the collar improperly. When this occurs only part of the blank is between the upper and lower dies. When the dies strike the blank, only that part will be struck with a design.

Denomination	10% - 15% XF/AU	25% - 60% XF/AU	10% - 15% Unc	25% - 60% Unc
Large Cent	\$400	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$10,000
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$30,000
Indian Cent	\$100	\$400	\$200	\$600
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$75	\$300	\$150	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$250	\$100	\$500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$3,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$300	\$1,500	\$600	\$3,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	\$750	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$7,500
Liberty Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$250	\$750	\$400	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$500	\$200	\$1,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	N/A	\$2,000	\$5,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$15,000
Seated Dime Legend	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$10,000
Barber Dime	\$300	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$100	\$750	\$150	\$1,250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	N/A	\$2,500	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$75	\$300
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$3,000	\$6,000
Barber Half	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$20,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$4,000	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Franklin Half	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$7,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$100	\$500	\$250	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$60	\$250	\$100	\$400
Proof Clad Half	N/A	N/A	\$4,000	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$75,000
Peace Dollar	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
IKE Dollar	\$125	\$1,250	\$150	\$2,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$3,500
Presidential Dollar	–	–	\$1,500	\$5,000

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Off-Metals (Updated May 2023)



Off-metal and wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank from one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. Examples are a nickel struck on a cent planchet and a cent struck on a dime planchet. The coin struck on an incorrect blank will weigh exactly what the denomination of that blank would have been. An even more dramatic wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a previously struck coin of a different metal.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Indian Cent	Foreign Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	\$750	\$2,000	\$4,000	–
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$250,000	\$400,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	–	–
Shield Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
Liberty Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$400	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Liberty Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Buffalo Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	–
Buffalo Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
Jefferson Nickel Before 1950	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel 1950 and Later	Cent Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$250
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Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
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Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Cent Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Silver	Nickel Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600
Washington Quarter Clad	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500

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Off-Metals (Updated May 2023)

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Washington Quarter Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
Washington Quarter	Silver Dime Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$650
Washington Quarter	Clad Dime Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
State Quarter	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,000
Delaware State Quarter	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$500	\$650	\$750
All Other State Quarters	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
State Quarter	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
Walking Half	Dime Planchet	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	\$17,500	\$22,500	\$40,000	\$35,000
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	Cent Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Nickel Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Dime Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,500
Franklin Half	Quarter Planchet	\$600	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Nickel Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Dime Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Quarter Planchet	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	Cent Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Clad	Dime Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,400
Kennedy Half Clad	Quarter Planchet	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$3,000
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$600	\$850	\$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

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Counterbrockages

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A counterbrockage error involves a cap die and a previously struck coin. When a cap die strikes a previously struck coin, the obverse design from that struck coin will be impressed into the cap. The result will be a design where the cap face will be an incuse brockage. When a new blank is struck by this cap die with an incuse brockage image, the obverse will have a raised and spread image from that incuse design of the cap. This brockage impression is known as a counterbrockage.

Denomination	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc - Gem
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$500	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$40	\$50	\$75	\$100
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$7,500
Liberty Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200
Barber Dime	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$300	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$150	\$250	\$300
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
State Quarter	N/A	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000

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Fold-Over Strikes (Updated May 2023)



A fold-over coin is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when the blank is standing vertically between the dies. During the strike, the force is so great that it bends and folds the blank. These fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs with multiple errors, either with an additional strike or fold-over. Denominations above quarters are very scarce.

Denomination	AU	AU Dated	Unc	Unc Dated
Lincoln Cent Memorial Copper	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial Zinc	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,250
Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Washington Quarter Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
State Quarter	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500

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Martha Washington Test Pieces (Updated May 2023)



There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, “the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper.”

Mike Byers’ discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000.

