

1792: Birth of a Nation's Coinage

Addenda – Revised 8-16-2017

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The Addenda includes the following:

1. Material cut from the manuscript because of space limitations.
2. Listings of new coins reported since publication.
3. Changes in pedigrees since publication including catalogs found on the Newman Numismatic Portal.
4. Corrections and comments suggested by readers.
5. Whatever else we choose to include.

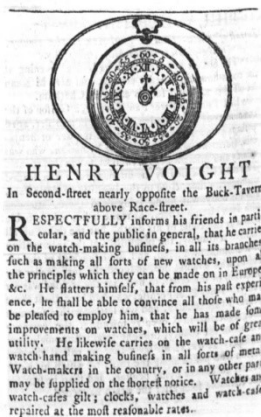
Chapter 1

An article by David McCarthy in the August 2017 issue of *The Numismatist* identified the “plain obverse” Quint (type 2) as the first American Coin. He quoted Robert

Morris writing on April 2, 1783, “I sent for Mr. Dudley who delivered me a piece of silver coin, being the first that has been struck as an American coin.”¹

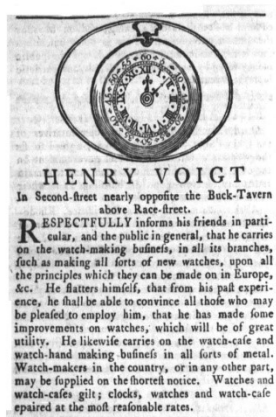
Chapter 5

How did Henry Voigt / Voight spell his name? Perhaps the answer can be found with the ads he ran in the *Freeman's Journal*.



HENRY VOIGHT
In Second-street nearly opposite the Buck-Tavern above Race-street.
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends in particular, and the public in general, that he carries on the watch-making business, in all its branches, such as making all sorts of new watches, upon all the principles which they can be made on in Europe, &c. He flatters himself, that from his past experience, he shall be able to convince all those who may be pleased to employ him, that he has made some improvements on watches, which will be of great utility. He likewise carries on the watch-case and watch-hand making business in all sorts of metal. Watch-makers in the country, or in any other part, may be supplied on the shortest notice. Watches and watch-cases gilt; clocks, watches and watch-cases repaired at the most reasonable rates.

Ad May 13, 1789



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Ad September 9, 1789

What was the name of Voigt's wife?

A death notice was published in the (Philadelphia) Public Ledger of October 31, 1838.

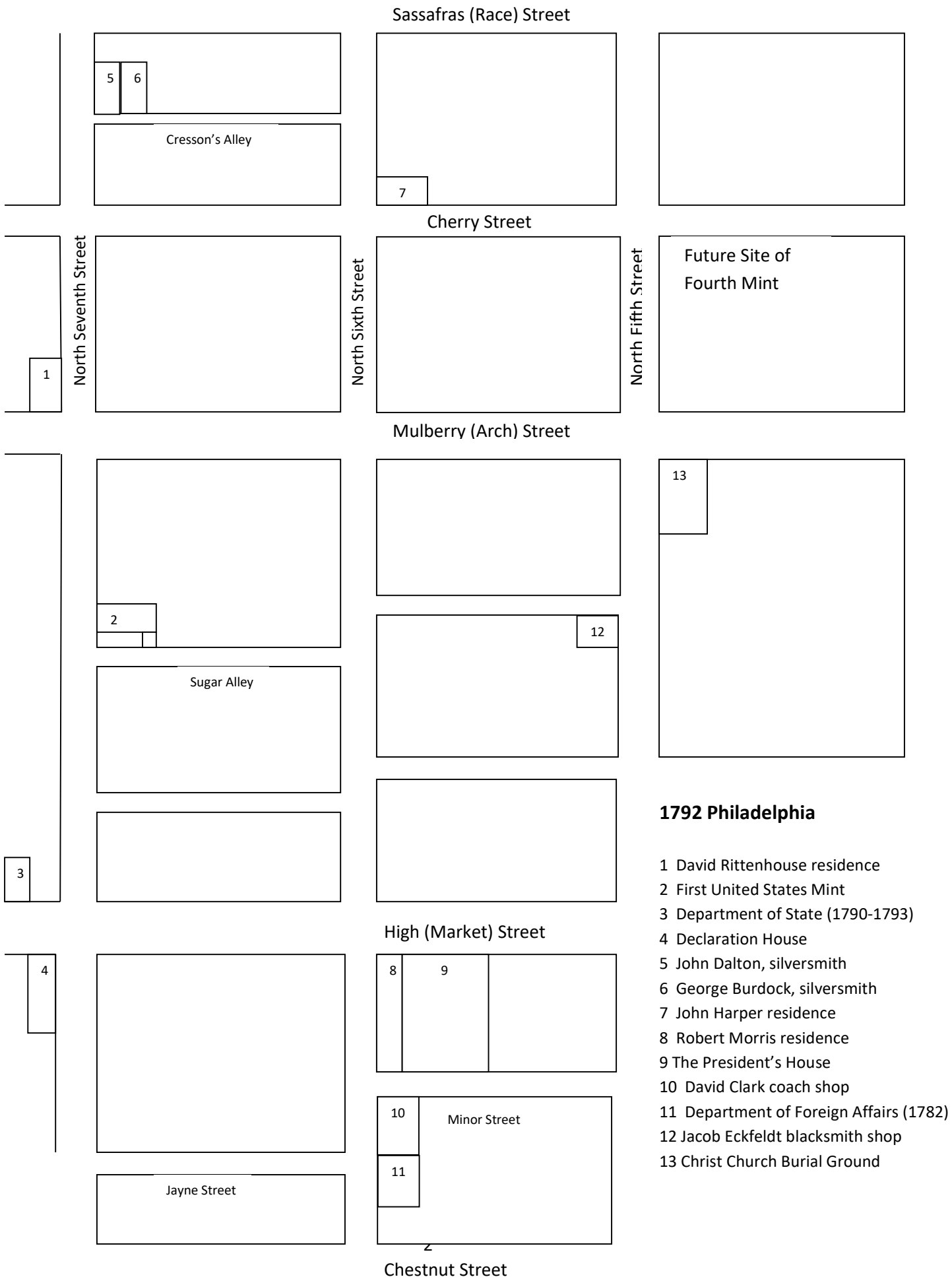
“Died, On the 29th inst. Mrs. Maragaret Voigt, in the 87th year of her age, widow of Henry Voigt, late Chief Coiner in the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.”



While doing research on Voigt, this image was found on a United States commercial website. The caption indicates that it is a picture of Henry Voigt. It has been copied to other websites as an example of colonial era coining methods.

The picture is also found on a site for King John's Castle in Limerick, Ireland, related to thirteenth century coinage in Ireland. The source for the image is not identified, but it is appropriate for that era.

The map on the following page was produced as an illustration for BOANC but not used.



Chapter 7

Page 135 William Eckberg contributed an article to the June, 2017, issue of *The Numismatist*. He demonstrated that a hub was used to prepare the die for the 1792

disme patterns and that the same hub was used to produce two dies for the 1793 half cents. He attributes the hub and these dies to the hand of Henry Voigt.

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Chapter 8

Page 152 Coin 65-1 [Cleneay]

Extended Pedigree:
Thomas Cleneay (1809-1887);
S. H. & H. Chapman 12/13/1890, lot 1627 (Plate VII) \$28.50;
John Story Jenks;
Henry Chapman 12/7/1921, lot 5568 (Plate) \$ 92.50;
H. E. Rawson;
B. Max Mehl 12/22/1922, lot 318 \$60.
Virgil M. Brand (journal 125168)

From 1989 until 2016, the coin was in a PCGS holder that obscured the edge making plate matching difficult. The 2017 plate showed that the eagle had been shot in the chest, or had a center dot not previously seen.

Previously offered by Heritage 8/12/2015 as lot 3977, did not meet reserve. Certified as PCGS MS-65 11020.65/06174822 [Certified 5/30/1989]. Certified as PCGS MS-66 11020.66/81936443.

Offered by Heritage at 2017 FUN 1/5/2017, lot. 5563 @ (\$420,000 hammer) \$493,500.

Page 153 Coin 65-2, the Garrett coin, offered on eBay in 2016 at \$729,800. Offered on eBay in January 2017 at \$682,500. Concurrently offered on Collectors Corner by Rare Coin Wholesalers at \$650,000, reduced to \$595,000. Concurrently on Rare Coin Wholesalers website at \$595,000. Offered on eBay in April to July 2017 @ \$624,800.

Page 155 Coin 64-5 [Bartlett]

NGC MS-64 1848581-001 [certified 5/9/2006] active in April 2017. PCGS MS-64 11020.64/27259563 [certified 2/12/2013] also active in April 2017.

Page 156 Coin 64-6 [Madison / Pogue]

Offered on eBay in June, 2017 @ \$452,400 by David Lawrence Rare Coins, about \$100,000 less than when offered on eBay by DLRC two years earlier. Listing ended 7/1/2017.

Page 156 Coin 63-1

Add to pedigree:
Henry Chapman 12/7/1921, lot 6059.

Page 157 Coin 62-1

The reverse photo was incorrectly a reuse of the reverse from coin 63-1. Below is the correct photo.



Page 157 Coin 61-1

Certified NGC MS-61 1774572-001. [Certified 10/28/2004]

Page 157 Coin 61-2

Add recent sale: Heritage 8/2/2017, lot 3918 (\$125,000 hammer) \$146,875. Seen by author (PS) on 8/1/2017 during lot viewing.

Page 158 Coin UN-3 [Woodward 1867:1399]

Pedigree: Bertsch collection; William E. Woodward March 20, 1865, lot 2864 @ \$40; Francis S. Hoffman; William E. Woodward April 24-27, 1866, lot 2151 @ \$12; to Woodward; William E. Woodward April 18, 1867, lot 1399 @ \$25.25.

Described in 1865: "A splendid proof, a finer piece is not known."

Described in 1866: "splendid proof impression, the best offered at public sale, exceedingly rare in this condition."

Described in 1867: "In perfect uncirculated, nearly proof condition, believed to be the finest known, purchased in one of my sales by Mr. Hoffman for \$40."

Page 159 Coin UN-6 [Chapman 1885:1082]

The 1885 catalog shows an obverse plate only. The coin has a stain through the hair behind the eye. This is not seen on any modern coin image. If the coin was

cleaned, it could not be matched with the Chapman plate.

The coin was described with “a plush-lined Russia leather case.” This has also not been seen in recent sales.

Page 159 Coin UN-7 [New York Stamp & Coin 1890:2097]

The 1890 image is good quality with distinct features. It does not match any other known specimen.

Page 160 Coin 58-2

Add to pedigree:
Stack’s 8/24/1976, lot 543 @ \$4,250;
Stack’s 3/17/1978, lot 941 @ \$6,000.

Page 163 Coin 50-1

Add to pedigree:
New Netherlands 4/13/1951, lot 781 XF @ \$102.50.

Page 165 Coin 50-8

Offered by Kagin’s Auctions 3/9/2017, lot 1143, [\$117,500 hammer] \$138,062.50. Described as “20th finest known example.” It ranks among the 33rd to 43rd examples in the BOANC Census. NGC and PCGS list 59 finer examples.

After the auction, in April to July, 2017, offered on eBay by Eagle Eye Rare Coins for \$164,300. On Eagle Eye website @ \$155,000.

