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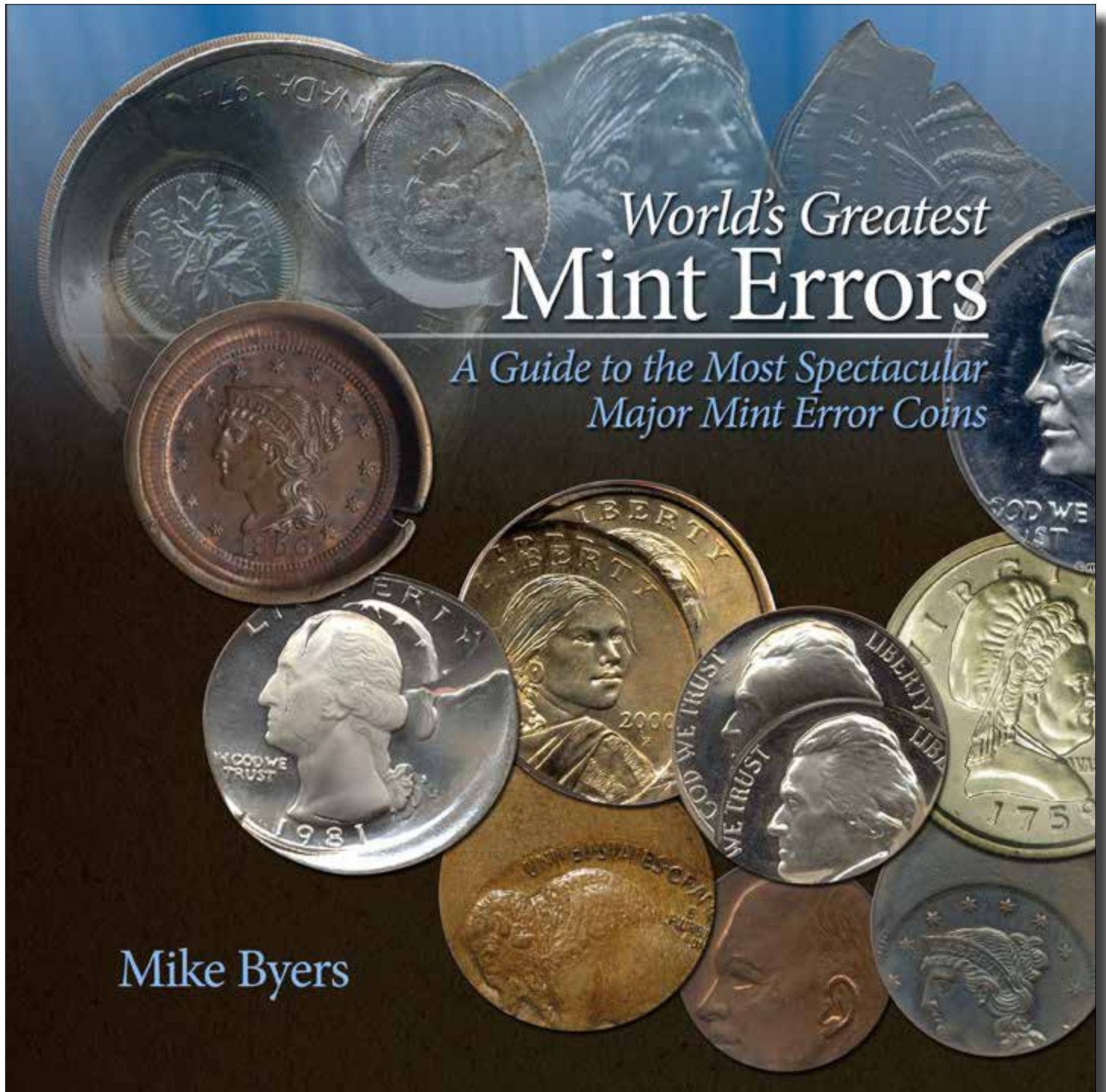
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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

Welcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 20th year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,400 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, minterrornews.com, has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

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

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

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

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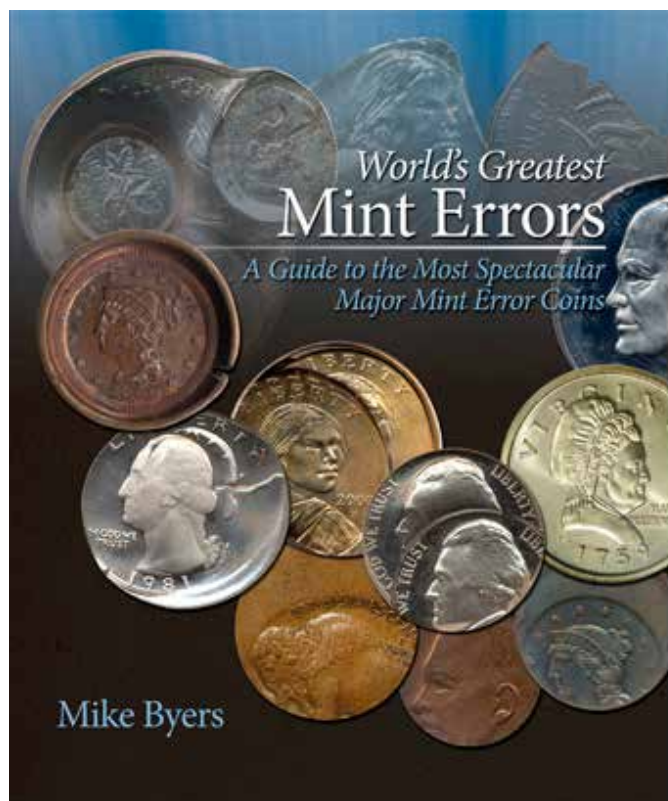


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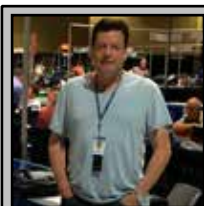
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Mike Byers was a consultant to ANACS for Mint Errors from 2000 to 2006. He is also the Owner, Publisher and Editor of Mint Error News Magazine and the Mint Error News Website that was founded in 2003. In 2009, Mike Byers published his first book, *World's Greatest Mint Errors*, which received the NLG Award for Best World Coin Book and is available on Amazon. In 2016, Mike Byers was featured on Fox News in an interview with one of his unique mint errors.