Denomination	Unc	Choice	Gem
Martha Cent	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Martha Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
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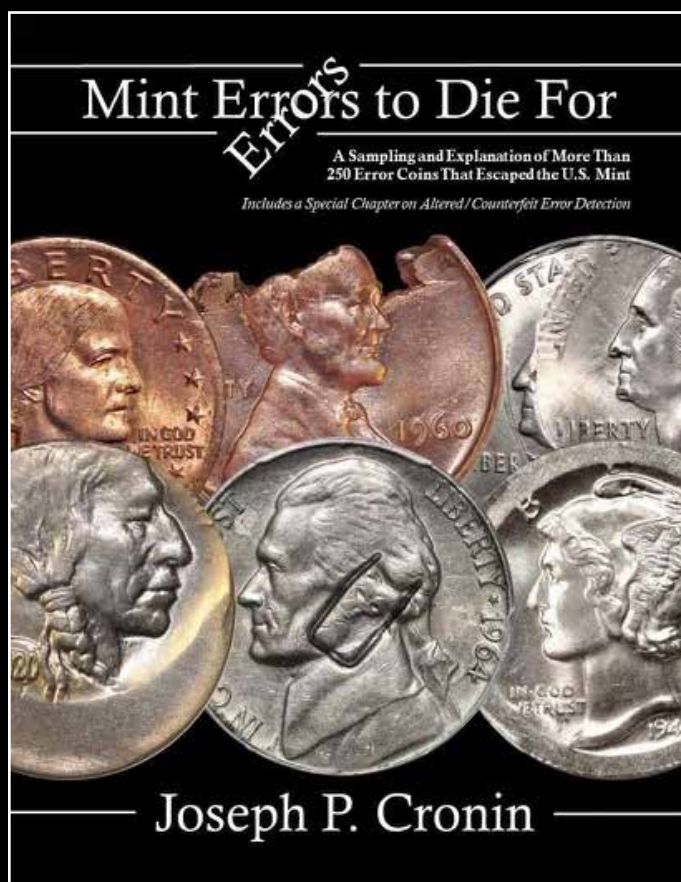
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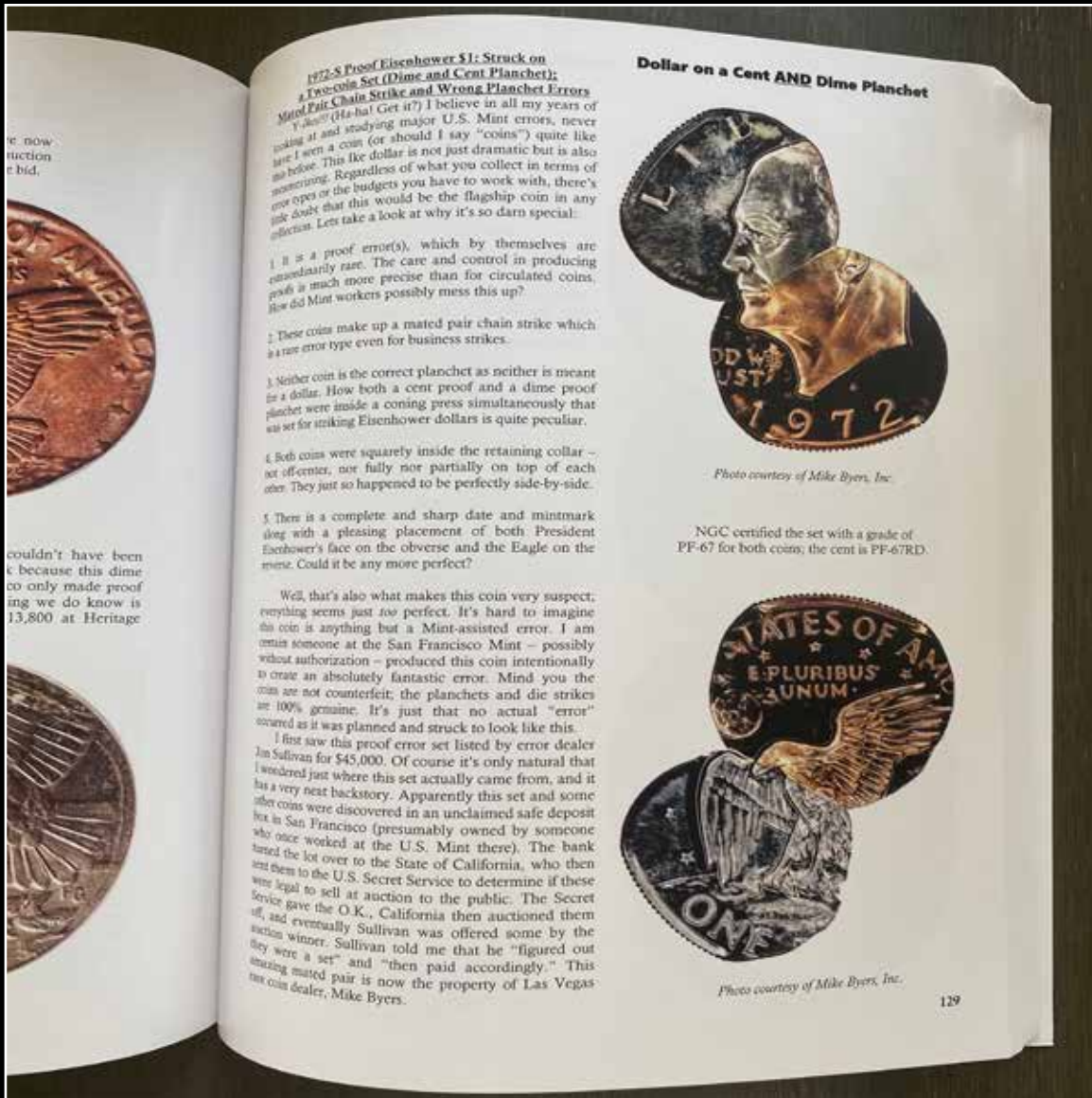