Page 167 Coin 40-5 Offered on eBay January to July 2017 by Tangible Investments for \$72,500. Seen by author (PS) On 8-4-17.

Page 168 Coin 40-7

Add to pedigree:
Stack’s 4/21/1967, lot 112.

Page 168 Coin 40-8

Add to pedigree:
Morganthau 5/9/1933, lot 246 (as Fine).

Page 169 Coin 40-9

Add to pedigree:
Henry Chapman 6/28/1918, lot 225.

Page 172 Coin 30-7

Add to pedigree:
Stack’s 9/15/1972, lot 588 @ \$1,200.

Page 173 Coin 25-3

Offered on Collectors Corner in January to June 2017 by Coin & Bullion Reserves for \$94,500.

Page 174 Coin 25-7, the Denman coin.

Sold by Heritage in 2016 at \$35,380.43. Offered on eBay in January 2017 to April by Kedzie Koins for \$55,000. Reduced to \$52,000 in June 2017. Concurrently on Kedzie Koins website at \$52,000. Concurrently offered by Heritage in January to April 2017 as “Buy it Now” for \$57,500.

Page 174 Coin 20-1 is the same as **Coin 20-16**. PCGS 11020.20/03295048 as reported by the current owner. It went from a California collector, via Tom Reynolds, to Kenneth Goldman to the current owner.

Page 175 Coin 20-4 [B&M 1991:268]

Add to pedigree:
Stack’s 6/2/1967, lot 1069.

The NNP image shows a vertical line in the field under DU of INDUSTRY. On closer examination, this appears to be a fine hair on the plate.

Page 176 Coin 20-7

Add to Pedigree:
Said to be found by Florida dealer in foreign junk lot; To Jonathan Kern; to Stack’s in May 2000; Stack’s 9/30/2010, lot 2606 @ \$34,500.



New Coin 20-18 NGC VF Details 4220380-001 [certified 7/10/2015] Image copyright NGC.

Obverse large rough torn hole at K-12.5. Reverse large rough torn hole at k-11.5. Coin 167 in census.

Die state cannot be determined.

Pedigree: Image from NGC Cert Verification.



New Coin 20-19 PCGS Genuine-Holed-VF Details

Obverse off center toward K-10; reverse off center toward K-9. Obverse hole through B of LIB; reverse hole through O in OF. Obverse spot in field before nose. Reverse striations running 135° H-10.5 to K-4.5. Coin 169 in census.

Die state [2-B] Faint trace of die crack on reverse.

Pedigree: Spinks 4/5/2017, lot 256 @ [\$15,500 hammer] \$17,250; Heritage 8/2/2017, lot 3917 (\$32,000 hammer) \$37,600. Seen by author (PS) on August 1, 2017, during lot viewing.

Page 180 Coin 12-3 Listed in BOANC as PCGS F-12 without a certification number. Certified as PCGS F-12 11020.12/06692096 [Certified 8/5/2009]. Offered by Heritage at FUN 1/5/2017, lot 5562 @ (38,000 hammer) \$44,650. Offered on Collectors Corner in January to February 2017 by Harry Laibstain at \$55,000.

Page 184 Coin 12-12. Offered on eBay in January to July 2017 by Stateline Coin Exchange at \$19,995.95.

Page 186 Coin 12-19

Add to description:

PCGS Genuine Bent 11020.98/83545330

Offered on eBay in June to July 2017 by Infinity Coins of Idaho Falls, ID, for \$30,999.99.



New Coin 12-22:0/9 [Heritage 2106:3059] PCGS F-12 11020.12/3683703 [Certified 5/17/2001]

Obverse centering obscured by holder; reverse off center toward K-9. Obverse dented across forehead, through hair, and between A-R of PAR. V shaped scratch in field before eye. Reverse parallel horizontal scratches in field and across head and wing of eagle. Scratch across eagle above talon. Weak detail through right side and through HALF DISME.

Die state cannot be determined, excessive wear.

Pedigree: The Walter Freeman Collection, Part I; Heritage 10/3/2016, lot 3059 @ [\$37,000 hammer] \$43,475; Heritage Sunday Internet Coin Auction 12/18/16, lot 25108 [\$40,000 Reserve], not sold.

Offered by Heritage in January 2017 as “Buy it Now” for \$51,500. Offered in February 2017 as “Buy it Now” for \$50,000.

First new sale offering since finalization of BOANC making 167 known examples. (166 with a duplicate removed)



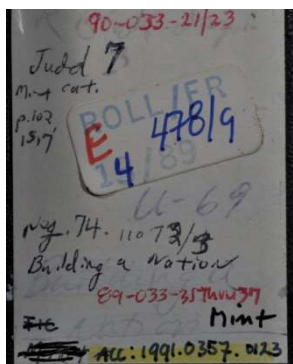
New Coin 12-23 NGC F Details 3224999-001 [Certified 7/26/2011] Image copyright NGC.

Reverse off center toward K-12. Obverse large clean hole at K-12.5. Reverse large clean hole at K.11.5. Coin 168 in census.

Die state cannot be determined.

Pedigree: Image from NGC Cert Verification.

Page 194 Coin I-1



New photos taken by Jeremy Katz at the Smithsonian on November 15, 2016.

Obverse and reverse well centered. Irregular color. Obverse tiny pit on neck below ear. Reverse scratch from tip of wing on left to N of UNI. Scratch from tail to rim between I-C of AMERICA. Many fine scratches.

Early die state 1-a; First Strike.

Pedigree: National Numismatic Collection, Comparette 1517; transferred to Smithsonian about 1923; included in "Building a Nation" exhibit.

Page 197 Coin I-10 the Newman coin



NGC XF-40 2064031-023

Obverse slightly off center toward K-6. Dark patches in fields. Scratch left of R in INDUSTRY. Scratch under CIE of SCIENCE. Reverse off center toward K-10.5. Dent on neck of eagle. Damaged across H of HALF. Scratch from base of F in OF to field behind head.

Striations across cheek from K-11 to K-5.

Early die state 1-A.

Pedigree: E.H.R. Green; Eric P. Newman; consigned to Heritage for auction.

Available Pieces

These 1792 half dimes are available for purchase as of 8-16-2017

- Coin 65-2 Page 153, Owned by Rare Coin Wholesalers since 2009, offered at \$595,000.
- Coin 50-8 Page 165, Owned by Eagle Eye Rare Coins since 2016, offered at \$155,000.
- Coin 40-5 Page 167, Owned by Tangible Investments since 2015, offered at \$72,500.
- Coin 25-3 Page 173, Owned by Coin & Bullion Reserves since 2014, offered at \$94,500.
- Coin 25-7 Page 174, Offered by Kedzie Koin at \$52,000.
- Coin 12-3 Page 180, Owned by Harry Labstain since 2017.
- Coin 12-4 Page 181, Offered on eBay at \$39,995.
- Coin 12-6 Page 182, Offered on eBay at \$29,995.
- Coin 12-12 Page 184, Offered by Stateline Coin Exchange since 2010, now offered at \$19,995.95.
- Coin 12-14 Page 184, Last offered by itinerant dealer.
- Coin 12-19, Page 186, Owned by Infinity Coins, offered at \$30,999.99.
- Coin 12-22, New, Offered by various firms, recently at \$50,000.
- Coin 3-5 Page 192, Last offered by itinerant dealer at \$21,500.
- Coin I-10 Page 197, to be auctioned in September 2017.

If any of these coins has not sold within six months, it suggests that the asking price is above current market price.

Unmatched Certification Numbers

These 1792 half dimes with grade, certification number and certification date may be shown in the preceding census but have not been matched to a specific coin.

PCGS MS-66 11020.66/02307714 [02/07/1991]	PCGS VF-35 11020.35/07346659 [10/05/1989]
NGC MS-64 200827-004 [08/03/1988]	PCGS VF-35 11020.35/08289458 [05/31/1990]
NGC MS-64 919505-001 [02/12/1988]	PCGS VF-35 11020.35/18021692 [09/03/2010]
NGC MS-64 1624743-001 [09/11/2001]	NGC VF-30 0218565-018 [10/10/1991]
NGC MS-64 1635708-001 [01/09/2002]	PCGS VF-30 11020.30/02292780 [10/15/1990]
NGC MS-64 3126304-018 [02/11/2008]	PCGS VF-30 11020.30/02691218 [06/04/1998]
PCGS MS-64 11020.64/50053468 [05/30/2003]	PCGS VF-30 11020.30/04993719 [07/01/1998]
PCGS MS-64 11020.64/04437277 [11/14/2005]	PCGS VF-30 11020.30/05388017 [09/04/1998]
PCGS MS-64 11020.64/09436035 [01/11/2006]	PCGS VF-30 11020.30/08815447 [07/18/2006]
PCGS MS-63 11020.63/02543800 [03/15/1994]	PCGS VF-25 11020.25/06557403 [06/05/1998]
PCGS MS-63 11020.63/08424278 [10/06/1994]	NGC VF-20 0165324-013 [08/28/1992]
NGC MS-62 1826378-001 [03/07/2005]	PCGS VF-20 11020.20/06467809 [08/15/1991]
NGC MS-62 3211445-001 [08/20/2008]	PCGS VF-20 11020.20/03186526 [03/04/1992]
NGC MS-61 1846188-003 [12/15/2004]	PCGS VF-20 11020.20/02673235 [08/07/1997]
NGC AU-58 1872837-001 [12/02/2004]	PCGS VF-20 11020.20/10007950 [12/04/2001]
NGC AU-58 3108918-001 [09/27/2007]	NGC F-15 594219-001 [07/13/1999]
NGC AU-58 3101207-046 [04/15/2008]	PCGS F-15 11020.15/06406116 [01/25/1991]
NGC AU-58 3318797-001 [12/20/2011]	PCGS F-15 11020.15/06469789 [08/27/1991]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/04138551 [01/15/0993]	PCGS F-15 11020.15/04370719 [01/08/1996]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/04601055 [11/04/1996]	NGC F-12 3457512-002 [01/03/2012]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/04643785 [01/09/1997]	PCGS F-12 11020.12/04701792 [04/02/1997]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/06583883 [09/24/1999]	PCGS F-12 11020.12/03683703 [05/17/2001]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/21753356 [10/07/2004]	PCGS F-12 11020.12/06692096 [08/05/2009]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/50176833 [12/03/2004]	PCGS VG-10 11020.10/02610506 [08/09/1996]
PCGS AU-58 11020.58/50176834 [12/03/2004]	PCGS VG-10 11020.10/04662094 [02/04/1997]
NGC AU-55 1891126-001 [01/12/2005]	NGC VG-08 0323049-001 [02/23/1996]
NGC AU-55 3108820-001 [09/27/2007]	NGC VG-08 3748986-001 [06/10/2014]
PCGS AU-55 11020.55/08365175 [09/16/1991]	PCGS VG-08 11020.08/25260716 [08/08/2014]
PCGS AU-55 11020.55/09496425 [03/04/1992]	PCGS G-06 11020.06/08131436 [06/12/1989]
PCGS AU-55 11020.55/02607057 [04/13/1995]	PCGS AG-03 11020.03/13344435 [10/31/2007]
PCGS AU-55 11020.55/05760853 [06/30/2000]	NGC AU Det 3508204-002 [08/14/2011] Impr Cleaned
PCGS AU-55 11020.55/10004445 [05/30/2001]	NGC AU Details 4214508-001 [05/30/2015] Damaged
PCGS AU-50 11020.50/02551456 [04/07/1994]	NGC XF Details 3515648-003 [08/04/2012] Repaired
PCGS AU-50 11020.50/06591367 [06/09/2000]	NGC VF Details 3608154-001 [11/15/2013] Plugged
PCGS AU-50 11020.50/50191301 [02/24/2005]	NGC F Details 3609275-007 [01/07/2014] Damaged
NGC XF-45 1745398-001 [09/01/2004]	PCGS Genuine 11020.84/06681366 [01/07/2010] H/P
PCGS XF-45 11020.45/50150189 [09/09/2004]	PCGS Genuine 11020.84/20279242 [08/11/2011] H/P
NGC XF-40 0239652-001 [03/17/1993]	PCGS FDetails 11020.84/27270456 [02/11/2013] H/P
NGC XF-40 0178529-001 [06/24/1994]	PCGS Genuine 11020.92/25534593 [02/01/2012] ClnD
NGC XF-40 1826342-001 [01/24/2005]	PCGS Genuine 11020.94/06866855 [03/26/2009] AltSrf
PCGS XF-40 11020.40/06581777 [08/08/1999]	PCGS Genuine 11020.98/06866667 [03/27/2009] Damg
NGC VF-35 0551258-001 [07/31/1998]	PCGS Genuine 11020.98/14681711 [05/05/2009] Damg
NGC VF-35 0952290-001 [09/02/1999]	PCGS Genuine 11020.98/06749514 [09/23/2009] Damg

