



# The E-Gobrecht

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### “FUN” LSCC meeting next week!

#### Attention Florida United Numismatist (FUN) Show attendees!

Jason Feldman will be hosting a regional meeting of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club on January 11, 2013 at 9 AM at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The meeting’s room number is S321. A lively agenda is planned including the following topics:

- Attendee Introductions
- Club news update
  - 40th anniversary medal program update
  - Club Historian announcement and roles
- 1839 Seated Dime Pie Shattered Obverse presentation and PCGS EF45 specimen viewing by Gerry Fortin
- Featured presentation by Jason Feldman and Chris Pilliod entitled, "When Things Go Wrong" which emphasizes Liberty Seated coinage with cracked dies or other mint errors.

Please try to attend.

### Introducing ... The LSCC Historian

Readers of the *E-Gobrecht* may recall seeing recent solicitations for a LSCC volunteer position as the Club Historian.

Thankfully, **Jordan Heyne**, a Pennsylvania club member, volunteered for the job. East Coast members have probably seen him at shows. His role and anticipated products are still being worked out but we heartily welcome him and look forward to seeing more of him.

Thanks, Jordan, for stepping up and supporting the club’s activities.

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## Auction News

by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Heritage** Houston Sale contained a well struck 1844-O half dime graded AU53 that sold for \$1,909 and another graded MS62 with a spot on Liberty's chest soared to \$7,637. A F15 1846 was worth \$1,410 and a better than normal struck MS62 1849-O hit \$2,820.

1838-O dimes in AU53 and AU55 sold for \$884 and \$1,351. A very nice AU55 1845-O was worth \$3,525 while an AU53 1846, with a spot in front of Liberty's face, hit \$5,141.

A well struck AU53 and nicely toned 1842-O Small Date quarter realized a strong \$10,869 despite

a gouge on Liberty's elbow. An XF40 1858-S hit \$2,938 and a VF35 1859-S with a number of small spots sold for \$1,765. A choice VF35 1860-S went for \$8,813.

An 1839 No Drapery half dollar with the typical weak strike realized \$2,820.

A PR50 1836 Gobrecht dollar from the issue of 12/1836 soared to \$18,880 and a PR35 from the issue of 3/1837 with the head of Liberty opposite OF sold for \$9,988. Gobrecht Dollars are seldom seen with that much wear. A well struck 1872-S with smooth surfaces and graded AU55 hammered for \$5,141.

Happy New Year everyone!

## E-Gobrecht Archive Article Indexing

Thanks to the massive efforts of Gerry Fortin, we now have an article index for past issues of the *E-Gobrecht*. Here is Gerry's announcement: "Just a quick note that *E-Gobrecht* indexes are done and currently available on the [www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org) and [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com) website. The indexes were structured so as to please as many club members as possible. Here is a quick description as copied from one of the websites:

### ***E-Gobrecht* Search Indexes**

**[Index for all Topics](#)** - Index ordered by Liberty Seated coinage denomination and publishing date. Also indexed are general Seated coinage articles, numismatic literature articles and a host of LSCC club articles and regional meeting results.

**[Half Dime and Dime Articles](#)** - Half dime and dime indexes only presented by publishing date and by coinage date.

**[Double Dime and Quarter Articles](#)** - Double dime and quarter indexes only presented by publishing date and by coinage date.

**[Half Dollar and Dollar Articles](#)** - Half Dollar and Seated, Trade and Gobrecht Dollar indexes only presented by publishing date and by coinage date.

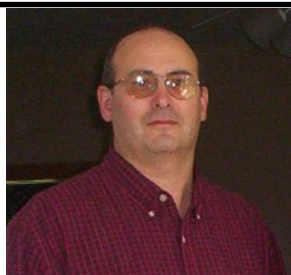
**[General Seated Coinage Articles](#)** - General Seated coinage index plus those for Christian Gobrecht, Question of Month, numismatic literature and contemporary counterfeits.