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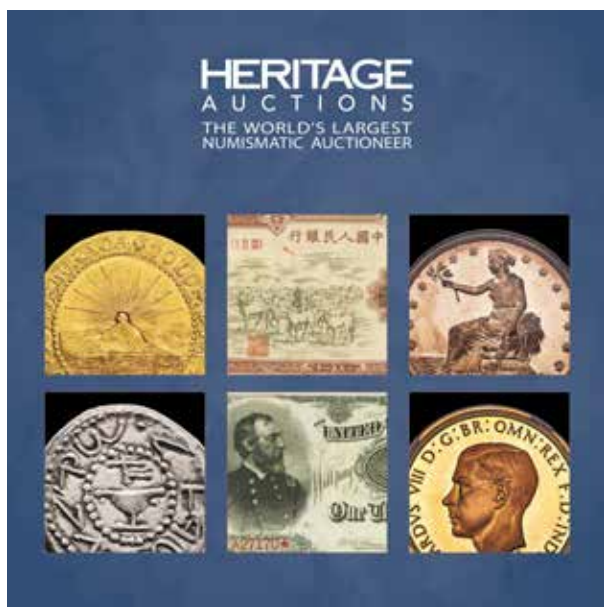
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Jim Stoutjesdyk

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Ron Guth

Ron created the CoinFacts website (now PCGS CoinFacts) in 1999 and sold the website to Collectors Universe in 2004 (where it is now presented as PCGS CoinFacts). Ron served in various capacities at Collectors Universe, including Director of Numismatic Research, President of the Professional Coin Grading Service, and President of PCGS CoinFacts.

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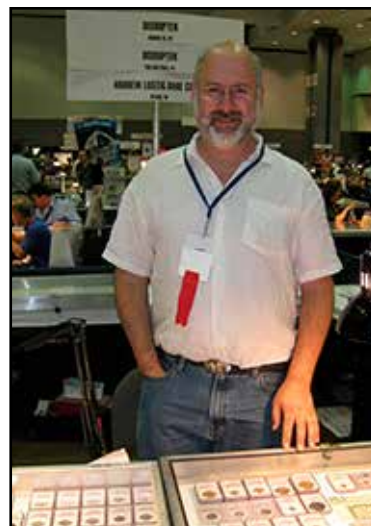
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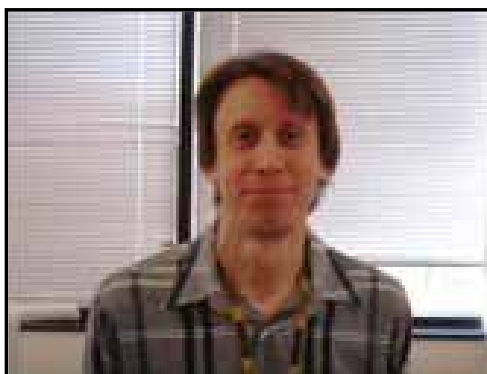
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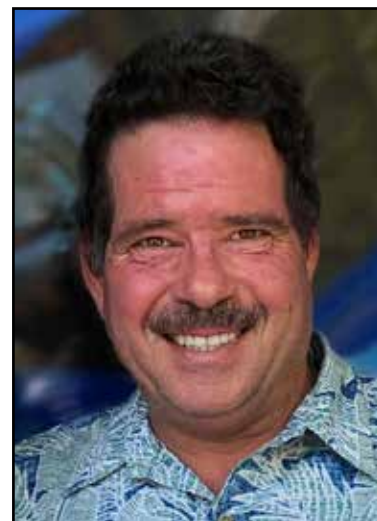
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Chris's 800 plus certified coin inventory is basically an error coin type set in many dates and denominations. Although he carries all error types and dates, he specializes in mint state modern and the very rare ultra modern (2002-present) error coins. Christopher has authored many articles on error coins for Mint Error News over the last few years.

Christopher Talbot Frank is a consultant to Mint Error News for modern and dramatic Major Mint Errors.



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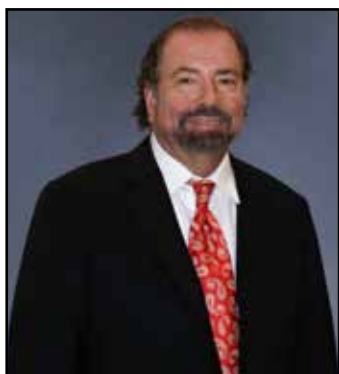
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website brokencc.com. The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly broadstruck Peace dollar, an example of a rotated reverse, a blank silver dollar planchet, and the Amazing Broken CC.



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Jim Gately is the owner of the #1 ranked PCGS registry set of Buffalo Nickels. He also has other registry sets with PCGS.

He purchased the unique 1913 Gold Buffalo Nickel from Mike Byers for \$400,000 and proudly included it in his set.

Jim is an expert on 20th Century U.S. coinage with an emphasis on Buffalo Nickels. He is a consultant to Mint Error News for Double Dies and Overdates.

1812 \$5 Capped Bust Double Struck, 1st Strike Off-Center Extremely Rare Gold Mint Error!

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is an extremely rare U.S. gold mint error in superb condition. Certified by PCGS as MS 66, it is an 1812 \$5 Capped

Bust that was double struck. The first strike was 15% off-center and it rotated 50 degrees when it was placed back in the coining press.



1812 \$5 Capped Bust Double Struck, 1st Strike Off-Center Extremely Rare Gold Mint Error!

It is pedigreed to the world famous Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection. It is the final year of the Draped Bust half eagle design, BD-1 and the Wide 5D variety. There is detail visible from the understrike on

both the obverse and reverse, as shown in the overlay illustrated below. Considered the second finest known, it is fully lustrous, frosted and is a rich gold color with hints of orange.