PCGS Genuine 11020.98/06640393 [08/11/2010] Damg 93 listed as of September 2016.
 PCGS VG Det 11020.98/25395897 [08/07/2012] Damg
 PCGS FDetails 11020.98/25345347 [12/18/2013] Damg

List O – Other Appearances

More than 580 auction appearance were noted for the 1792 half dismes. About 314 could be matched with a coin to include with a pedigree. The following sales could not be matched but may be in the future.

Thomas & Sons 2-20-1851, lot 22 @ \$2	Mason 9-6-1869, lot 356 Fair @ \$2.75
Thomas & Sons 6-12-1855, lot 70 Fine @ \$5.50	Edward Cogan 9-27-1869, lot 717 UNC @ \$42.50
John K. Curtis 1858 FPL @ \$12, another \$5	Mason 10-18-1869, lot 445 VF @ \$19
Edward Cogan 5-21-1859, lot 111 @ \$6	Mason 11-16-1869, lot 126 Pierced @ \$1.25
Edward Cogan 12-19-1859, lot 218 G @ \$9.50	Mason 10-4-1870, lot 1138 VG @ \$3.75
Bangs Merwin 7-12-1860, lot 200 VF @ \$10	Edward Cogan 2-27-1871, lot 2615 Fair @ \$9
Edward Cogan 10-18-1860, lot 1730 @ \$17	Edward Cogan 5-3-1871, lot 365 UNC @ \$44.50*
Bangs Merwin 11-21-1860, lot 336 @ \$4.50	Edward Cogan 6-1-1871, lot 507 @ \$10.50
Leonard & Co. 2-5-1861, lot 245 @ \$5.25	Edward Cogan 10-5-1871, lot 409 G @ \$11
John K. Curtis 1862 FPL No. 1264 @ \$12	Alfred S. Robinson 1-5-1872, lot 409 @ \$5
Edward Cogan 3-25-1862, lot 746 VF @ \$12	George Leavitt 4-11-1872, lot 386 @ \$5.50
Bangs 11-11-1862, lot 1529 UNC @ \$34	Edward Cogan 5-7-1872, lot 93 Fair
Bangs 11-11-1862, lot 1530 Fine @ \$12	Haseltine / Birch 10-29-1872, lot 433 G @ \$3
Bangs 11-11-1862, lot 1619 Poor @ \$3.50	Haseltine 2-25-1873, lot 735 Fair @ \$2.50
Satterlee 12-16-1862	Edward Cogan 6-9-1873, lot 75 UNC @ 22.50
Bangs Merwin 1-19-1863, lot 779 @ \$17.50	Edward Cogan 6-9-1873, lot 829 VG @ \$5.50
Edward Cogan 4-7-1863, lot 1076 @ \$30*	W. H. Strobridge 9-22-1873, lot 833 @ \$20
W. E. Woodward 4-28-1863, lot 2066 F @ \$13	W. H. Strobridge 9-24-1873, lot 153 Fine @ \$6.58
W. H. Strobridge 6-9-1863, lot 1032 XF @ \$22	W. H. Strobridge 4-28-1875, lot 318
W. H. Strobridge 9-22-1863, lot 833 VF @ \$20	Edward Cogan 10-25-1875, lot 381 G @ \$6
W.E. Woodward 10-20-1863, lot 2780 F @ \$30	Edward Cogan 1-24-1876, lot 1541 Poor @ \$2.30
W. H. Strobridge 12-15-1863, lot 719 @ \$26	Edward Cogan 4-17-1876, lot 655 Unc @ \$19
S. G. Hubbard 3-15-1864, lot 719 Fair @ \$9	Ed Frossard FPL 1-1-1877, lot 3 pierced @ \$3
W.E. Woodward 5-17-1864, lot 1832 VF @ \$16	Edward Cogan 4-12-1877, lot 400 Pierced @ 2.25
Henry Cook 10-5-1864, lot 277 F @ \$12	Ed Frossard 9-6-1878, lot 337 Poor @ \$1.05
W. E. Woodward 10-18-1864 @ \$31.50*	Edward Cogan 9-16-1878, lot 1823 G @ \$12
Edward Cogan 3-13-1865, lot 1321 F @ \$10.50	Edward Cogan 12-22-1878, lot 2037 AU @ \$9.50
W.E. Woodward 3-20-1865, lot 2864 UNC @ \$40*	Edward Cogan 12-16-1878, Unc @ \$14
W.E. Woodward 3-20-1865, lot 3544 F @ \$10	W.E. Woodward 3-31-1879, lot 1004 G @ \$4.10
W.E. Woodward 12-19-1865, lot 1433 VF/Dented	Edward Cogan 9-2-1879, lot 460 VG @ \$6.10
W.E. Woodward 2-27-1866, lot 736 Pierced \$4.50	J. W. Scott 12-15-1879, lot 200 VG @ \$15
W.E. Woodward 4-24-1866, lot 1311 AU/Bent \$7	S.H. & H. Chapman 5-26-1880, lot 325 VG @ \$3.30
W.E. Woodward 4-24-1866, lot 2151 UNC @ \$12*	W. E. Woodward 6-14-1880, lot 1939a G/Fair @ \$4.40
Edward Cogan 12-6-1866, lot 264 VG @ \$9.50	Harzfeld 6-30-1880, lot 388 Fair/Poor
W.E. Woodward 12-10-1866, lot 1895 Pierced \$2	Leavitt & Co. 7-20-1880, lot 1096 VG @ \$10
W. E. Woodward 4-18-1867, lot 1399 @ \$25.25*	W. E. Woodward 9-1-1880, lot 1382 VF @ \$14.60
W. E. Woodward 10-28-1867, lot 2133 @ \$7.50	Mason 10-5-1880, lot 1263 F/G @ \$14
Mason 10-28-1868, lot 583 @ \$24*	W.E. Woodward 10-13-1880, lot 1757 Fair @ \$7.50
Mason 4-13-1869, lot 922 Fair/Poor @ \$2	S.H. & H. Chapman 11-19-1880, lot 771 Fair \$.55
Edward Cogan 6-23-1869, lot 381 AU @ \$24	Haseltine 12-16-1880, lot 1049 VF @ \$6

S.H. & H. Chapman 7-28-1881, lot 897 Pierced @ \$9
 W. E. Woodward 10-26-81, lot 1648 VG/P @ \$2.00
 W. E. Woodward 3-6-1882, lot 436 Fine @ \$12.50
 S.H. & H. Chapman 6-20-82, lot 1762 XF @ \$22.50
 S.H. & H. Chapman 3-20-1883, lot 76 Good @ \$5.10
 Haseltine 4-10-1883, lot 64 Bent @ \$12.50
 Haseltine 4-10-1883, lot 350 VG @ \$7.75
 Edward Cogan 4-12-1883, lot 394 UNC @ \$29
 Haseltine 6-27-1883, lot 1709 @ \$15.50
 Steigerwalt 7-1-1883 FPL, VG @ \$8
 Massamore 11-30-1883. Lot 566 VF @ \$9
 Ed Frossard 12-7-1883 VF @ \$9 Scott & Co 12-10-1883, lot 1029A @ \$11.10
 Ed Frossard 12-12-1883, lot 1893 VG @ \$6.50
 W. E. Woodward 1-8-1884, lot 448 @ \$16
 W. E. Woodward 3-4-1884, lot 1040 pierced @ \$2
 S.H. & H. Chapman 6-9-84, lot 3214 Fair/P @ \$2.10
 Ed Frossard 10-2-1884, lot 397 XF @ \$9.50
 S.H. & H. Chapman 5-14-1885, lot 1082 @ \$24*
 W. E. Woodward 6-29-1885, lot 1319, Fine \$11
 W. E. Woodward 12-16-1885, lot 2119
 W. E. Woodward 2-24-1886, lot 2151 @ \$12
 W. E. Woodward 4-27-1886, lot 1095 perf
 W. E. Woodward 10-25-1886, lot 1539 VF
 Lyman Low 11-29-1886, lot 736 VF @ \$13.50
 W. E. Woodward 2-10-87, lot 815 Perforated @ \$5
 S.H. & H. Chapman 5-5-1887, lot 571 VG @ \$7
 S.H. & H. Chapman 5-16-1887, LOT 306 Fine @ \$7
 S.H. & H. Chapman 10-17-1888, lot 738 Fine @ 6.75
 S.H. & H. Chapman 11-21-1888, lot 343 VG @ \$7
 S.H. & H. Chapman 6-17-1889, lot 411 Fine @ \$6
 New York Coin & Stamp 1-20-1890, lot 2097*
 New York Coin & Stamp 1-20-1890, lot 2098 VF
 New York Coin & Stamp 6-25-1890, lot 3 VF @ \$13
 S.H. & H. Chapman 12-9-1890, lot 1627 UNC @ \$28.50
 S.H. & H. Chapman 12-9-1890, lot 1628 UNC @ \$25
 S.H. & H. Chapman 7-15-1891, lot 860 Bent @ \$1.25
 Ed Frossard 4-13-1892, lot 785 XF @ \$15.50
 New York Coin & Stamp 4-23-1892, lot 3 @ \$20
 S.H. & H. Chapman 8-10-1893, lot 730 F @ \$12
 S.H. & H. Chapman 7-11-1894, lot 15 VG @ \$6.50
 S.H. & H. Chapman 12-3-1894, lot 598 G @ \$1
 S.H. & H. Chapman 7-7-1899, lot 230 Fair @ \$1.05
 S.H. & H. Chapman 11-6-1901, lot 608 XF @ \$17
 S.H. & H. Chapman 6-19-1902, lot 457 VG @ \$8.50
 Lyman Low 10-20-1902, lot 611 @ \$10.60
 S.H. & H. Chapman 6-17-1903, lot 1018 Fair @ \$2.10
 S.H. & H. Chapman 4-27-1904, lot 1160 G @ \$4