**[LSCC and Gobrecht Journal Articles](#)** - Numerous topics related to LSCC regional meetings and other relevant news including Gobrecht Journal reviews

The full index is available at the first link entitled "Index for all Topics." The subsequent index links are for those people who only want to search a particular denomination or sets of topics. The twist with the individual denomination indexes is that I added a sort by coinage date along with the publishing date.

So for a trial run, simply go to [www.lscweb.org](http://www.lscweb.org) and then the *E-Gobrecht* Archives tab. The indexes are placed on top of the archiving of all *E-Gobrecht* issues to date.

Thanks for the hard work, Gerry. Readers, try it out.



## 40th Anniversary Activities

### by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

### Official Ordering Period for 40th Anniversary Medal is now over

The final ordering date for the 40th Anniversary medal has now past. We received orders for nearly 300 silver and over 20 gold medals. Per the orders, most of the gold medals will have the LSCC member's number and name stamped on the edge of the medal but a few have requested only the LSCC number. We are in the process of finalizing the order. We believe Dan Carr, the minter, will have the medals ready for us at the March 2013 Baltimore Show.

Len Augsburger has done a great job handling the finances of this major project. There is quite a lot of logistics involved with all the gold coins and money coming in from many points, and then going out to the minter. Many thanks, Len!

I've had a couple of members come forward to do articles for the 40th Anniversary edition of the *Gobrecht Journal* but we can use more. Please consider contributing some offering. Newer members are very welcome to contribute something; perhaps with your experiences with the club so far.

### Upcoming LSCC Events

January 11, 2013, **Orlando, FL**, FUN Convention, Orange County Convention Center, Southern LSCC Regional meeting, 9 AM, room S321.

February 1-2, 2013, **Manchester, NH**, Coin and Currency Expo, LSCC table and regional meeting during the afternoon of February 2, more details TBD.

February 7, 2013, **Long Beach, CA**, Long Beach Coins, Stamp and Collectables Expo, Special LSCC Regional Meeting, 7 PM, Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery.



## Regional News by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Happy New Year to all fellow club members! 2013 starts another active year of LSCC meetings as regional directors strive to maintain our localized gathering throughout the U.S. for maximum club member participation.

The first 2013 regional meeting will be at the Florida United Numismatic show in Orlando on Friday, January 11 at 9:00 AM in Room S321. South Regional Director, Jason Feldman, promises an informative session with emphasis on Liberty Seated coinage with cracked dies or other mint errors. Included in the session will be the introduction of the LSCC Club Historian, a 40<sup>th</sup> medal program report, and viewing of recently announced 1839 PCGS EF45 Liberty Seated dime with Pie Shattered Obverse.

Several few weeks after the FUN show, the club moves back to the Northeast for a regional

meeting at the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo in Manchester, NH on February 1-2. Our Northeast Regional Director, Dennis Fortier, will host an LSCC table and regional meeting at the show. The regional meeting is planned during the afternoon of February 2. Club members in the area are invited to contact Dennis to help staff the LSCC table and to provide interesting Liberty Seated coins for display.

Immediately following the Manchester, NH meeting, club attention shifts to the West Coast and the Long Beach Coins, Stamps and Collectibles Expo. Western Regional Director, Craig Eberhart, is planning an alternate type of regional meeting and has scheduled a February 7, 7:00 PM session at the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery. Club members are invited to sample their favorite spirits while engaging in a lively discussion on Liberty Seated topics. Rumor has it that a national dealer will buy the first round so get there early....



**April 2012**

**David Lange, at right in photo, visiting the Bugert home in Gettysburg, PA. Dave was doing research at The Beistle Company in Shippensburg, PA for his upcoming book on Wayte Raymond / National Albums. Look for it soon.**

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"product" coming out of the grading services, etc., but at some point it comes down to the simple psychology

of whether people are more confident in coins or cash. The upcoming January sales will give us a good indication!