1812 \$5 Capped Bust Double Struck, 1st Strike Off-Center Extremely Rare Gold Mint Error!

Auction records show that the highest price realized for an 1812 \$5 Capped Bust was \$161,000 in a Heritage auction (January 2008 FUN Signature Coin Auction #454, Lot #3154).

This spectacular mint error and extremely valuable gem early \$5 belongs in a collection of world class U.S. gold coins or major mint errors.



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The first strike was 15% off-center and it rotated 50 degrees when it was placed back in the coining press:



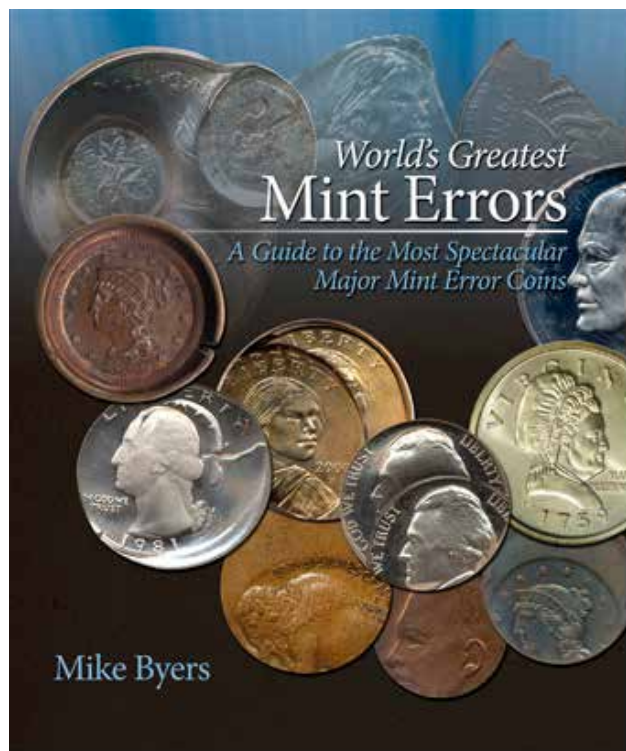
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UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

by Mike Byers

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



UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

This Unique GOLD Buffalo Nickel has been sold by Mike Byers Inc for \$400,000 to the JDG Trust, owner of several #1 ranked PCGS registry sets of Buffalo Nickels.

Recently, this Gold Buffalo Nickel crossed to PCGS:



UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD



UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD



UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Dave Camire

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

- James Halperin

UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

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

- Fred Weinberg

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

- Silvano DiGenova

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

- Andy Lustig

UNIQUE 1913 BUFFALO NICKEL STRUCK IN GOLD

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

- John Wang

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

- Marc Crane

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

- Ron Guth



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NGC Certifies 1904 \$20 Double Struck Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)



Major mint errors on U.S. gold coins are extremely rare. There are only a few known that are double or triple struck. One phenomenal example is this double struck 1904 \$20 rotated 180 degrees in the collar. Considerable detail remains from

the initial strike and is visible under the portrait on the obverse and the eagle on the reverse. This exciting mint error was in my person collection and has been authenticated and certified by NGC and BYERS COLLECTION is noted on the insert.

NGC Certifies 1904 \$20 Double Struck Rotated 180 Degrees in Collar

A different double struck 1904 \$20 gold piece with slight rotation sold a few years ago for \$100,000. It was authenticated and certified by PCGS MS 63. Also recently, a \$2 1/2 Indian double struck rotated 180 degrees sold for slightly over \$66,000. This double struck \$20 Liberty combines the high denomination and large size with dramatic eye appeal and it is unique for being rotated 180 degrees.



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

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

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

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

NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-0 TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

*This is the only known U.S. gold coin from 1795 through 1933
that was double struck with the second strike off-center!*



NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-O TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR

This is a unique 1855-O Type 2 Gold Dollar. It was double struck with the second strike 95% off-center (die struck both sides). NGC authenticated and certified it as AU Details (Damaged) due to a few marks on the obverse.

All major mint errors on U.S. gold coins are extremely rare. Additionally, gold major mint errors from the New Orleans Mint are prohibitively rare.

There are several reasons why this double struck Type 2 Gold Dollar is an exceptional rarity. Not only is it one of only three major mint errors known in the series and an excessively rare gold mint error from the New Orleans Mint, but in addition, the second strike (final strike) was off-center, which has not occurred on any other U.S. gold mint error.

There also exists an 1856-S authenticated and certified by

ANACS as a flip-over double strike and graded XF 45. It was featured in the October 19, 1998 issue of Coin World in a Collector's Clearinghouse article.

The other known coin was authenticated and certified by PCGS as a full brockage reverse and graded AU 55. It was first in the Fred Weinberg Collection and subsequently placed in the Mike Byers Collection.

Coin presses were operated by hand prior to the introduction of steam presses in 1836. This gave the coin press operator sufficient time to reposition an off-center coin properly in the collar for an additional strike.

I've handled most of the double struck and triple struck U.S. gold coins known, and after extensive research, all other examples known have the final strike centered in the collar.

NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-0 TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR

Many times, on every denomination of early U.S. coins including half cents, large cents, and smaller denominations in the Bust series, an off-center was struck again to create

an acceptable coin for circulation. This is a rarer occurrence on early U.S. gold coinage with only six known examples from the early days of the U.S. Mint:

- 1804 \$2 1/2 Draped Bust authenticated and certified by NGC as double struck, first strike off-center and graded Fine 15. The first strike was 25% off-center and after being properly repositioned in the collar it was struck a second time with a 15 degree rotation. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$25,000. It is listed in my archives and was featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine Issue 17.
- 1805 \$2 1/2 Draped Bust authenticated and certified by NGC as double struck, first strike off-center and graded AU 58. The first strike was 20% off-center and after being properly repositioned in the collar it was struck a second time with a 25 degree rotation. I also handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$60,000. It is listed in my archives.
- 1825 \$2 1/2 Capped Bust authenticated and certified by PCGS as double struck and graded Cleaned - UNC Details. The first strike was 40% off-center and after being properly repositioned in the collar it was struck a second time. It was in the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection and was sold by Heritage Auctions for \$45,600.
- 1802/1 \$5 Draped Bust authenticated and certified by ANACS as triple struck obverse and graded AU Details EF 45 (rim filed). The coin rotated in the collar between the three strikes. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$25,000. It is listed in my archives.
- 1806 \$5 Capped Bust authenticated and certified by PCGS as triple struck, rotated 90 degrees in the collar and graded AU 50. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$50,000. It is listed in my archives and was featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine Issue 16.
- 1812 \$5 Draped Bust authenticated and certified by PCGS as double struck and graded MS 66. The first strike was 15% off center and after being properly repositioned in the collar it was struck a second time with a 30 degree rotation. It was in the Harry W. Bass, Jr. Collection and was sold by Heritage Auctions for \$111,000.

NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-0 TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR

The New Orleans Mint has one of the most interesting histories out of all the U.S. Mints. The New Orleans Mint officially became a branch mint on March 3, 1835 and first produced coins in 1838, staying in operation until 1861 when the war started. After the Reconstruction period, it began operations again in 1879 and remained open until 1909. The New Orleans Mint has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

The New Orleans Mint only struck Type 2 \$1 Gold Coins in 1855. With a low mintage of 55,000 they are rarer

and more valuable than the more common 1854 and 1855 Type 2 \$1 Gold Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint. There are a few known broadstruck and partial collar gold coins of different denominations struck at the New Orleans Mint, but no known brockages or double struck gold coins other than this one.

In the years that followed, the few U.S. gold coins that were double or triple struck, dated from 1865 through 1925, were all double or triple struck in the collar. To date, here are the known pieces:

- A unique 1865 \$1 Indian Gold Proof authenticated and certified by PCGS as triple struck reverse and graded PR 64 Cameo. This gold mint error was actually struck five times in the collar, with slight rotation between the strikes. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$20,000. It is listed in my archives.
- A unique 1925-D \$2 1/2 authenticated and certified by PCGS as double struck and graded AU 58. The coin rotated 180 degrees in the collar between the strikes. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$75,000. It is listed in my archives.
- 1887 \$3 Indian Gold Proof authenticated and certified by PCGS as triple struck rotated in the collar and graded PCGS PR 63 Cameo. I handled this gold mint error and sold it for \$50,000. There are six known 1887 \$3 gold pieces struck in proof that are either double struck or triple struck in the collar. I have handled three of them and they are listed in my archives.

NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-0 TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR

1904 \$20 Liberty authenticated and certified by NGC as double struck, rotated 180 degrees in collar, graded MS 62 CAC, and BYERS COLLECTION is noted on the insert. This is the finest of four known, and is dramatic with the rotation of

180 degrees. The other three have a slight rotation of 2-5 degrees. This unique and historic New Orleans Branch Mint double struck gold coin belongs in a collection of the rarest U.S. Gold coins or in a collection of exceptional major mint errors.



NGC CERTIFIES UNIQUE DOUBLE STRUCK OFF-CENTER 1855-0 TYPE 2 GOLD DOLLAR



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Private mints and their issues have a long and illustrious history, but it is often hard to assemble, often years later without good documentation. When working with sovereign mints like the United States Mint, there is often a lot of archives and records available to research which is not available for private mints.

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UNIQUE GOLD QUARTER CERTIFIED BY NGC PROOF 66

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)



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

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

UNIQUE GOLD QUARTER CERTIFIED BY NGC PROOF 66

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNIQUE GOLD QUARTER CERTIFIED BY NGC PROOF 66



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





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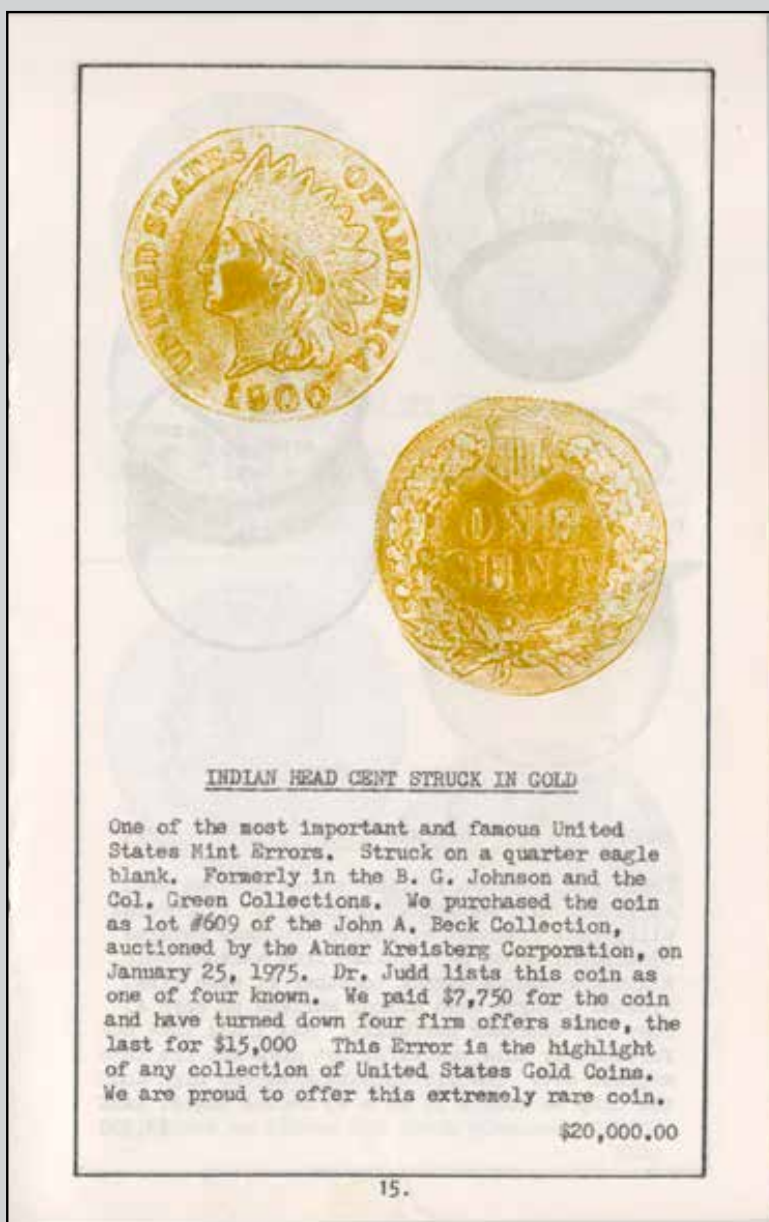
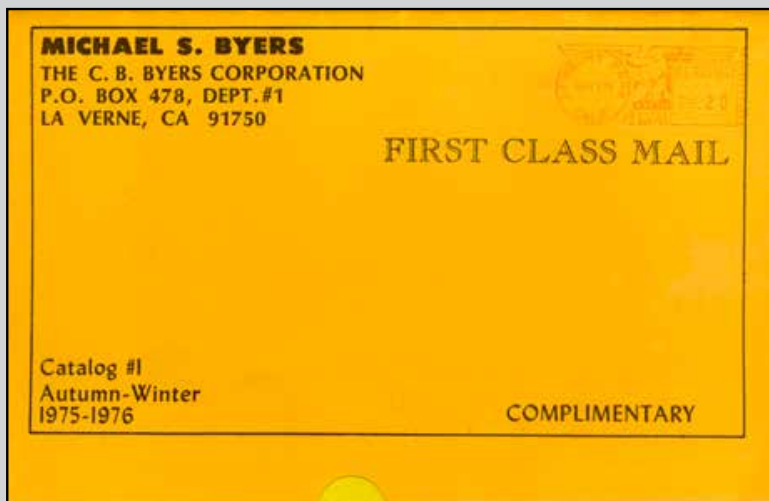
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- **Pedigree** - B.G. Johnson, Colonel Green, Mike Byers
- **Condition** - Finest Known And The Only One Certified Mint State
- **Rarity** - One Of 3 Known Dated 1900
- **World Famous** - One of the most well-known U.S. Coins that transcends mint errors and is coveted by dealers & collectors.
- **World Record** - Mike Byers bought this coin in 1975 in an Abner Kreisberg auction for \$7,750. which was a world record price at that time.
- **Value** - One of the most valuable mint errors known.