Lyman Low 10-11-1904. lot 286 @ \$9
 S.H. & H. Chapman 12-16-1904, lot 345 VF @ \$ 8
 S.H. & H. Chapman 4-19-1905, lot 700 F @ \$11
 S.H. & H. Chapman 4-19-1905, lot 701 VF @ \$5.25
 S.H. & H. Chapman 5-8-1906, lot 978 Unc @ \$6.25
 Henry Chapman 6-17-1908, lot 902 Dented @ \$3
 Henry Chapman 12-18-1908, lot 609 Poor @ \$4.60
 Henry Chapman 12-18-1908, lot 610 Poor @ \$3.60
 Thomas Elder 9-1-1910, lot 879 AU
 S.H. Chapman 1-31-1912. Lot 481 Fine @ \$11
 Ben Green 7-26-1912, lot 893 VG @ \$10
 United States Coin 11-21-1912. Lot 600 VG @ \$6.20
 Henry Chapman 11-28-1913, lot 453 G @ \$11
 Henry Chapman 6-24-1914, lot 1692
 B. Max Mehl 6-30-1914, lot 711 @ \$21.50
 B. Max Mehl 11-30-1914, lot 759 VF @ \$18
 Henry Chapman 5-14-1915, lot 1096 Poor @ \$3
 Henry Chapman 5-14-1915, lot 1097 Poor @ \$.75
 Thomas Elder 4-13-1917, lot 200 F @ \$20
 Henry Chapman 6-28-1918, lot 225 XF @ \$25
 B. Max Mehl 2-18-1919, Lot 480 @ \$31.50
 B. Max Mehl 7-16-1919, @ \$31
 Henry Chapman 10-4-1919, lot 249*
 Lyman Low 9-21-1920, lot 111 F @ \$27.50
 Thomas Elder 6-22-1921, lot 2029 UNC @ \$62*
 Henry Chapman 12-7-1921, lot 6059
 B. Max Mehl 5-2-1922, lot 638-A
 Henry Chapman 7-25-1922, lot 1409 G @ \$16
 B. Max Mehl 4-17-1923, lot 2167A @ \$31
 S. H. Chapman 4-26-1923, lot 576 VD @ \$17
 Thomas Elder 10-9-1924, lot 2103 @ \$110*
 California Stamp 2-21-1928, lot 378 F
 Harry Leland 9-20-1928, lot 105 VF
 B. Max Mehl 12-11-1928. Lot 949 G @ \$26
 Henry Chapman 5-7-1929, lot 844 G @ \$3.25
 B. Max Mehl 12-9-1930, VF @ \$63
 Bolender 2-3-1934, XF @ \$75
 Thomas Elder 1-25-1935, lot 59 F @ \$8.25
 Bolender 10-15-1935, lot 643 VG
 Bolender 10-30-1935, lot 1604 VG @ \$8
 B. Max Mehl 6-23-1936, lot 134 G dented @ \$7
 Wayte Raymond 12-19-1938, lot 558 VG @ \$22
 Morganthau 3-14-1940, lot 615 XF @ \$51
 Morganthau 10-9-1940, lot 751 XF @ \$44
 Stack's 11-23-1940, lot 1169 VF @ \$83
 Stack's 2-17-1941, lot 546 @ \$41
 James Kelly 4-26-1941
 B. Max Mehl 6-1-1941, lot 25 AU @ \$58
 Stack's 12-20-1941, lot 655 VF @ \$65

Morganthau 6-16-1942, lot 26*
 Abe Kosoff 12-12-1942, lot 512 XF @ \$47
 Abe Kosoff 9-10-1943, lot 157 VF @ \$86
 B. Max Mehl 2-1944, lot 2661 @ 138.50 (stock photo)*
 Morganthau 2-8-1945, XF @ \$101
 Numismatic Gallery 5-11-1945, lot 173 AU @ \$120
 B. Max Mehl 6-11-1946, lot 1115 @ \$110*
 B. Max Mehl 6-17-1947, lot 1498 @ \$157.50*
 Numismatic Gallery 12-6-1947, lot 160 VG-F
 B. Max Mehl 5-23-1948, lot 310 F @ \$75
 Stack's 5-21-1949, lot 76
 Numismatic Gallery 8-21-1949, lot 1009 @ \$140*
 Numismatic Gallery 2-28-1950, lot 1023 @ \$145*
 Stack's 4-1-1950, lot 313, UNC*
 Stack's 11-18-1950, lot 681 VF
 New Netherlands 1-20-1951, lot 411 VF @ \$93
 Stack's 4-7-1951, lot 370 VF
 New Netherlands 4-13-1951, lot 781 XF @ \$103
 New Netherlands 1-26-1952, lot 549 VF @ \$90
 Stack's 7-23-1953, lot 292 XF
 New Netherlands 8-18-1952, lot 197 VG @ \$65
 New Netherlands 8-21-1952, lot 3917 @ \$22.50
 Hollinbeck 10-31-1952, lot 2098 VG
 Stack's 2-26-1953, lot 440 F-VF @ \$70
 Numismatic Gallery 8-22-1953, lot 1888 F
 James Kelly 2-8-1954, lot 476 VG @ \$53
 Sotheby & Co. 2-24-1954, lot 1705 @ \$80
 Hollinbeck 3-5-1954
 Numismatic Gallery 4-30-1954, lot 463 F \$137.50
 Hollinbeck 7-9-1954
 Stack's 11-11-1954, lot 1347 VF @ \$135
 Stack's 2-26-1955. Lot 169 G
 Bebees 8-24-1955, lot 670 AU @ \$180
 James Kelly 8-22-1956, lot 1 UNC @ \$470
 James Kelly 8-22-1956, lot 2 XF @ \$215
 Abe Kosoff 10-10-1957, lot 988 @ \$387*
 Stack's 6-26-1958, lot 184 UNC @ \$425 (no plate)*
 Kreisberg-Schuman 4-3-1959 @ \$375
 Stack's 5-1-1959, lot 660 AG @ \$155
 Stack's 5-4-1960, lot 1125 VF
 Stack's 5-4-1960, lot 1126 VF @ \$230
 Abner Kreisberg 2-16-1961, lot 2476 XF @ \$770
 The first sale over \$500
 Abner Kreisberg 3-21-1962, lot 867 XF @ \$800
 Abner Kreisberg 3-21-1962, lot 868 F @ \$550

Stack's 6-19-1962, lot 16 XF @ \$950
 Stack's 6-19-1962, lot 514 AG @ \$185
 Abner Kreisberg 1-17-1963, lot 2652 XF
 Stack's 3-2-1963, lot 99 Pr-Fr @ \$130
 New Netherlands 12-10-1963, lot 349 F @ \$650
 Federal Brand 1-20-1966, lot 505 VF
 New England Rare Coin 1-28-1966
 Stack's 4-21-66, lot 112
 Hollinbeck 4-25-1966
 Hollinbeck 7-30-1966
 Stack's 6-2-1967, lot 1069 F
 Paramount 8-12-1967, lot 2513 G
 Lester Merkin 9-20-1967, lot 210 VG
 Hollinbeck 9-16-1968
 RARCOA 5-2-1969, lot 24 XF @ \$950
 Harmer Rooke 11-17-1969, lot 976
 Harmer Rooke 11-17-1969, lot 977
 Coins& Currency 5-21-1970, lot 1540
 New Netherlands 6-30-1970, lot 199 F @ \$950
 RARCOA 2-24-1972, lot 308 VG @ \$400
 Stack's 9-15-1972, lot 588 VF @ \$1200
 Abner Kreisberg 1-27-1975, lot 894 VF/F
 Bowers & Ruddy 1-30-1975, lot 192 VF @ \$1750
 New England Rare Coin 11-9-1975
 Stack's 8-24-1976, lot 543 XF @ \$4250
 Robert Hughes 2-3-1978, lot 1387 XF-45 @ \$4100
 Stack's 3-17-1978, lot 841 @ \$6000
 Stack's 4-11-1978, lot 417 MS-65 @ \$15,500*
 Kurt Krueger 2-18-1982, lot 254 F @ \$2700
 Bowers & Ruddy 3-18-1982, lot 1440 XF @ \$8000
 Steve Ivy 8-17-1982, lot 272 VF-20 @ \$1,900
 Sotheby & Co, 3-4-1983, lot 138 @ \$2,310
 Kurt Krueger 6-22-1983, lot 1444 VF-20 @ \$4,600
 Early American 7-17-1984
 NASCA 10-8-1984, lot 1361
 Stack's 1-14-1987, lot 1192 @ \$5,225
 McIntyre 5-7-1987, lot 1534 F @ \$2,200
 Newport Beach 6-24-1988, lot 80
 Bank Leu 10-24-1990, lot 1590 VG
 RARCOA 5-1-1992
 Heritage 8-16-1995, lot 5109 F-12 @ \$6,160
 R. M. Smythe 3-15-2004, lot 1312 VF-20 @ \$73,000
 Scotsman 7-1-2004, lot 1 G-4 @ \$21,275
 *Also listed in section UN Unlinked Appearances

Ads in *The Numismatist*

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| <p>Aug 1902: 250, Roland G. Parvin, 1792 Birch Cent, Fine condition. Then on Oct 1902: 323 and Nov 1902:356, St. Louis Stamp & Coin advertised that they had this piece in stock. This was the Dexter/Parvin specimen</p> <p>Sep 1903: 285, an exchange request from New Haven, Connecticut, offering a 1792 half disme.</p> <p>May 1904: 159, St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., still had a Birch Cent in stock.</p> <p>Nov 1904: 356, J. T. Crawford, 1792 half disme, not priced.</p> <p>Mar 1905: 101, Thomas L. Elder, 1792 Martha Washington ½ disme, fine \$15.</p> <p>Feb 1908: 65, Arnold Numismatic Co., Martha Washington ½ disme, fine, \$12.50.</p> <p>Apr 1921: 177, May 1921: 226, June 1921: 274, Aug 1921: 374, Sep 1921: 419, Norman Schultz, 1792 half disme, V. G. not priced.</p> <p>Nov 1921: 553, Norman Schultz, 1792 half disme, V. G. \$25.</p> <p>Jan 1924: 47, Feb 1924: 206, Mar 1924: 288, Norman Schultz, Martha Washington Half Disme V. F., \$35. Same, V. G., \$25.</p> <p>Oct 1927: 655, California Stamp Company, 1792 half disme, very fine for coin, rare \$65.</p> <p>Nov 1928: 696, D. L. Angell, 1792 half disme, a sharp proof, \$85.</p> <p>Jan 1934: 78, Ambrose J. Brown, 1792 half disme, obv. V. Fine, rev., Good \$30.</p> <p>Dec 1937: 1163, John L. Dibrell, 1792 half disme, Badly blistered planchet on obverse, but fine date. Otherwise very good to fine for this variety, \$20. Also 1792 half disme. Holed above head, otherwise will average fine for this rare piece, \$10.</p> <p>Jan 1939: 52, William Rabin, 1792 half disme, holed over head, otherwise very good, fine sharp date \$5.</p> | <p>Mar 1941: 213, Arthur B. Kelley, 1792 half disme, Fine, Very Rare, \$50.</p> <p>Oct 1944: 936, Celina Coin Company, silver center-cent, unc. \$600.</p> <p>Oct 1944: 937, Celina Coin Company, 1792 half disme, XF \$125.</p> <p>Nov 1944: 1036, B. Max Mehl, 1792 half disme, very fine, \$75.</p> <p>Nov 1945: 1247, Celina Coin Company, 1792 half disme, very fine, \$125. Silver center cent, about uncirculated \$600.</p> <p>Aug 1946: 946, Celina Coin Company, 1792 Disme, ex. Parmelee, P.O.A., the Granberg / Green coin.</p> <p>Sep 1946: 1107, Kenneth W. Lee, 1792 half disme, very good, \$45.</p> <p>Nov 1946: 1327, Celina Coin Company, 1792 disme in silver, thick planchet, unique \$750. (Partrick) 1792 silver center cent, Unc. \$600.</p> <p>Aug 1947: A464/647, John R. Slusher, 1792 half disme, uncirculated \$225.</p> <p>Sep 1950: 659, Gimbels Coin Department, 1792 half disme, XF, as part of a set.</p> <p>Nov 1950: A488/798, New Netherlands Coin Co., Inc., 1792 half disme, Fine, Scarce \$100.</p> <p>Feb 1956: 224, Hollinbeck Kagin had a Birch Cent, not priced.</p> <p>Mar 1956: 319, R. Green, 1792 U. S. Pattern Cent, Bust of Martha Washington, EF \$150.</p> <p>Jan 1958: 92, Jerry Cohen, 1792 half disme, Obv. Fine, Rev. Good., \$135, almost fine, \$185.</p> <p>Dec 1958: 1519, Abner Kreisberg, 1792 half disme F-VF, P.O.R., Another – Fine P.O.R.</p> <p>Jan 1961: 54, Hollinbeck Kagin Coin Company, 1792 half disme in Fine, Very Fine, Nearly Uncirculated, Uncirculated and GEM. Unpriced.</p> <p>Feb 1961: 281, Lee & Vi Mason, 1792 half disme, VF, \$500.</p> |
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Aug 1961: 1128, Empire Coin Co announced purchase of the Lennox Lohr collection including a silver center-cent, in light brown AU condition, offered at \$6750. This was the Davis/Jenks/Smithsonian piece.