## The Curious Collector

### by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Once again the mega-January auctions are upon us. Every year the auction companies try to outdo last year's performance, and this year they may

actually succeed. This year's action starts out not with a coin, but with an announcement - Heritage is selling the Walton example of the 1913 Liberty nickel, and will be hosting a preview reception at the FUN show in Orlando next week. A lovely advertising piece on heavy card stock recently arrived in this author's mailbox, quite likely just the first of several over the next few months. Heritage cataloguer Mark Borckardt, the co-author of *Million Dollar Nickels* (the story of the 1913 Liberty nickel), will no doubt be giving the computer keyboard quite a workout on the subject.

The prize of the January sales is the Cardinal collection being sold by Stack's Bowers Galleries at the end of the month. Focused on the earliest federal coinage, the collection includes what may be the first 1794 dollar struck, an ultra-high grade 1792 half dime, and early copper in grades that are not supposed to exist. On display at the November 2012 Baltimore show, I was particularly struck by one 1794 large cent graded "Red" by PCGS. Anyone with a pile of copper cents in a desk drawer or change jar knows how fast they can change color - a few months in bad air and already you can see the red fading. So the chances of a copper coin surviving over 200 years with original color are extraordinarily slim. But one did, and the market will put a price on it in a few weeks.

Not be outdone, Heritage comes with a mini-herd of seven 1792 half dimes, a veritable opportunity to build a grading set! My favorite item in the Heritage sale is the strongest run of 19th century proof half dollars in recent memory. Beginning with the 1807 in a PCGS Specimen holder, all the rarities are here - 1838-O, 1839-O, all the early Liberty

Seated half dollars including the 1853 arrow & rays, and the branch mint proof 1855-S. For good measure, the discovery VF20 1842 small date, small letters half dollar is also in the sale, one of four known. The 1807 is a most intriguing coin - there is no documentation surrounding the precise manner of striking, so all you can do is look at the coin and record what you observe. John Dannreuther conducted a careful examination, and settled on the description of a "one-sided specimen/proof," adding that "it is what it is...the most spectacular Draped Bust Heraldic Eagle half dollar the author has ever seen!"

Our good friends at Stack's had precisely the same problem with a previously unknown bronze 1943 cent which appears in their sale. Most "bronze" 1943s are of course fakes, but a few are known to have been mistakenly struck on 1942 bronze cent planchets. The issue with this coin is that the composition does not match what one would expect for a 1942 bronze planchet. Roger W. Burdette has recently uncovered records of various experimental compositions tested during the wartime years - this piece does not appear to match these compositions either. So, while the coin is unquestionably authentic, the composition is previously unrecorded, and the successful purchaser will be acquiring not only a unique specimen, but a research project as well!

While all these high-powered and exotic rarities may seem far removed from the circulated date and mintmark collections of the Liberty Seated collector, one must realize that deep pocketed buyers will not chase these prizes without confidence in the market. The buyers of the \$100 and \$200 coins form a foundation for the next level of the pyramid, and so on. Not only that, but confidence and strength in the market can flow in both directions - people see confidence at the high end or low end, and become more confident themselves. Of course, there are always fundamentals in the coin market related to dealer and collector cash positions, gold prices, the rate of

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# Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2013 with great numismatic anticipation for a couple of reasons. First, it is the LSCC’s 40th anniversary and we have some really spectacular medals being made. Second, the first Top 25 Liberty Seated Quarter Variety Survey is going to be conducted this year. I have been working with LSCC president John McCloskey on the survey form, which LSCC members can look forward to receiving with the next *Gobrecht Journal* (GJ). The form will include each of the Top 25 varieties described in Issue #111 of the GJ plus 5 additional varieties. The five “extra” varieties on the survey will include the four varieties described over the last four months of this column as being “too rare” to include in the original list, plus the variety described below in this month’s column. It remains unclear just how rare the four “too rare” varieties may be at this point and we are hoping the survey will shed some light. So, in order to accurately complete the upcoming survey

you will need the original Top 25 article from GJ Issue #111 and the *E-Gobrecht* “Quarter of the Month” columns from September, October, November and December 2012, as well as January 2013 (which you are reading right now).