This Gold Cent was listed for sale in Mike Byers' 1975 Catalog at \$20,000.



- **Auction '89** - This Gold Cent was featured in a Superior auction 14 years later...



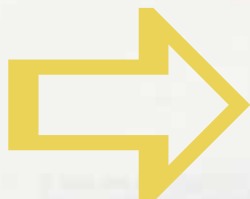
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U.S. QUARTER EAGLES

FAMOUS 1900 INDIAN CENT STRUCK ON QUARTER EAGLE PLANCHET



See Color Plate 2

- 856 1900 Indian Cent Struck on a Quarter Eagle Planchet. Mint State 64.** One of America's most spectacular, eye-catching mint errors! This is the famous Beck Collection specimen, sold by our good friends Jerry Cohen and Abner Kreisberg, in January 1975, Lot 609, where it was described: "Gem Uncirculated. Formerly in the collections of the famous St. Louis coin dealer B.G. Johnson and in the Col. Green collection. This is the first time we have ever had an error of this type in our QUALITY SALES. We know there are supposedly three other Cents struck in gold but none have been offered for many years. Valued by the consignor at close to \$10,000.00." The lot realized \$7750.00.

In the 14 exciting years since then, our coin "hobby" has become big business. As a consequence, prices have advanced markedly in virtually every area. We expect a record realization when this one is hammered down.



- 857 1903. Mint State 65. 1925-D. Mint State 65.** Deep golden lustre on the 1903 and particularly flashy brightness on the 1925-D. A lovely pair to represent both modern types of American Quarter Eagles. Lot of 2 coins.

GEM PROOF 1910 QUARTER EAGLE



- 858 1910. PCGS graded Proof 65.** Struck in the satin or "Roman Gold" finish found on Proofs of this year and 1909. A magnificent, premium quality example with lovely, rich coloring. Even under magnification, it is very difficult to find a single detracting mark. According to Mint records, a total of 682 Proof 1910 Quarter Eagles were struck. It is assumed that this figure is either incorrect or that a great majority of the original mintage was melted in 1910. Today, approximately 50 to 60 pieces are known with most of these grading between Proof 60 and Proof 64. As of March 1989, this is one of only three pieces graded as such by PCGS with none graded higher. An outstanding opportunity for the sophisticated collector.

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Cents on Quarter Eagle Planchets

The Indian cent struck on a quarter eagle planchet. The year 1900 was listed by Pollock as P1990 because of the possibility that they were deliberately struck for collectors. The only problem with this is that 1900 is not the only date known. The illustrated 1906 piece was offered in Stacks June 2004 sale and Taxay lists 1907 and, also, 3 other years for Lincoln cents in his 1976 Comprehensive Catalog.