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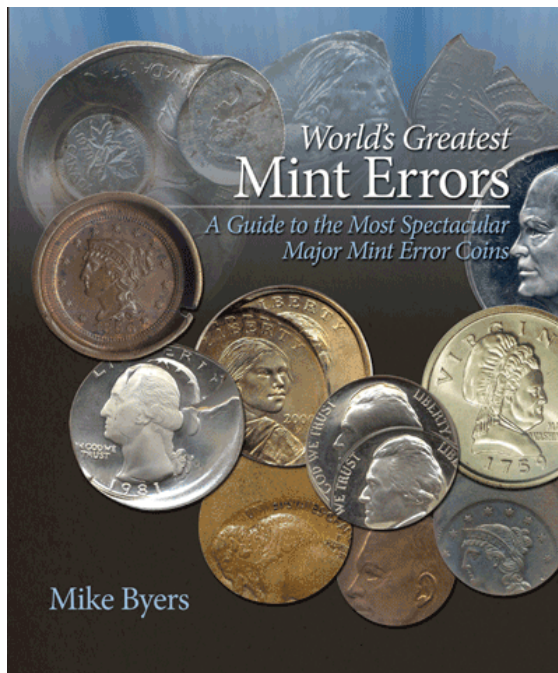


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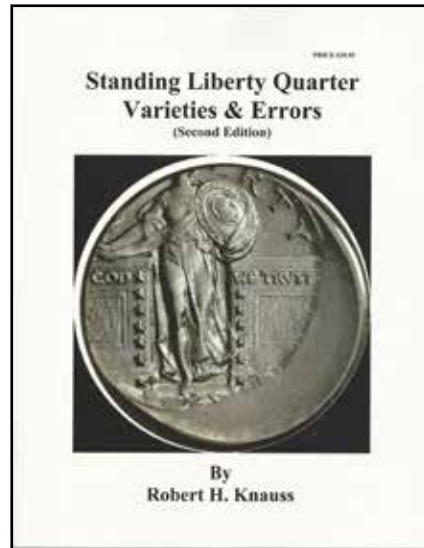
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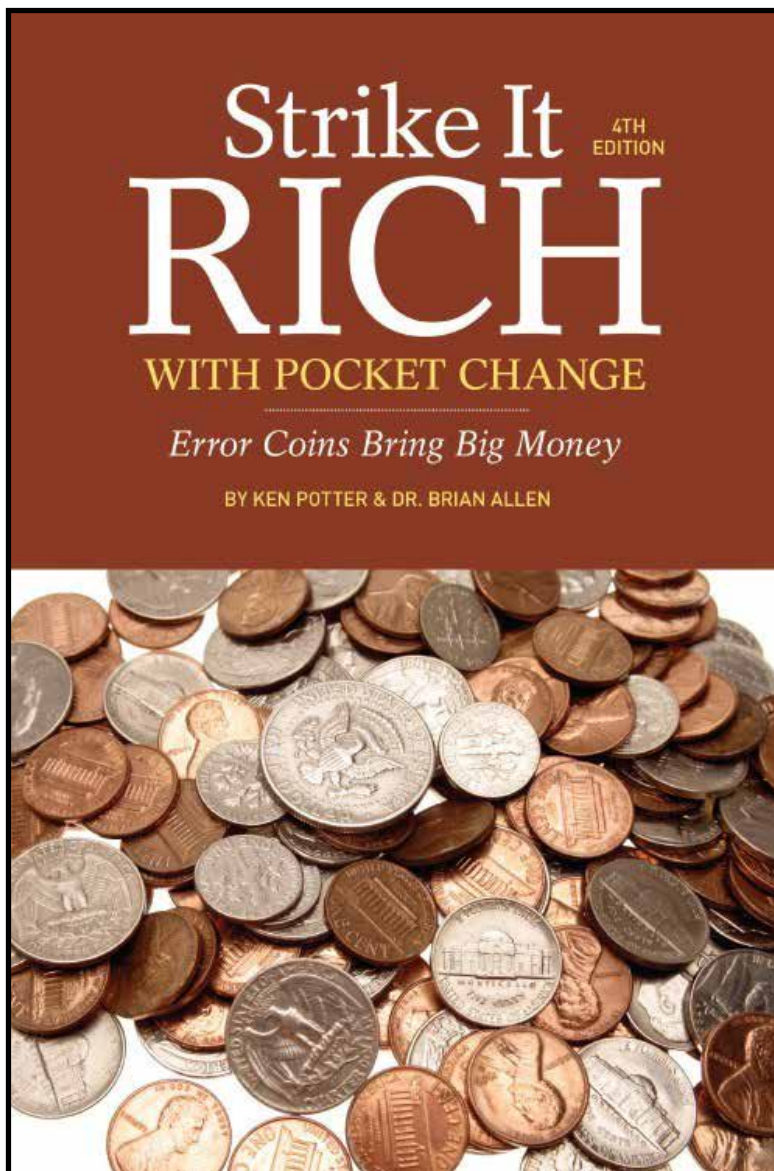
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