This month’s variety, which will be the 30th and final coin on the survey, is the 1876-CC, Briggs’ 1-A and 2-A, reverse of 1873-CC No Arrows. This is an intriguing variety due to the fact that, whereas the vast majority of collectors will never own an 1873-CC No Arrows quarter, the 1876-CC is a quite common and inexpensive coin. The 1873-CC No Arrows quarter has long been recognized as a great rarity, with a mere 5 specimens known from an original recorded mintage of 4,000. The second finest of the five known specimens (Figure 1 below) sold for \$460,000 this past summer as Lot 11094 in the Stack’s Bowers ANA Sale of the Battle Born Collection. If you are a Liberty Seated enthusiast and do not yet have a copy of the Battle Born Collection catalog – get one now! It is a must read for anyone



Figures 2 and 3: 1873-CC NA Quarter—Battle Born Collection (courtesy of Stack’s Bowers)

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interested in Carson City coinage. Rusty Goe, writing in the Stack's-Bowers catalog, noted that, "Numismatists of all ranks and classes regard this issue, the 1873-CC No Arrows, with particular awe and admiration. Only one other coin from the Carson City Mint surpasses its regality and rarity."

No one who collects Liberty Seated Quarters, or has spent even a few minutes closely studying a price guide, will need reminded of the rarity and popularity of "The Big Four CC's" – the 1870-CC, 1871-CC, 1872-CC and 1873-CC With Arrows quarters. All four of these issues, with a total combined mintage of 54,542 pieces, were struck using the same reverse die. The 1873-CC No Arrows quarter, for some reason, was produced using a different reverse die. Larry Briggs, writing in Issue 46 of the *Gobrecht Journal* (November 1989, reprinted starting on page 279 of Collective Volume 3), details the production dates and die shipment records for the Carson City quarters produced from 1870-73, as well as the diagnostic markers for the 1873-CC No Arrows quarter reverse die. Briggs explains, "In October 1872 the Carson City Mint requested three new ob-

verses but no new reverse dies for the striking of quarter dollars. On November 9, 1872, three obverse dies dated 1873 without arrows arrived. At this point the Carson City Mint had on hand a total of four different reverses it could have used to strike CC quarters. But up to this point [only one reverse, the one first used in 1870] had been employed. Now, for some reason, the mint decided to use one of the other three reverses on hand. On January 18, 1873, the Carson City Mint struck 4,000 pieces of the 1873-CC No Arrows quarter using the new reverse die. On February 12, 1873, the Coinage Act was passed, making the No Arrows quarters underweight in relation to the new coinage. Most of these pieces seem to have been melted by the Mint on or before July 10, 1873. Only one obverse die and one reverse die are known to have been used to strike the 1873 No Arrows quarter. But the reverse die is different from that used to strike previous Carson City quarters. Only one obverse die was used to strike the 1873 with arrows quarters. This die was paired with the old reverse that was used to make quarters dated 1870-1872."

No quarters dated 1874 were struck at the Carson City mint. When production resumed in



Figures 3 and 4: 1876-CC Quarter with Reverse of 1873-CC NA (courtesy of Heritage Auctions)

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1875, with mintage of 140,000 pieces, neither of the reverse dies described above was utilized. The reverse die used from 1870-1873 was never used again, as far as we now know. However, at some point during 1876, the reverse die used to strike the 1873-CC No Arrows quarters was placed back into service. True mass production of quarters commenced at Carson City in 1876 with a total of 4,944,000 pieces produced for the year. Briggs' *Comprehensive Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters* (Lima, OH 1991), which incidentally uses the 1873-

CC No Arrows quarter as its cover images, catalogs 15 distinct die pairs known as of publication with more discovered since. The 1873-CC No Arrows reverse (identified at 1876-CC reverse A in the book, Figure 4) was paired with two different 1876 obverses. Both of the obverses are heavily rusted to the point that even mint state coins show almost no head detail (Figure 3). The variety is quite scarce, making up a small percentage (i.e. much less than 5) of the extant 1876-CC quarters, but cannot be legitimately considered rare within the context of the Liberty Seated Quarter series. It can be found, with sufficient patience, in all grades.