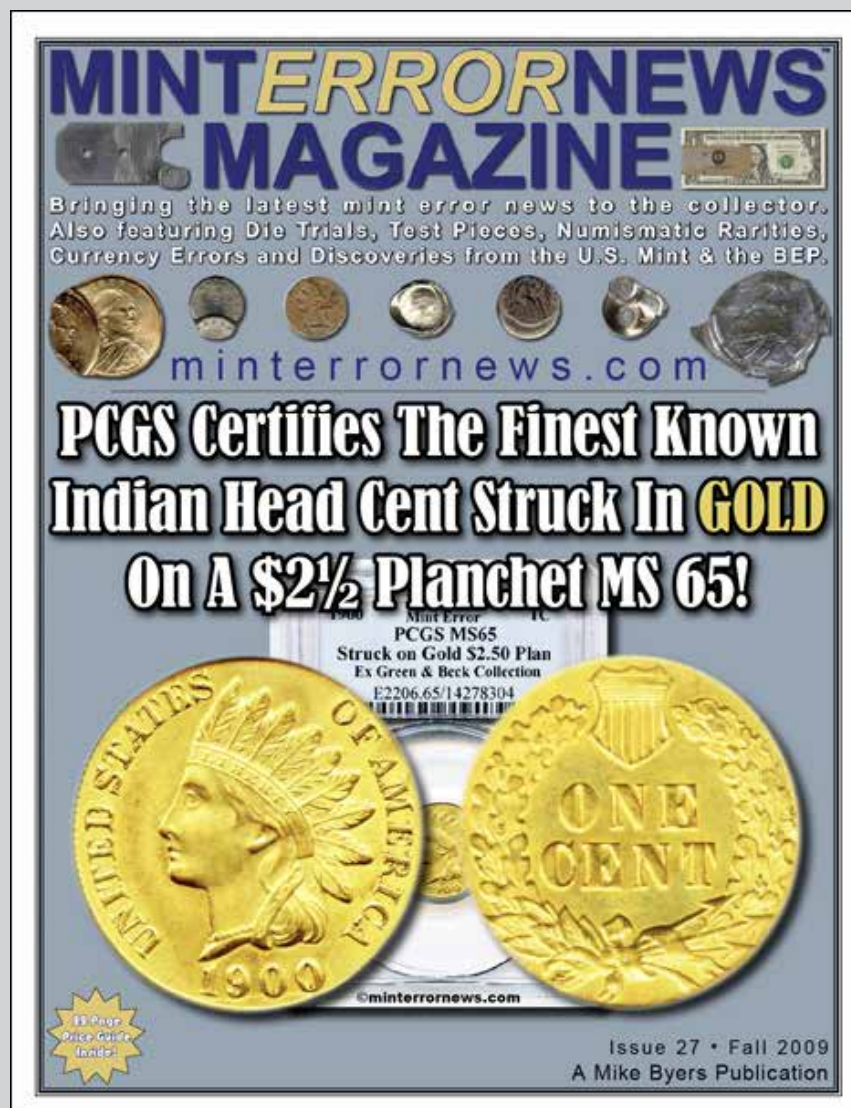


With regard to the 1900, 3 or 4 are believed to exist including the circulated 1993 ANA example and the PCGS MS 65 Col Green, Byers coin, which is illustrated above, and is believed to be the finest known for any of these. The earliest known purchase for one of these was the 1900 in the Dewitt Smith collection that was purchased by Virgil Brand in 1908 and entered into the Brand journals as item #46973.

Photo courtesy of Mike Byers

Fred Weinberg also attended the 1975 Cohen-Kreisberg Auction and was the under-bidder on this coin. Because he is the mint error consultant and authenticator for PCGS, this coin was sent to him to authenticate. Upon examining this gold Indian Cent, Fred stated that "It's one of the most breathtaking mint errors to see in person, and one of the most famous and rare mint errors of all time. In my 40 year career of dealing in mint errors, it's one of a very few coins that I regret not buying when I had the opportunity. When it was delivered to me to authenticate for PCGS, it brought back the thrill and awe of examining it again, after 35 years. The combination of rarity, condition and pedigree makes this gold Indian Cent a world class mint error."

This spectacular Gold Cent is featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine Issue 27.



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PCGS Certifies 1905 Indian Cent Struck On A \$2½ Gold Planchet

by Heritage Auctions

From The Heritage Auction Listing:

Exactly five Indian cents are known on gold planchets, according to information available to us. Among them are three dated 1900, this piece dated 1905, and an example dated 1906. The Judd pattern reference lists 1900 and 1907 gold cents in the section on mint errors. However, Andrew W. Pollock, III, listed the 1900 gold Indian cents as P-1990 in the regular pattern section of his reference. Pollock writes: "Listed in Judd as a mint error, but it is difficult to imagine that a Mint employee would be so careless as to feed gold planchets into a coinage press fitted with one-cent piece dies." Pollock suggests that these pieces may have been deliberately struck for one or more collectors.

The following Census of gold Indian cents and additional information about them is compiled from a variety of sources, including www.uspatterns.com <http://www.uspatterns.com>, www.minterrornews.com <http://www.minterrornews.com>, Donald Taxay's 1976 Catalogue and Encyclopedia, Andrew Pollock's 1994 United States Patterns and Related Issues, the Judd reference, and selected auction catalogs. Conversations with Fred Weinberg and Richard Snow provided additional background.

1900 MS65 PCGS. Col. E.H.R. Green; B.G. Johnson; Abner Kreisberg Corporation 1/1975 auction, lot 609; Mike Byers; Auction '89 (Superior, 7/1989), lot 856; Bowers and Merena (8/1991), lot 4103; recently PCGS authenticated as a 1900 Indian cent struck on a gold \$2.50 planchet, and graded MS65. The 1991 ANA catalog gives a weight of 65.8 grains, 1.3 grains too much for a quarter eagle planchet.

1900 AU55. Heritage (8/1993), lot 8000. The 1993 ANA catalog gives a weight of 4.35 grams (67.12 grains), 2.62 grains too much for a quarter eagle planchet.



1900. Michael Hodder reported in a May 14, 1996 letter to Q. David Bowers that he had personally seen three different pieces, all with weights in the range of 65.8 to 67.1 grains. See Bowers' A Buyer's and Enthusiast's Guide to Flying Eagle and Indian Cents, p. 427.

1905 MS64 PCGS. Apparently unknown to the numismatic community prior to the current offering. Weight: 64.5 grains, the standard weight for a quarter eagle planchet.

1906 AU58 NGC. Stack's (6/2004), lot 4097; Stack's (9/2009), lot 4299. Weight: 64.4 grains, within the 0.25 grain tolerance for a quarter eagle planchet.

PCGS Certifies 1905 Indian Cent Struck On A \$2½ Gold Planchet

1907. Listed in the Judd pattern book, and in Donald Taxay's Catalogue and Encyclopedia [of] U.S. Coins. The 1907 gold Indian cent is currently unlocated.