Jan 1962: 68, Hollinbeck Kagin Coin Company, 1792 half disme, unpriced.

July 1962: 957, Max L. Justus and Beverly Hills Stamp & Coin Shop offered a 1792 Silver Disme in Unc and a 1792 "Half Eagle" in copper.

June 1963: 872, Pickwick Coin Company (Philip E. Benedetti) 1792 disme in copper, Ex-Wurtzbach \$8,750. This eventually became the Partrick coin.

July 1963: 1004, Abner Kreisberg, 1792 half disme, obverse fine, reverse somewhat weak, \$450.

May 1963: 681, A. Kosoff offered a silver-centered-cent, a Birch Cent, a Disme in silver and the "Half Eagle" in copper. These are probably all remainders from the Judd collection.

July 1964: 942, Abner Kreisberg, 1792 half disme, practically uncirculated, \$1250.

Nov 1964: 1567, Again Pickwick Coin Company (Benedetti) offered a 1792 disme in copper, Ex-Wurtzbach, now priced at \$10,000.

Feb 1965: 233, A. Kosoff, Inc., Silver-center-cent, \$8000. Also the 1792 "Half Eagle" pattern in copper, the Partrick Eagle-on-Globe pattern.

Mar 1965: 412; Apr 1965: 627, A third and fourth offering by Pickwick of the 1792 disme in copper, Ex-Wurtzbach, now priced at \$10,500.

Aug 1968: 1064, Abner Kreisberg, 1792 half disme, beautifully toned uncirculated, \$2250.

Aug 1968: 1077, Sep 1969: 1234, Paramount International Coin Corporation, 1792 half disme VG/G \$499. Fine/VG \$695.

Feb 1969: 199, A. Kosoff, Inc., 1792 half disme, a gem \$2750.

Aug 1970: IFC, New Netherlands, 1792 half disme, About Uncirculated, \$2,250.

Aug 1970: 1227, James F. Ruddy, 1792 half disme, AU, unpriced.

Feb 1984: 424, Herb Tobias, 1792 (slight repair) half disme, \$5,000.

Exhibition

The Numismatist reported on club meetings and occasionally on the exhibition of 1792 coins. These reports identify current owners who may not be included with the census listings. Life dates help define the potential periods of ownership.

April 7, 1908, at the Chicago Numismatic Society, Virgil Brand (1862-1926) exhibited a silver-center-cent, possibly the Brand/Starr piece.

In 1912 the ANA held their convention in association with host club, the Rochester Numismatic Association. Many exhibits were shown including an uncirculated silver-center-cent displayed by Carl Wurtzbach (1864-1947). This was the Bushnell/Brand coin.

In 1913, the ANA met at Detroit. Carl Wurtzbach again exhibited his silver-center-cent and a copper disme, the Partrick coin.

A great exhibition of United States and Colonial Coins was held at the American Numismatic Society January 17 to February 18, 1914. Judson Brenner exhibited a 1792 half disme. H. O. Granberg exhibited a 1792 half disme and 1792 reeded edge disme in silver, the Granberg/Green specimen. William H. Woodin exhibited two examples of 1792 half disme. These cannot currently be traced. Carl Wurtzbach exhibited a 1792 half disme, a 1792 disme in copper (Partrick) and a silver-center-cent (Bushnell/Brand).

1914, at the ANA convention, Carl Wurtzbach exhibited an uncirculated "Martha Washington half disme" in silver, a very fine disme in copper (Partrick) and a silver-center-cent (Bushnell / Brand).

1914, at the ANA convention, H. O. Granberg (1860-1947) showed a 1792 half disme and a reeded

- edge disme in silver, the Granberg/Green specimen.
- 1916, at the ANA convention, Judson Brenner (1862-1929) exhibited a Birch Cent and a silver-center-cent.
- 1919, at the ANA convention, Henry Chapman (1859-1935) exhibited a Birch Cent, a silver-center cent and a 1792 half disme.
- January 24, 1920, at the Boston Numismatic Society, Fred Joy exhibited an extra fine silver center cent, later acquired by B. Max Mehl in 1925.
- October 8, 1920, at the New York Numismatic Club, Elliott Smith (1866-1944) exhibited an extremely fine 1792 half disme. Smith was Life Member #1 of the ANA.
- April 4, 1923, at the Chicago Coin Club, John Kelly exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- 1923, at the ANA convention, George C. Arnold exhibited a "Martha Washington half disme."
- 1926, at the ANA convention, S. H. Chapman (1857-1931) exhibited a 1792 Birch cent. This was awarded a prize for best exhibit.
- 1929, at the ANA convention, William F. Dunham (1857-1936) exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- March 1, 1932, at the 459th meeting of the Rochester Numismatic Association, John C. Woodbury exhibited a 1792 half disme in very fine condition.
- 1933, at the ANA convention, Edgar H. Adams spoke about the William H. Woodin collection. It included a 1792 half disme and a Birch Cent.
- October 4, 1933, at the Ohio State Numismatic Society convention, P. W. Locher exhibited a complete set of half dismes including 1792 and 1802.
- July 13, 1934, at the New York Numismatic Club, Otto Sghia (1899-1959) exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- October 12, 1934, at the New York Numismatic Club, Elliott Smith exhibited a 1792 copper disme.
- October 24, 1934, at the Bronx Coin Club, Otto Sghia exhibited his 1792 half disme again.
- December 4, 1934, at the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, A. C. Gies (1855-1944) exhibited a "Martha Washington half disme" in fine condition.
- February 19, 1936, at the Hartford Numismatic Society, Albert C. Bates exhibited a 1792 pattern cent from the collection of the Connecticut Historical Society.
- December 11, 1936, at the New York Numismatic Club, Farran Zerbe (1871-1949) exhibited a 1792 half disme in copper "for discussion as to its genuineness."
- January 4, 1937, at the New Castle (PA) Coin Club, Albert Gutentag (1892-1967) of Cleveland exhibited a 1792 half disme, "struck from Martha Washington's silver teaspoons."
- January 5, 1937, at the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, J. Verner Scaife (1903-1953) exhibited a 1792 half disme in very good condition.
- April 26, 1937, at the Madison (Wisconsin) Coin Club, founder and past president Reverend Fred W. Harris (-1939) exhibited a "Martha Washington half disme."
- December 10, 1937, at the New York Numismatic Club, F. C. C. Boyd (1886-1958) exhibited a 1792 disme in silver, a 1792 disme in copper "original silver plated", and two 1792 half dismes.
- February 3, 1938, at the Pittsburgh Coin Club, H. D. Gibbs exhibited a 1792 Birch cent and a 1792 disme in copper.
- June 10, 1938, at the Tri-State Convention (NY, OH, PA), H. D. Gibbs again exhibited his Birch Cent and 1792 copper disme.
- 1938, at the ANA convention, Joseph Barnet exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- October 4, 1938, at the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, Mr. Locker exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- October 6, 1938, at the Pittsburgh Coin Club, Mr. Gibbs again exhibited his Birch Cent and 1792 disme in copper.

- January 30, 1939, at the Boston Numismatic Society, Walter P. Nichols (1889-1941) read a paper on the 1792 half disme and exhibited an example.
- Feb 6, 1939, at the Washington Numismatic Society, Mrs. Edness K. Wilkins (1896-1980) exhibited a 1792 half disme. She was secretary to Director of the Mint Nellie Tayloe Ross.
- February 22, 1939, at the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, J. Vernon Scaife, Jr. (1903-1953) exhibited a 1792 half disme in very good condition.
- At the 1939 ANA convention, A. B. Kelley (1893-1963) exhibited a silver-center-cent. B. Max Mehl also exhibited a 1792 silver-center-cent.
- September 8, 1939, at the New York Numismatic Club, O. T. Sghia (1889-1959) exhibited his 1792 half disme.
- November 3, 1939, at the Omaha Coin Club, club president Dr. Judd exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- 1939, at the New York convention, F. C. C. Boyd exhibited a 1792 half disme and disme.
- February 7, 1940, at the Brooklyn Coin Club, Mr. Sghia exhibited his 1792 half disme.
- February 19, 1940, at the Akron (OH) Coin Club, C. W. McKinney exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- March 9, 1940, at the Columbus Numismatic Society, Michael F. Higgy exhibited a 1792 Birch Cent, said to be the finest known.
- April 4, 1940, at the Brooklyn Coin Club, Mr. Sghia again showed his 1792 half disme.
- July 2, 1940, at the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, Mr. Locher exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- March 1941, at the Washington Numismatic Society, Mrs. Edness K. Wilkins exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- April 7, 1943, at the Brooklyn Coin Club, Mr. Kosoff exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- September 25, 1944, at the Reading Coin Club, George Young exhibited a 1792 Birch Cent.
- November 23, 1944, at the Bronx Coin Club, Martin Kortjohn (1903-1979) exhibited a 1792 half disme, the Adams-Woodin plate coin (coin 15-1).
- 1945, at the Omaha Coin Club, Dr. J. Hewitt Judd exhibited a 1792 Birch Cent, eagle cent, silver-center-cent, half disme, and copper disme.
- December 13, 1945, at the New Jersey Numismatic Society, Mr. Purrington exhibited a 1792 half disme,
- 1946, at the ANA convention, Dr. Judd exhibited a Birch Cent, eagle cent, silver-center-cent, and disme.
- February 28, 1947, at the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, Sol Kaplan (1899-1979) exhibited both varieties of Birch Cent.
- March 28, 1947, at the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, Sol Kaplan exhibited an uncirculated silver-center-cent.
- March 12, 1948, at the New York Numismatic Club. President Joseph Spray exhibited a 1792 disme, probably the finest known.
- In 1949 the ANA convention was in San Francisco. Dr. J. Hewitt Judd spoke on U. S. Pattern Coins. He also won the grand prize for his exhibit in the Educational classification. His exhibit was not described in *The Numismatist*.
- February 7, 1951, at the Brooklyn Coin Club, Homer K. Downing exhibited a 1792 half disme.
- May 15, 1951, at the Philadelphia Coin Club, William C. Boston exhibited two 1792 half dismes. They sold at James Kelly's sale of 8/22/1956, lots 1 & 2.
- June 3, 1952, at the Rochester Numismatic Society, John Pittman exhibited a 1792 half disme (coin 66-1).
- In 1952 Dr. J. Hewitt Judd won the Howland Wood Award for Best-of-Show Exhibit. His exhibit was for pattern, experimental and trial pieces. *The Numismatist* did not mention specific coins.
- November 12, 1953, at the Daytona Beach Numismatic Club, Kirk Adams exhibited a Birch Cent, the Bushnell / Jenks / Green coin.
- July 9, 1954, at the New York Numismatic Club, Willard Blaisdell exhibited a 1792 half disme in uncirculated.