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*Once the desk was completely opened, he discovered many Nazi medals (the one he got the biggest kick out of was one for having so many children for the Fatherland). My Dad gave away all the medals to his troops - but he noticed a very unusual coin hidden in one of the compartments. It was so small he almost overlooked it.*

*As Dad had never seen a Half Dime before - he thought the denomination odd - but a Half Dime is worth Five Cents - the price of an ice cream cone at Kelly's Landing in Boston. So, he slipped it into his uniform pocket - and after the war, while going thru his uniform, he rediscovered it. He simply put it in his bureau drawer - where it sat (thru three moves and many years) until I started collecting - and the little Half Dime was again brought to light.*

*While my Dad was still alive, I wanted to send the coin into PCGS for grading. I wish I had, but I just never did. Recently, the coin was graded and I had it imaged by Messy Desk.*

*My friend Glenn Holsonbake asked that I*

*show the coin to a New Orleans coin collector, Lynn Ourso and both he and Glenn got a big kick out of this tiny coin. It seems as though this coin is a V-2 and it's an R-5. Lynn said it was the finest V-2 and the top pop for this variety that he has seen at this time. There is a die crack from the rim through star one to the Hand of Liberty.*

*I wish Dad could still be with us to share this news. But, having this Half Dime is like having a small part of him with me."*

Mike Hayes





# An Interesting 1852-O Half Dime

By Lynn Ourso, LSCC #1676



At the FUN show back in 2011 I was introduced to Mike Hayes by Glenn Holsonbake. Mike had a coin that he had acquired from his father and wanted an opinion to whether it was rare and overall what I thought about the coin. After examining the coin, to my surprise it was an 1852-O half dime V-2 PCGS XF-40. The diagnostics for this coin is a die crack on the obverse from the rim thru star 1 and continuing to Ms. Liberty's arm. This variety was just discovered not too many years prior to seeing this coin and is still quite scarce if not rare. At the time it was the highest grade that I had come across. As you may have guessed...there was not enough money to pry this coin from Mike. After he told me the history of this coin, I then realized why he wouldn't sell it. Below is Mike's story on his half dime.

*"Back in late 1944 - early 1945 my Dad, who was in the Army was in charge of requisitions and his Division, took command of a castle in Germany. Our troops found the residence abandoned and my Dad picked out an office for himself that contained a very elaborate hand carved desk with many locked doors and cubicles. Using his bayonet, he pried open these doors and the drawers of this desk - "just in case".*

*My Dad said he was as careful as he could be because it was one of the nicest pieces of furniture he had ever seen.*

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# A Review of 1876 Type II Liberty Seated Dime Varieties

by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Building a set of the five known 1876 Type II reverse varieties in Extra Fine or better grade might be an enjoyable while inexpensive challenge for a Seated dime variety specialist. This article focuses on an area of Seated dime variety collecting that remains a cherry picking opportunity for anyone with the time and patience to search out elusive varieties embedded in an otherwise common and high mintage date.

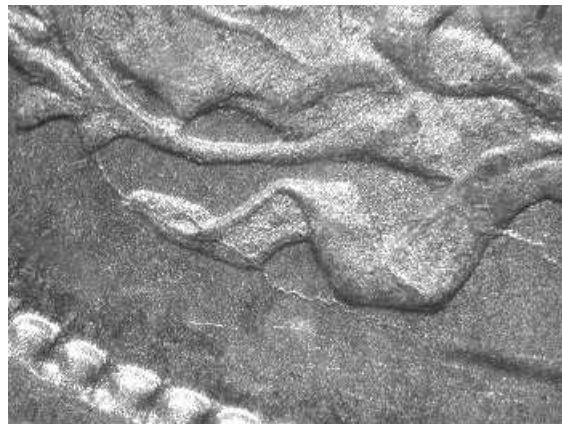
First let's review the difference between the two different reverse styles hubs that appeared during three years starting with 1876 coinage. The two different reverse hub styles were entitled Type I and Type II by Kamal Ahwash in his Encyclopedia on Liberty Seated dimes and feature minor changes in the bow knot's ribbon ends and in the positioning of denomination ONE DIME with respect to wreath design elements. The two reverse hub styles were employed by the three mints from 1876 through 1878, except for 1877 coinage produced at the San Francisco mint. Only the Type II reverse hub has been found for 1877-S dimes. There have been rumors of usage of a 1877-S Type I reverse, with Breen listing this variety as #3403 in his Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins. However Ahwash, Greer and Fortin have yet to document an example.