One example dated 1900 is also known in silver, from the identical dies as the 1900 gold Indian cents, suggesting they were all made at or near the same time. Rick Snow writes in A Guide Book of Flying Eagle and Indian Head Cents that "both the silver and gold examples are

struck from the same dies, with light roughness on the reverse die, probably from die rust." That all three 1900 pieces have higher weights suggests that they were specially made, perhaps without the knowledge of Mint officials. Fred Weinberg explained to this cataloger that "the weights vary because in all probability, they were on planchets that might not have been filed down to the proper weight spread." Hand adjusting of individual gold planchets continued in the Mint until circa 1910.



PCGS Certifies 1905 Indian Cent Struck On A \$2½ Gold Planchet

Those three pieces are almost certainly fancy pieces made for collectors, while the 1905 and 1906 examples, on correct weight planchets, are more likely pieces truly made in error, and substantially more important as such. This example is slightly off-center toward 9 o'clock, the tops of UNITED STATES off the planchet. The strike is weak at the date, feather tips, RICA, the outer parts of the wreath, and the ribbon bow. The weakness seems counter to expectations of the soft gold, but the diameter

is at least a full millimeter less than an Indian cent, meaning that the metal flowed out and was insufficient to accept the design from the deepest recesses of the dies. Both sides have fully brilliant yellow surfaces with frosty mint luster. A few faint hairlines on the cheek prevent a Gem grade assignment. This stunning gold Indian cent is one of the truly amazing error coins we have ever handled.



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AU58 NGC
Realized \$10,800



Undated Two Cent Piece
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MS62 Brown PCGS
Realized \$9,600



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This Type 3 \$1 Gold brockage is unique for the type, and only 1 of 2 known in the entire \$1 gold piece series from 1849 through 1889. The other known piece is a Type 2 \$1 Gold brockage and was authenticated

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PCGS Certifies 1904 \$20 Struck 15% Off-Center

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This spectacular \$20 Liberty Gold Piece is the only off-center known. It was struck 15% off-center and certified MS 63 by PCGS. It was in Fred Weinberg's personal mint error collection for over 20 years and was

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This gold error came out of a Stack's auction over 30 years ago and has been in several major collections. Since the Type 2 design was only struck from 1854 through 1856, it is incredible that this rare type of mint error occurred in this series and was saved for over 150 years.

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This fabulous gold mint error was in my personal gold mint error collection prior to being sold.

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Major Mint Errors on U.S. Gold Coins are very rare. This Draped Bust 1805 was double struck with the first strike off-center. It was authenticated and certified AU 58 by NGC.

The double strike is obvious on both sides, with considerable detail that develops with careful examination. Immediately obvious are Liberty's forecurl on the cheek and three star points at the upper

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

edge of the cap. Closer inspection also reveals TY and three stars in the right obverse field, and a star at the end of the drapery. The reverse

has considerable additional detail, including stars and the first A in AMERICA superimposed on the clouds.



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**1879 Metric Double Eagle Pattern, PR64 Deep Cameo
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1879 \$20 Liberty Head Quintuple Stella, Judd-1643, Pollock-1843, Low R.7, PR64 Deep Cameo PCGS. Ex: Simpson. The 1879 quintuple stella, or Metric double eagle, Judd-1643, is one of the rarest, most famous, and sought-after issues in the U.S. pattern series. The quintuple stellas are closely associated with their even more famous four dollar pattern siblings, the perennially popular stellas of 1879 and 1880, but they are much rarer.

Only five examples are known to collectors and one of them is included in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, forever out of reach of eager collectors. Heritage Auctions is privileged to present the second-finest certified example of this landmark pattern rarity in this important offering.

Design

The obverse features the Liberty Head profile from the regular issue double eagle, although it does not appear to be struck from the Type Three hub used for regular issue pieces. The standard diagonal die line from the hair to the left side of Y is not present, as it is on all regular issue pieces of the Type Three design. The legend is a variation of the legend on the four dollar stella, spelling out the goloid composition and weight of the coin: * 30 * G * 1.5 * S * 3.5 * C * 35 * G * R * A * M * S *. The date is below the bust and the initials J.B.L. (James B. Longacre) are located on the bust truncation. The reverse is similar to the regular issue piece with an eagle and shield design, the legend E PLURIBUS UNUM on the scroll work to the left and right. Around, the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and below, the denomination TWENTY DOLLARS. An oval of stars and a glory of rays above the eagle contain the motto DEO EST GLORIA. This motto is different from the IN GOD WE TRUST inscription on the regular adopted design. The diameter is the same as the standard double eagle (34 mm), but the quintuple stella was designed to be slightly thicker and heavier (35 grams vs. 33.436 grams). Reportedly struck in goloid composition with a reeded edge, but we do not know of any elemental analysis that has been done to establish the composition of the known examples. However, the present coin was weighed for its appearance in the Trompeter sale in 1992 (before its encapsulation in a holder) and found to have the correct weight for the goloid composition of 35.01 grams. The design was also struck in copper (Judd-1644) with about a dozen specimens known, at least five of which have been gilt.

Origin of the Quintuple Stella

The always popular four dollar stellas of 1879 and 1880, and their even rarer 20-dollar counterpart, the 1879 quintuple stella, were part of an effort to create an international coinage that would function much like the euro does in the European Union today. Traditionally, the concept of the stella has been ascribed to the Honorable John A. Kasson, the U.S. Minister to Austria in 1879, and former chairman of the Congressional Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures. Kasson wrote a letter in 1879 advocating the creation of a coin that could be exchanged directly for the Austrian eight florin piece, which was worth \$3.88. However, in the Spring 2015 issue of the Journal of Numismatic Research, Roger W. Burdette notes that while Kasson's letter may have provided the inspiration for a new gold coin at the critical time in 1879, the real impetus behind the creation of the stella came from Dr. William Wheeler Hubbell.