October 18, 1956, at the Miami Coin Club, Otto T. Sghia exhibited an uncirculated 1792 half disme.

March 12, 1957, at the Atlanta Coin Club, Jack H. Malsby exhibited a 1792 cent, no silver center.

Jan 1958, a 1792 half disme was on permanent display at the Kansas City Museum bequeathed by the late Joseph W. Schmandt.

July 1958, at the Long Island Coin Club, John Breen exhibited a 1792 half disme.

December 2, 1958, at the Rochester Numismatic Society, John J. Pittman exhibited his 1792 half disme again (coin 66-1).

January 7, 1959, at the Brooklyn Coin Club, William Wild exhibited an uncirculated 1792 half disme (60-1)

In 1960, at the Orange County Coin Club, Bryan Burke gave a five minute talk and exhibited his 1792 half disme.

April 1961, at the Buffalo (NY) Numismatic Association, Jesse Taylor exhibited pattern coins including a 1792 half disme (coin 45-1).

June 1961, at the Kenosha (WI) Coin Club. Kenneth Bressett, a new member, spoke about the 1792 half disme. He reported that about three remain in uncirculated condition and about 50 survive in other conditions.

April 26, 1964, Bryan Burke exhibited his 1792 half disme at the San Bernardino County Coin show.

October 1984, at the California State Numismatic Association convention, Bryan Burke exhibited a 1792 half disme.

In 2012, Princeton University mounted an exhibition on "Capping Liberty: The Invention of a Numismatic Iconography for the New American

Republic" featuring one of the finest known 1792 half dismes.

In 2012, the ANA convention featured a 1792 half disme, recently donated to the ANA by Steve Contursi. It was shown again in 2013.

In 2013 the ANA showed a 1792 half disme MS-68 with a pedigree claimed back to Mint Director David Rittenhouse. The exhibit also showed the appointment document for Rittenhouse signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. These were shown again in 2014 and 2015.

In 2014 the 1792 half disme and Rittenhouse appointment document were exhibited at Mount Vernon, courtesy of Brian and Barbara Hendelson.

In 2017 a benefit for Historic Rittenhouse Town was held at the Merion Cricket Club on May 17. Honored guest was John Mercanti. On exhibit was the finest known 1792 half disme MS-68.

The Resolute Americana Collection was shown at the Heritage table during the 2017 ANA World's Fair of Money in Denver. Included in the exhibit were seven examples of 1792 coinage including the Wolcott small pattern cent, Judd-2 (4); the Norweb Birch cent, Judd-5 (1); the Starr half disme Judd-7 (67-1); the unique copper die trial, Judd-8; the finest silver disme, Judd-9 and the poorest known silver disme, Judd-9; .and the Partrick copper disme, Judd-10 (9) The exhibit also included the unique Adam Eckfeldt retirement medal in gold.

Also shown at the 2017 ANA WFM were a Birch Cent and Eagle on Globe pattern at the table of Kevin Lipton. At least five examples of 1792 half disme were available on the bourse.

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[BOANC-P4] 1792 Disme – Copper, Judd-10

Page 208 (2) Judd Add to pedigree with some confusion:

Attributed to Peter Geshwend; Thomas Elder 6/15/1908, lot 117.

Also attributed to Henry C. Jewett; S. H. Chapman 6/21/1909, lot 391.

Later Virgil M. Brand ; Brand (journal 49190).

Page 209 (5) Lauder Add to pedigree:
Virgil M. Brand; Brand (journal 87316).

Page 209 (8) [Liberty] Previously offered as Heritage 8/12/2015 lot 3986, PCGS AU-50

11026.50/13417126. Owned by Chuck Link in 2016. Heritage 9/2017.

Page 210 (9) Partrick Add to pedigree:
Carl Wurtzbach 1919; Virgil M. Brand

Page 212 Other Appearances Add to pedigree:
Thomas Elder 7/9/1920, lot 657 @ \$50; Virgil M. Brand (journal 95796).

BOANC-P5, Judd-11.

Page 212 (2) [Lohr] Last offered as Stacks
10/19/2005, lot 1378, NGC MS-61 BN; Robert Simpson Collection. Owned by Chuck Link in 2016.

Offered by Heritage at 2017 FUN 1/5/2017, lot 5519. Failed to meet reserve of \$220,000 hammer. Offered after auction at \$258,500.

[BOANC-P11] Silver Center Cent – Judd-1

Page 216 (4) [Bushnell / Brand] Add to pedigree:
Carl Wurtzbach 1919; Virgil M. Brand (journal 92002:147).

Page 217 (8) [Kendall] Last offered as Stack's
Bowers 3/26/2015, lot 2573 PCGS AU-53
11001.53/28491957. Owned in 2016 by Chuck Link.

Page 218 The (11) Mickley/Cohen Silver Center Cent, NGC VF-30 was offered by Stack's Bowers on 8/11/2016, lot 3010. It failed to meet the reserve of \$260,000. Offered on eBay in September 2016 for \$330,000. It was listed by NFC Coins (Numismatic Financial Corporation).

Prior Compilations of Census – Silver Center Cent

Breen, Walter. Pine Tree Rare Coin Auction Sales; The G.E.N.A. '74 Sale; 09/18-21/1974, Lot 1272A. A listing of seven pieces based on Breen's review of 800 to 1000 catalogs. He missed the Stearns piece and combined others in a confusing mixture of pedigrees. Among the errors, this linked the current sale of the Morris/Sloss piece with the Davis/Jenks pedigree.

Bowers & Ruddy Galleries, Inc.; *The River Oaks & C.W. Krugjohann Collections*, 11/11-13/1976, Lot 908. Lists 11 pieces based on Breen listing with four more pieces. Their No. 11 was a reappearance of their No. 3.

Rubin, P. Scott. "Auction Appearances and Pedigrees of the 1792 Silver Center Cent" Coinage of the Americas Conference, *America's Copper Coinage 1783-1857*. Rubin's review of 3200 auction catalogs and enumeration of 38 auction appearances.

Breen, Walter. *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins*. Breen cites Rubin's 1985 listing among his references. However, Rubin based his analysis partially on Breen's unpublished manuscript.

Bowers & Merena, Inc. *The Norweb Collection* 11/14-15/1988. A listing of eleven pieces, moving the Gschwend piece from the Norweb pedigree to the Ellsworth / Garrett list. Rubin had not seen the Gschwend plate.

Pollock, Andrew W. III. *United States Patterns and Related Issues*. 1994. Based on both the Rubin and Norweb listings. This is now considered to be correct up to the time.

Stack's, *The Legendary Collection of Floyd T. Starr*. 10/20-22/1992. Under lot 3, states that the Wurtzbach coin is not 7 in the Norweb catalog, but should be one of the uncirculated coins, 1 or 2. However, The Wurtzbach coin, plated in the 1914 ANS exhibit catalog, matches plates for the Bushnell / Brand piece.

Stack's. *Selections from the Hain Family Collection* 01/15-17/2002. Again, the Wurtzbach pedigree is questioned.

Heritage 1/7/2009 Lists 13 items including the 1892 Woodside piece as a separate item, not linked to the Seavy pedigree. This also lists the 1997 Willmott / Glendinning piece as a new discovery.

Other Appearances:

January 1852, Jacob Giles Morris and James Hall had one, Mickley did not;
John K. Wiggin; Edward Cogan 3/25/1862, lot 747 @ \$52;
Finotti collection; W. Elliot Woodward 11/11/1862, lot 1528 @ \$52.50 to Bacon;
Benjamin Haines; Edward Cogan /Bangs 01/19/1863. Lot 780 @ \$33;
Heman Ely; W. Elliot Woodward 1/08/1884, lot 444 @ \$25;
Matthews collection; W. Elliot Woodward 12/16/1885, lot 2120;
H. G. Brown collection; Lyman Low 10/11/1904, lot 209 @ \$7.50;
1916: Judson Brenner (1862-1929) exhibited one in Boston;
Thomas Elder 10/27/1926, lot 1436;
Thomas Elder 01/22/1936, lot 2968 @ \$390;
Ira S. Reed 8/19/1941 ANA sale, lot 77, VF @ \$205;

Celina Coin Co 12th sale, 2/5/1945. Lot 2022, Uncirculated;
Celina Coin Co. 10/8/1949, lot 591 Uncirculated;
Jay Parrino had two at one time.

BOANC-P13, Judd-2. Small Pattern Cent - Copper

Page 220 (2) [Brand / Norweb]

Charles Steigerwalt offered the coin in a fixed price sale May 1, 1892, with this description. "1792. Silver-Centre Cent. This specimen is struck on a full copper planchet – no hole for silver centre – and is rarer than the silver centre specimen. I know of no duplicate. Barely circulated. Dark Olive. 100.00."

(3) [Garrett] Last offered as Heritage 1/8/2015, lot 5503, NGC XF-30 BN 2048716-003. Owned in 2016 by Chuck Link.

Page 221 (5) Mickley/Lauder

Stack's Bowers 8/3/2017, lot 2004 (\$200,000 hammer) \$235,000; Denis Loring. Seen by author (PS) on 7-1-2017.

BOANC-P14 Large Pattern Cent Judd-5

Page 222 (1) Unreliable pedigree: The two Stack's sales in 1946 and 1947 mention one star but list the variety as AW-10, the two star variety, Judd-4.



New Coin (3) PCGS Genuine / Birch Cent - XF Details / Denticles Repaired / Edge Filed – Judd Unknown / 11112.98/82472584, 262.2 grains, 32 mm, die alignment 330 degrees.

Obverse slightly off center toward K-12. Fine line from 2nd C in SCIENCE up into bust. Many fine dark lines in planchet. Reverse off center toward K-10. Described as having a filed edge with some repair to the denticles.

This meets the general description found in the catalog for the Parmelee sale in 1890. "Cannot be said to be a plain edge as it is filed down." There is no other connection to fill a 127 year gap in pedigree.

Pedigree: Heritage 8/2/2017, lot 3880, (\$180,000 hammer) \$211,500.

The three authors met with Robert Rodriguez on August 1, 2017, to compare this coin with the one owned by Rodriguez. One observation is that the Rodriguez coin has coin alignment. The Heritage coin has medal turn offset by about 30 degrees.