The Type I reverse hub can be identified by a **double point** left ribbon end and the "E" in ONE almost touching the wheat grains. For Type II reverse hub, using the same identifiers, the left ribbon end is long and has **single point** while the "E" in ONE is distant from the wheat grains.

## Ribbon Ends – Type I vs. Type II Hubs



**Type I - Split or double left ribbon end**

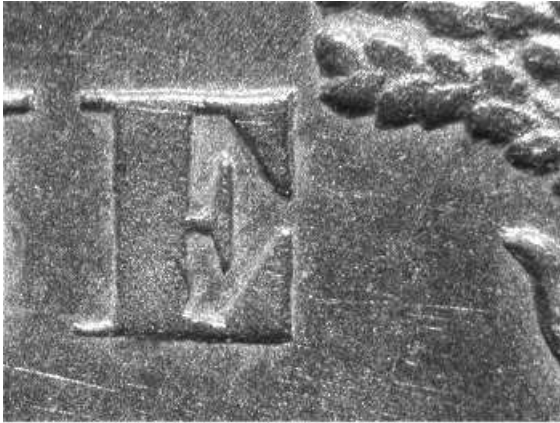


**Type II - Single left ribbon end**

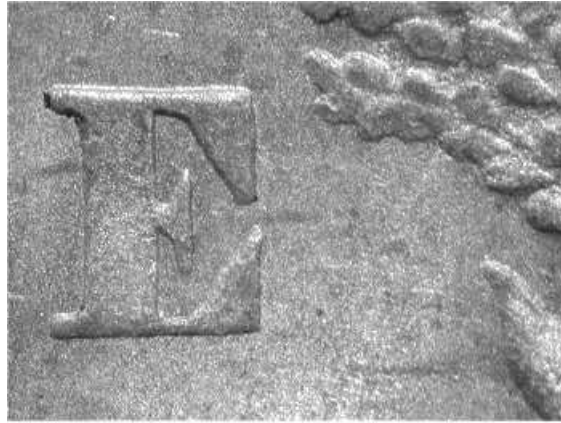


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### Position of ON(E) – Type I vs. Type II Hubs



**Type I - E is near the wheat grains**



**Type II - E is distant from wheat grains**

As mentioned at the opening of this article, five different 1876 Type II are known and fully illustrated at [www.seateddimevarieties.com](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com). Mintage of 1876 Philadelphia dimes was substantial for that time period (11,461,150) and over 50 die pairs were probably prepared. Locating high grade examples and assessing rarity for 1876 coinage with Type II reverse hub has been a several decade long project built upon Kamal Ahwash's earlier research and variety definitions. The following is a brief summary of the five different Type II reverse hub die pairings.

### Fortin 101 and 101a – Obverse 1 / Reverse A (Ahwash 4)



The most frequently seen Type II die pairing and can be located in early and late die states. Date position is DR 0B1. Late die states examples (F-101a) are found with cracked reverse die that is obvious on eBay or dealer images. This variety comes well struck and is good choice for Type II reverse selection

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in a Top 200 or Ultimate variety set.

**Fortin 102 – Obverse 2 / Reverse B (Ahwash 5)**



Infrequently seen and high R4 to low R5 in Extra Fine or better grade. Date position is DR 0R and note the irregular appearance of DIME on the reverse. The I and M in DIME are poor aligned with the outer letters D and E. Only several examples seen with strikes being variable. Ahwash did not publish images for A-5 listing; this die pair best matches his description.

**Fortin 103 – Obverse 3 / Reverse C, Repunched 1 (Ahwash 6)**



Can be identified by date position DR 1L with a repunched 1 digit; repunching on top of flag. Reverse seen with early and late die states; later die states exhibit die cracks throughout the wreath. Not pictured in Ahwash's Encyclopedia but listed as A-6. Strong strikes are available.

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### Fortin 104 – Obverse 4 / Reverse D (Ahwash 7)



Date placement is furthest left of the 1876 Type II varieties; date measurement is DR 0C. Comes fully struck and is the second easiest to locate after F-101. Reverse will show some minor die cracks on the right ribbon and in the lower left wreath.

### Fortin 105 – Obverse 5 / Reverse E (Ahwash 8)



Ahwash did not publish an image for A-8 variety; this die pair best matches his description. Probably the most difficult to locate other than F-102. Again strong strike is the rule with reverse die cracks throughout left and right wreath area. Date placement is DR 0R.

Summary Points

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- 1876 Type II are nearly always found with strong strikes and bold head detail
- No reverse die doubling seen on any Type II reverses
- Type II reverse dies are often seen with die cracks indicating reasonably long production runs
- F-102 is most difficult to locate then F-105 as second most difficult
- F-101 is easiest to find followed by F-104
- Building a five dime 1876 Type II variety set could be done with as little as \$200-\$300 (EF grade) and some longer term patience.

As Always, Happy Hunting!

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## Call for LSCC Hall of Fame Nominations



The Hall of Fame Committee composed of club members Bill Bugert, Len Augsburg, Gerry Fortin, Mark Sheldon, and Tom DeLorey wishes to inform the membership that we are accepting nominations for the Liberty Seated Collectors Club's 2012 Hall of Fame (HoF). Please consider honoring noteworthy individuals to this prestigious distinction for their contributions to the club and/or to the advancement of collecting Liberty Seated coinage.

Basic qualifications for club member nominees are significant advances in or contributions to at least one of the following four criteria:

- Numismatic Research on Liberty Seated coinage
- Numismatic Literature related to Liberty Seated coinage
- Collection(s) of Liberty Seated coinage
- LSCC Club officer (for at least five years).

Previous inductees to the HoF include Kamal M. Ahwash (deceased), John W. McCloskey, Alfred E. Blythe (deceased), Randall E. Wiley, and Brian Greer.

The Committee is accepting nominations in two categories: an active club member and a veteran (pre-founding of the LSCC [1973]); an announcement of the new inductee(s) will be made at the LSCC's annual meeting. The nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2013 and are due to the HoF Chairman, Bill Bugert, via email at [wb8cpy@earthlink.net](mailto:wb8cpy@earthlink.net) or via postal mail at Bill Bugert, 1230 Red Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or to Bill via telephone at (717) 337-0229.



## Correction to the December E-Gobrecht Quarter of the Month Column by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

*The December Quarter of the Month had a critical typographical error, which I wanted to correct for the January's E-Gobrecht. The mintmark right is reverse B and the mintmark left is reverse A. This was reversed in the original article. The corrected version below. Thanks for reading. GJ*

This month is the fourth and final column in a four part series on seated quarter varieties left off of the Top 25 list for being too rare. September's column featured the 1854 thin date, October's the 1856 Flag of 6 in the Shield, and November's the 1857-O Briggs 7-C with the top of "18" in the obverse denticles below the date. This month we look at the 1858-S with far left mintmark. There are two reverses for the 1858-S quarter listed in Briggs' *Comprehensive Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Quarters* (Lima, OH 1991); one positioned slightly left of center and one positioned slightly right of center. Larry Briggs describes the newly discovered "far left mintmark" variety on page 35 of *Gobrecht Journal* Issue 58, November 1993 (reprinted on page 384 of Collective Volume 4) and named the apparently unique obverse and reverse dies 3-C, respectively.