BOANC-P15 Large Pattern Cent Judd-4

Page 223 (2) [Bushnell / Jenks / Green / Kendall]
Add to pedigree:

Cogan/Bangs 4/7/1863, lot 1073 @ \$205;
Frank & Laurese Katen 8/27/1948, lot 769;
Last offered as Stack's Bowers 3/26/2015, lot 2577.
PCGS AU-58 11011.58/28585697. Owned in 2016 by Chuck Link.

Page 224 (6) Smithsonian Add to pedigree:

Dewitt Smith 12/3/1908: Virgil M. Brand (journal 46506).



Page 224 (7) [Nippert] Add color image from Goldberg Sale of 6/5/2016, lot 37.

BOANC-P-16, Judd 3.

Page 225: Saul Teichman was able to prove conclusively that the images of the Judd coin (1) and Jay / Park coin (2) are of the same coin. Teichman has provided this tentative pedigree:

Cogan / Bangs J. N. T. Levick sale 12/19/1859, lot 219 @ \$66.50;

William S. Appleton;

DeWitt Smith;

Virgil Brand (journal 46505);

Judd plate coin, Dr. Judd after 1946;

Kosoff "Illustrated History" 1962, lot 10;

Charles Jay collection, Stack's 10/1967, lot 179;

Laird U. Park collection, Stack's 5/26/1976, lot 201;

Privst collection.

Page 225 (1) [Judd] Add to pedigree:

Haseltine 1/19/1885, lot 1058 @ \$140.

BOANC-P18, Judd-13.

Page 226 (1) [Norweb] Last offered as Heritage
1/8/2015, lot 5512. NGC XF-45 2048716-013.
Owned in 2016 by Chuck Link.

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Page 274 – The Brand Collection

Additional holdings in the Brand collection were discovered among the Brand ledgers at the American Numismatic Society that were made available through the Newman Numismatic Portal.

The Brand collection is now known to have included 24 examples of the patterns of 1792 including Judd-1 (4), Judd-2 (1), Judd-3 (1), Judd-4 (1), Judd-7 (8), Judd-9 (1), Judd-10 (7) and Judd-12 (1).

Chapter 13 Copies, Replicas and Fantasies



Roman Head – Patrick Mint Struck Replica Obverse

27 mm, medal turn “ONE HALF OUNCE .999
COPPER”

1792 Uncirculated Set

A set of Gallery Mint replicas sold on eBay on 10-30-2016 for \$136.50.

A set was offered on eBay in July, 2017, for \$599.99.

Silver Center Cent [Judd-1]

A Gallery Mint replica sold on eBay on 1-25-2017 for \$45.44.

Silver Center Cent without Silver Center [Judd-1a]

[GM-6] ICG MS 67 RD offered on eBay in January to July 2017 for \$500.

[GM-6] ICG MS 68 RD offered on eBay in January to July 2017 for \$800.

Large Pattern Cent – G*W.Pt. reverse [Judd-6]

[GM-13] White Metal ICG MS-PR 68 offered on eBay in January to July 2017 for \$700.

Birch Cent

[GM-4] One sold on eBay on 11-13-16 for \$34.33.

Half Disme - Copper

[GM-11] ICG MS 67 RD offered on eBay in January to July 2017 for \$500.

Half Disme – Silver

An example of the most common half disme replica [BOANC page 301] was offered on eBay in August, 2017, for \$500.

Disme – Copper



Copper Disme Electrotrope copy, photo provided by Winston Zack on April 1, 2017. The copy cannot be matched to a host coin. It is very similar to the Brand/Park coin on page 210.



Copper Disme Oversized Novelty Replica, 47 mm.
Reverse marked “COPY.” Appears to be a Morgan Mint copy. Discovered after publication of BOANC.

[GM-12] An uncertified piece was offered on eBay in January 2017 for \$399.

[GM-12] ICG MS-68 offered on eBay in January to April 2017 for \$600.

[Eagle-on-Globe] - Copper

[GM-10] ICG MS 63 RD offered on eBay in January to April 2017 for \$300.

The eBay offerings at high prices probably do not reflect current market value.

Addenda I: The Road Not Taken

There is no “right” way to collect, and numismatists interested in 1792 need not confine themselves to United States issues of this year. The French coinage the French transition from monarchy to democracy. The engraver Augustin Dupre, so well known within American circles for the execution of the *Libertas Americana* medal,³ was busy at work engraving dies for French coinage in 1792, and these pieces are considerably more accessible to the collector than their American counterparts. French coinage for 1792 is a cornucopia for type collectors. The absolute monarchy had given way to a constitutional monarchy in 1791, and, as sometimes happens, the Mint could not remain in lockstep with the lawmakers, and thus the royal coinage extended into 1792. Royal coins were struck until February 14, and these bore the expected symbols – the fleur de lis signifying the royal arms, and, if that was not clear enough, a crown reminded the public that there was still a king in France. The coinage of the constitutional monarchy played it both ways – the king remained on the obverse, but the reverse now featured a liberty cap, or the fasces, symbolizing collective power rather than the dominion of the individual sovereign. Finally, the Convention Nationale reconstituted the government yet again in September 1792. The monarchy was completely abolished (Louis XVI and his Queen Marie Antoinette were executed a few months later), and the coinage was updated to proclaim the rule of law.



French 1 sol essay in copper, PCGS SP55, Heritage Long Beach Signature Auction (September 2011), lot 27030, realized \$276.

The United States Congress was acutely aware of the unfolding drama in Paris, and, in this context, the debates in March 1792 surrounding the usage of Washington’s portrait on the coinage were understandably passionate. While the federal government declined to honor Washington in medallion form, the general public demanded Washington pieces, and private coiners were happy to fulfill the wishes of the people. Today, the collecting of Washington pieces is a widely pursued specialty among token and medal collectors, and the obvious irony is that the Congressional neglect of Washington precisely led to the multitude of private issues. The Mint Director James Ross Snowden paid the ultimate numismatic compliment to the phenomenon in the early 1860s. In his two-volume set describing the Mint Cabinet, a single volume was dedicated to the Washington pieces, and the other covered the remainder. Washington made his eventual debut on the quarter dollar in 1932, but by this time the Lincoln cent, beginning in 1909, had set precedent for the depiction of historical heroes on U.S. coinage.

The 1792-dated Washington pieces, discussed extensively in Chapters 3 and 4, are in particular highly prized, as these are seen as direct ancestors of the first federal coinage. The Guide Book lists none for less than four figures, and for reasonably detailed pieces, the price of entry will be substantially multiplied.



1792 Washington President Cent, General of the Armies Reverse, Baker-59, NGC XF45, Eric P. Newman Part V (Heritage Auctions 11/2014), lot 3032, realized \$55,812.50.

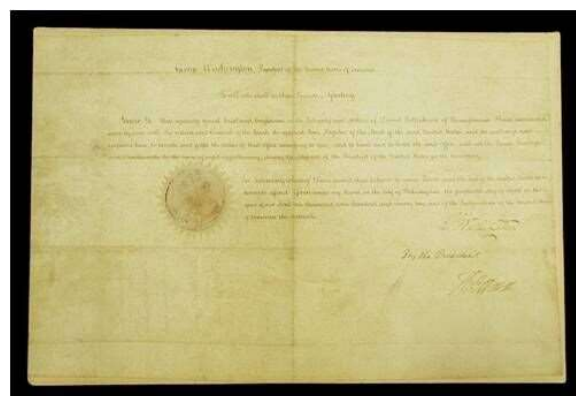
In addition to the 1792 Washington coinage, collectors may also pursue the 1792-dated Dickeson pieces that are covered in depth in chapter 14. Although 19th century fantasies, the Dickeson concoctions today support the idea that “collectors eventually become collectible themselves.” Dickeson was instrumental in the explosion of numismatic interest in the mid-19th century, and his *American Numismatist Manual* (1859), while not perfectly accurate, was the first comprehensive attempt to provide a guide for American collectors.⁴

Considering that Dickeson started virtually from scratch, the work is admirable, and set the standard for all such future endeavors. Collectors have also pursued contemporary publications with significant numismatic content. An important group of such

publications was assembled by Wayne Homren and dispersed by Kolbe & Fanning in a 2010 sale.⁵

One offering was the *National Gazette* for November 7, 1792 (lot 323), which published the Washington address to Congress that alluded to the coinage of half dismes. This document sold for \$525. Legislative documents were also printed in 1792, and these too have collector appeal. A 1792 printing of the *Journal of the House of Representatives of the United States*, covering the deliberations leading to the Mint Act, sold in a Kolbe & Fanning sale in 2013.⁶

Spirited bidding pushed this document up to \$6500, demonstrating a strong market for all things 1792. While multiple copies of publications are generally available, 1792 also offers unique documents, such as the appointment of David Rittenhouse as Mint Director. Signed by both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, and dated April 14, 1792, this document appeared at auction in 2011 and crossed the block at \$98,500.⁷ The document was subsequently exhibited at the Chicago ANA convention in 2013,⁸ and at other ANA events.



David Rittenhouse Mint Director Appointment, April 14, 1792.

Addenda II: Chronology of the First United States Mint, 1791-1792

1791

January 28. Alexander Hamilton’s treatise “On the Establishment of a Mint” is communicated to the House of Representatives. Hamilton proposes standards for the dollar in terms of gold and silver, and recommends coinage denominations.⁹

March 3. Congress passes a resolution to establish a national Mint, but fails to provide the necessary implementing components, including adequate funding.¹⁰

April 14. Hamilton writes to Thomas Jefferson regarding the engagement of Jean Pierre Droz as coiner for the Mint.¹¹

July 8. Michael Shubart, distiller, appeals to Washington for assistance in the face of “loss and misfortune.” Shubart owned the property at 29 N. Seventh Street in Philadelphia that was eventually purchased by the federal government for the purposes of erecting the Mint.¹²

October 25. Washington, in his Third Annual Address to Congress, advocates “...carrying into

immediate effect the resolution already entered into concerning the establishment of a Mint.”¹³

October 31. The Senate forms a Mint Committee consisting of Robert Morris of Pennsylvania (likely chairman); Rufus King of New York; Ralph Izard of South Carolina; George Cabot of Massachusetts and John Henry of Maryland; and directs them to plan implementation of a federal Mint.¹⁴

November 1. The American Museum publishes Thomas Paine’s “Thoughts on the Establishment of a Mint in the United States.” Paine felt that the seigniorage on copper should easily offset the expenses of launching and operating the Mint.¹⁵ This essay also marks the first discussion of the fusible alloy and silver center cents.