Discovery of the mintmark far left variety is credited to Michael E. Friedman during 1992; the discovery coin grades XF and was the only specimen reported in the 1993 LSCC survey. Ten examples were reported in the 2007 survey. I remain skeptical of this number due to the lack of description and the choice of names for the varieties. The survey listing referred to right, left and centered mintmarks. With the only photos in Briggs' book being of "right" and "left" and no variety having a truly centered mintmark, it seems likely that a number of Briggs 1-A coins could have been mistakenly attributed as 3-C. This is particularly an issue because no further description was offered with the survey and the only photos of the "far left" mintmark are in the *Gobrecht Journal* from 1993 (and the reprint in Collective Volume 4). I have, in the past 8 years, personally verified no more than 4 examples of the variety in all grades and suspect that the total known is still less than 10. Photos of Briggs reverse A (mintmark left), reverse B (mintmark right) and reverse C (mintmark far left) are shown left to right below.



1858-S Reverse A (MM left)

1858-S Reverse B (MM right)

1858-S Reverse C (MM far left)



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**Buying and Selling Seated Dime Varieties.** Gerry Fortin, Liberty Seated Dime Varieties Web-book author, is buying and selling dime varieties including Top 100, major die cracks and cuds. New discoveries posted in web-book as a courtesy. Consignments and want lists wanted. Over 25 years in hobby with proven integrity and customer service. Other denominations also offered. Web:

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**David Kahn Rare Coins.** Please check out my website—I have an easy to use website and list many original bust and seated coins with excellent photos. [www.davidkahnrarecoins.com](http://www.davidkahnrarecoins.com)

**1879-1890 Quarters and Halves Wanted to Buy.** I'm looking for Philadelphia mint 1879-1890 quarters and halves, grades 35-45 only. Must be absolutely original, never cleaned or dipped. What do you have? Denis Loring, 561-207-6180, [dwloring@aol.com](mailto:dwloring@aol.com).

**Seated and Bust Coinage for Sale.** Rich Uhrich Rare U. S. Coins Inc. specializes in Bust and Seated silver coins, especially scarce and rare dates and varieties. His website [www.richuhrichcoins.com](http://www.richuhrichcoins.com) lists his complete inventory, has pictures of coins over \$100,

and is updated frequently. He offers a newsletter which notifies you when significant new purchases are available and offers his take on the coin market in general as well as Bust and Seated silver. He also actively services want lists. He is an authorized PCGS and NGC dealer and a member of ANA, LSCC, EAC, and JRCS. Contact him at [richuhrichcoins@comcast.net](mailto:richuhrichcoins@comcast.net), 717-533-2935 or 717-579-8238.

**Dr. Eugene Bruder** is constantly updating his website, [www.typecoins.com](http://www.typecoins.com), which features a nice selection of bust and seated material for sale. Pictures are generally available for all coins, and can be obtained if not posted. He will also take consignments for exposure at shows and the website. He attends most major shows, and will try to accommodate want lists. You can reach him at 530-894-0922 or email at: [gene@typecoins.com](mailto:gene@typecoins.com).

**Brian Greer,** well known dealer, collector, and numismatist, has an extensive listing of many new dates and varieties listed on his website. Check them out at: <http://www.briangreerrarecoins.com/>

**Cuds, Cuds and more Cuds.** I am interested in purchasing cuds, major die breaks, and shattered dies on Liberty Seated Quarters. Cuds on other U.S. series of interest too. Also wanted are major reverse rotations on all U.S. series. Please reply directly to Paul Kluth at [pcmdmp@msn.com](mailto:pcmdmp@msn.com).

**Rotated Reverse Seated Dimes Wanted.** I am looking for rotated reverse Liberty Seated dimes. Any interested parties can email Jason Feldman at [jason@seated.org](mailto:jason@seated.org)

**Wanted to Buy.** Nice, problem-free bust and seated material. We specialize in affordable collector coins. Puro's Coins and Jewelry, web: [www.vtcoins.com](http://www.vtcoins.com), email: [puro@vtcoins.com](mailto:puro@vtcoins.com), phone: 1-800-655-1327.

**Seated Dime Die Varieties Wanted.** I am paying high prices for Seated Dimes with major cuds, die cracks, and rotated reverses. Contact David Thomas at [davethomas333@hotmail.com](mailto:davethomas333@hotmail.com) or 1-949-929-2830.





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