December 21. Robert Morris leads Senate discussion during the first reading of the draft Mint Bill.¹⁶

December 26. The Mint Bill progresses to a second reading before the Senate.¹⁷

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January 6. The Mint Bill progresses to a third reading before the Senate.¹⁸

January 9. The Senate conducts the third reading of the proposed Mint Act. The “clasped hands” design for silver coinage is rejected, as is the “scale of justice” design for the copper coinage.¹⁹

January 12. The Senate passes its version of the Mint Act, requiring that a likeness of the sitting President be used on all coinage.²⁰

March 24. The House of Representatives amends the Mint Act to remove the clause requiring a likeness of the President, and, “in lieu thereof, insert – ‘Emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word LIBERTY.’” The vote to remove the President’s image passed on a tally of 26-22.²¹ The vote to add a representation “Emblematic of Liberty” passed 42-6. The Annals of Congress reports vigorous debate on the question of whether to use the President’s image on the coinage.²² The National Gazette also indicates a spirited debate “of considerable length.”²³

March 26. The Senate disagrees with the House amendment, and returns it to the House. The House votes on whether to accept the Senate’s objection, and the motion to accept the objection fails by vote of 32-24.²⁴

March 27. The Senate is informed that the House will “adhere to their amendment to the bill,” and receives a signed, engrossed version of the bill from the House. The Senate thereupon agrees to the House amendment (more precisely, “RESOLVED, That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the said amendment”).²⁵

March 28. Mint bill signed by the Speaker of the House.²⁶

March 30. Mint bill signed by the Vice President of the United States. The Senate then sends the final version of the Mint Act to the President.²⁷

April 2. The President signs the Mint Act.²⁸

April 13. The President nominates David Rittenhouse to be Director of the Mint.²⁹ The original commissioning document was exhibited at the ANA Convention in Philadelphia in August, 2012.³⁰

April 13. Henry Voigt of Philadelphia petitions Washington for a position at the Mint (the formal appointment as chief coiner was granted on January 28, 1793).³¹

April 18. William Barton, nephew of David Rittenhouse, unsuccessfully applies to Thomas Jefferson for the position of Mint Treasurer.³²

May 3. Washington recommends to the Senate the appointment of Tristram Dalton as Treasurer of the Mint.³³ On June 6, the Pennsylvania Gazette reports the appointment, which the Senate approves on May 4.

June 1. Henry Voigt is hired as an employee of the Mint but not yet appointed as an officer. The start date of Voigt’s employment is indicated by a payment of \$875 made on January 1 st , 1793 (representing seven months salary, at \$1500 per year).³⁴

June 9. Jefferson letter to Washington, recommending, on Rittenhouse’s advice, the purchase of the Seventh Street property. Jefferson recommends, also on the advice of Rittenhouse, the appointment of Henry Voigt as Chief Coiner.³⁵

June 9. Washington letter to Jefferson, indicating his sentiment in favor of acquiring the Seventh Street property. Apparently referring to the possibility of a Voigt appointment, Washington advises “That all the applications may be brought to view, and considered, for Coining & ca.; Mr. Lear [Washington’s secretary] will lay the letters and engravings before you, to be

shewn to the Director of the Mint. I have no other object or wish in doing it that to obtain the best.”³⁶

June 14. Jefferson letter to Thomas Pinckney (U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain), requesting Pinckney to “endeavor...to engage” to send an Assayer and a “Chief-coiner and Engraver, in one person, if possible.” Jefferson closes, “Next to obtaining the ablest artists, a very important circumstance is to send them to us as soon as possible.”³⁷

June 15. Washington letter to Jefferson, expressing the desire to acquire “really skillful” artisans for the Mint, in Europe if necessary. Conversely, “I should be mortified to import men not more understanding in the business of Assaying, Engraving, and Coining than those who are already among us.”³⁸

June 16. Rittenhouse letter to Jefferson, soliciting Jefferson to request the President’s approval for the purchase of the Seventh Street property for the Mint.³⁹

June 17. Washington letter to Jefferson, indicating Washington’s approval of the proposed purchase of property for the Mint.⁴⁰ Washington presumes that the Attorney General (Edmund Randolph) will draw up the deed for the Mint property.

June 20. Jefferson letter to Washington, requesting \$10,000 funding for the Mint, \$4266.66 for the purchase of the Seventh Street property, \$5000 for fifteen tons of copper, and \$733.34 “on account for workmen &c.”⁴¹

June 30. Tobias Lear letter to Jefferson. Lear (the President’s secretary) indicates “The President of the U.S. wishes the opinion of the Secy. of State whether the present chief Coiner of the Mint is properly authorized by the resolution of Congress passed on the 3d day of March 1791.”⁴² At this time, Voigt had not yet received the official appointment as Chief Coiner.

July 9. Rittenhouse letter to Washington, indicating that he has taken the oath of office as Director of the Mint. Solicits Washington’s approval for a several items: “...But as small money is very much wanted we think proper, in the mean time, if your Excellency approves of it, to Coin some Copper Cents & Half Cents, and likewise small Silver, at least Dimes & Half Dimes. I have purchased on account of the United States, a House & Lot which I hope will be found convenient for the Mint, but considerable alterations must be made, and some small new buildings erected. I have likewise engaged Mr. Voigt to act as Coiner, and he has several workmen

now employed in making the necessary engines, and preparing the Dies. A quantity of copper will be wanted, perhaps 15 Tons might be sufficient, and measures for procuring it ought to be immediately taken, and for these several purposes some money will be required.”⁴³

July 9. Washington letter to Jefferson, asking him to draft a response to Rittenhouse expressing approval “of what the Director of the Mint has done, and is about to do...”⁴⁴

July 9. Jefferson letter to Washington, politely suggesting that a direct response from the President to Rittenhouse “would sometimes shorten business.”⁴⁵

July 9. Washington letter to Rittenhouse, expressing his approval for the purchase of the “house and lot for the Mint.” Also approves “of the employment of Henry Voigt as the Coiner; of the procuring fifteen tons of Copper, and proceedings to coin the Cents and half Cents of Copper, and Dimes and half dimes of silver...”⁴⁶

July 10. Washington letter to Hamilton, requesting the Director of the Mint be paid \$10,000, as outlined in Jefferson’s letter of June 20.⁴⁷

July 11. Jefferson’s Memorandum Book indicating a deposit at the Mint - “Delivd. 75. D. at the mint to be coined.”⁴⁸ As the Seventh Street property had not yet been purchased, this “mint” location is believed to be John Harper’s workshop at Sixth & Cherry Streets.

July 11. Washington leaves Philadelphia for Mount Vernon, arriving six days later.⁴⁹

July 13. Jefferson’s Memorandum Book indicating receipt of the Mint coinage – “Recd. from the mint 1500. half dismes of the new coinage.” The next entry indicates “Set out for Monticello.”⁵⁰

Over the next several weeks, the account book records an unusual number of 5-cent denominated transactions.

July 18. The deed for the Mint property, purchased from Frederick Hailer, “surgeon barber,” and his wife Christiana, is signed on this day.⁵¹ While the deed is dated July 18, Rittenhouse had purchased the property a few days earlier on the government’s account (see July 9 entry).

July 19. The Mint begins “work at taking down the still-house” at the Seventh Street property.⁵²

July 31. The foundation stone for the Mint is laid: “This day, about 10 o’clock in the forenoon, the foundation stone was laid for the Mint by David Rittenhouse, Esq.” Foundation work began immediately – “Four masons at work since 10 o’clock A. M.”⁵³

August 25. The foundation of the Mint is complete, and the framework is raised.⁵⁴

August 29. A warrant is drawn to pay John Harper for “cuttings, presses, castings,” in the amount of \$217.85. A second warrant for \$34.42 appears on September 1.⁵⁵

September 7. Mint workmen commence operations “in the shop.”⁵⁶

September 11. The first purchase of copper for coinage occurs, 6 pounds at “1s. 3d.” per pound.⁵⁷

September 20. The Mint places a notice in Dunlap’s American Daily Advertiser, indicating “the highest price will be given for old copper at the Mint.”

September 21. Coining presses arrive at the Mint.⁵⁸

October 1. Jefferson and Washington met at Mount Vernon on this day. This is their first meeting since the half dismes were struck in July, but there is no documentation indicating the transfer of coinage.⁵⁹

October 9. Dye’s Coin Encyclopedia reports that half dismes are struck at the Mint on this day. While Dye’s source is not given, it is most likely the Voigt account book previously quoted by Snowden (see entries for August 25, September 7).⁶⁰

October 15. Jefferson’s draft for sections of Washington’s upcoming Congressional address, indicating “measures have been taken for engaging some artists from abroad to aid in the establishment of our mint; others have been employed at home; provision has been made of the requisite buildings, and these are now putting into proper condition for the purposes of the establishment. There has been also a small beginning in the coinage of the half dismes and Cents, the want of small coins in circulation calling our first attentions to them.”⁶¹ The clause “and Cents” was later stricken from the address, see entry for November 6.

October 20. In a letter from George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, Washington notes that the Post Office, as a branch of revenue, was annexed to the Treasury during the Confederation government. The letter concludes “[as] the Mint does not appertain

to the Department of Treasury I am more inclined to add it to that of state than to multiply the duties of the other.”⁶²

November 6. Washington’s fourth annual address to Congress, in which he states, “...measures have been taken for engaging some artists from abroad to aid in the establishment of our mint; others have been employed at home. Provision has been made for the requisite buildings, and these are now putting into proper condition for the purposes of the establishment. There has also been a small beginning in the coinage of half-dismes; the want of small coins in circulation calling the first attention to them.”⁶³

November 16. Jefferson writes to Washington. “Th: Jefferson has the honor to submit to the inspection of the President a set of copper promissory notes, and coins, made by Boulton, the superiority of which over any thing we can do here, will fully justify our wish to set our mint agoing on that plan. – They are obscured by the sea-air.”⁶⁴

November 27. Rittenhouse writes to Jefferson, advising that the \$10,000 appropriated earlier in the year is nearly exhausted, and asking for a warrant for \$5,000. “The works are now nearly completed and a particular account of the Expences shall be made out as soon as the several Bills can be got in and paid.”⁶⁵

November 28. Tobias Lear writes to Jefferson, informing that the President is agreeable to the request for \$5,000, and “has therefore drawn the enclosed order for five thousand dollars to be applied to the purposes of the mint...”⁶⁶

November 28. Rittenhouse writes to Jefferson, suggesting that “Perhaps 30 or 40 Tons” of copper be imported from Sweden. “There is now in the Mint f or 5 Tons of old Copper and more may be expected tho’ I think not in any great quantity. Some dependence may likewise be placed on the produce of the American Mines.”⁶⁷

November 29. Washington writes to Jefferson, requesting Jefferson to search for a supply of copper in Europe. “It having been represented by the Director of the Mint, that the late rise in the price of Copper, and difficulty of obtaining it, render it impossible that the quantity authorized to be procured can be had, unless some part of it be imported by the United States...”⁶⁸

December 17. Voigt’s account book reports “struck off a few pieces of copper coin.”⁶⁹

December 18. Jefferson writes to Washington, “Th: Jefferson has the honor to send the President 2 Cents made on Voigt’s plan, by putting a silver plug worth $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent into a copper worth $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent. Mr. Rittenhouse is about to make a few by mixing the same plug by fusion with the same quantity of copper. He will then make of copper alone of the same size, and lastly he will make the real cent, as ordered by Congress, four times as big, specimens of these several ways of making the cent will be delivered to the Committee of Congress now having that subject before them.”⁷⁰

December 27. Rittenhouse writes to Tobias Lear, “We have begun to Assay some of the European

Coins, and shall proceed tomorrow, at the Mint, if it will be convenient for the President to attend about 12 o’clock. Should any accident happen before that time to occasion delay, I will give you notice.”⁷¹

December 28. Tobias Lear, the secretary of President Washington, “by the President’s order,” gives two dollars “to the Men at the Mint.”⁷²

December 29. Rittenhouse letter to Jefferson, asking Jefferson to request Ambassador Pinckney to procure \$10,000 worth of copper in Europe, “either from Sweden or elsewhere. The copper to be in sheets not less than one eighth of an inch in thickness, as most suitable for coinage.”⁷³

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