Hubbell was an advocate of the metric system and holder of the patent for the goloid alloy used on a controversial series of patterns in the late 1870s. Goloid was a composition of gold, silver, and copper, combined in various proportions. Accordingly, Hubbell proposed a four dollar stella as an approximation of Kasson's suggested \$3.88 coin. The stella would have a composition of six grams of gold, 3 decigrams of silver, and 7 decigrams of copper, and a weight of 7 grams. The quintuple stella would have the same composition, with each element multiplied by five. In the same Journal of Numismatic Research article (Spring 2015), Roger Burdette notes the metric gold coinage was reported favorably to the House of Representatives on January 21, 1879 and a February 4, 1879-dated letter from Acting Mint Director Robert Preston to the Philadelphia Mint acknowledged receipt of three examples of the quintuple stella:

“Your letter of the 3rd inst., notifying this office of the shipment by Adams' Express Co. of three specimens of the Metric Double Eagle pieces for the

House Committee on Coinage has been received. The coins have also been delivered by the express company.”

Roger Burdette believes two other examples were struck at the same time for the Mint Cabinet. These coins were apparently later sold or traded to collectors by Mint officials. Another letter from Acting Director Preston on June 4, 1880 reports:

“There were only five Metric double eagles struck, and none of which are in the possession of this office, and as the dies have been destroyed, no more can be struck.”

The 1887 Mint Collection pattern inventory by James McClure records the two quintuple stellas, but no gold specimens of this issue are mentioned in Louis Comparette’s 1912 catalog of the Mint Collection. It seems all five of the 1879 quintuple stellas eventually made their way into collector’s hands, but a single example has been donated back to the National Numismatic Collection by Stack’s in recent times. All five pieces of the original mintage can be accounted for today (see roster below). Like the four dollar stellas, the 1879 Metric double eagle never progressed beyond the pattern stage.

The 1879 Quintuple Stella on the Numismatic Scene

Collectors became aware of the quintuple stellas soon after the coins were struck. The discovery coin was presented to Dr. William Wheeler Hubbell, the inventor of the special alloy for the international coinage program. It first appeared at auction in Philadelphia coin dealer John W. Haseltine’s famous “Type Table” auction in 1881, just two years after its striking. Haseltine provided a lengthy description of the coin in lot 1490 of that sale:

“1879; Metric Gold Double Eagle or \$20 Piece; obv., the head of Liberty; 13 stars interspersed with 30 G - 1.5 S - 3.5 C - 35 Grams; rev., spread

eagle; “United States of America; Twenty Dollars;” motto, “Deo Est Gloria,” emblazoned; struck by resolution of Congress and the only one issued; this is the first and only coin extant of the metric system of this denomination; there were 5 struck at the United States Mint, 3 in gold and 2 in copper; the copper specimens are in the Mint Cabinet; the other 2 gold pieces are in the Treasury Department, at Washington, which the Secretary of the Treasury positively refused to issue to any one; therefore, this is the only specimen issued, which was granted to Mr. W.W. Hubbell, the inventor; color, orange gold; weight 25 grammes; very beautiful; one of the rarest and most interesting coins in the world; it is limited to \$300.”

Haseltine was an insider, with excellent connections at the Mint. He seems to have had access to important information about the coin and may have seen the letter from Acting Director Roberts acknowledging the receipt of the three quintuple stellas sent to Congress. Curiously, he was not aware of the two gold specimens in the Mint Cabinet. In any case, while authorities undoubtedly opposed releasing the quintuple stellas to collectors at the time of striking, all five examples eventually reached the numismatic marketplace.

The manner in which the coins became available to collectors is not known, but prominent dealer H.P. Smith handled the lion’s share of examples sold in the 19th century. In addition to handling the discovery coin twice, his New York Coin & Stamp firm offered the only other specimen of the quintuple stella to appear at auction in the 19th century in their Robert Coulton Davis auction in 1890. After his death, the Chapman brothers auctioned his collection and found another specimen in his holdings. He certainly had a strong affinity for this ultra-rare pattern issue.

By the early 20th century, all five quintuple stellas found homes in tightly held, long-term collections. The discovery coin became a highlight of the famous Garrett Collection and the coin from H.P. Smith’s holdings eventually

passed to the celebrated collection of Louis E. Eliasberg. The other three coins, including the specimen offered here, were all acquired by super-collector Virgil Brand at an early date. The coins remained in these high-profile collections for extended periods and, even when those collections were dispersed, public offerings were few and far between over the years. As might be expected, any offering of an 1879 quintuple stella represents an important opportunity for advanced collectors and is widely reported in the numismatic press.

John Dannreuther notes that collecting the four dollar stellas has become extremely popular with collectors in recent years. The 1879 quintuple stella would be a natural complement to an advanced collection of four dollar stellas. With only five examples known, it would be the rarest piece and a marvelous capstone to such a collection. We believe the quintuple stella is underpriced and long overdue for a breakout in the present market. We would not be surprised to see a record price realized set when the present coin crosses the auction block.

The Present Coin

The coin offered here surfaced in the vast holdings of Virgil Brand, who formed one of the largest and most valuable coin collections of all time. Like some other elite collectors (Ed Trompeter and Bob Simpson), Brand owned more than one example of this iconic rarity. According to his records, Brand acquired one example from dealer Charles Steigerwalt in 1894 and two others from Stephen Nagy in 1907. Unfortunately, the records are not clear about the pedigrees of the three coins, and we have not been able to determine which source this coin came from. The collection, which numbered more than 350,000 pieces, was split between his heirs in a contentious process and his holdings were not completely dispersed for more than fifty years, further obscuring the early history of this coin.

The next appearance of this remarkable specimen was in the Amon Carter Family Collection, which was auctioned by Stack's in January 1984. Amon Carter, Sr. was a Texas oilman who also published the Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper and was a co-founder of American Airlines. He began collecting coins in the 1930s and was a favored customer of Fort Worth coin dealer B. Max Mehl. His collection passed to his son, Amon Carter, Jr., after his death. Amon Carter, Jr. preserved and added to the collection until his death in 1982, but his focus was mainly on foreign coins and paper currency. The 1879 quintuple stella was described in lot 635 of the Stack's catalog as "A simply beautiful specimen." It sold for a strong price of \$93,500.

The next owner of this magnificent Choice specimen was renowned proof gold specialist Ed Trompeter. Trompeter formed an unparalleled collection that included every proof gold coin in the Guide Book except the 1858 Liberty double eagle. Trompeter also owned the PR63 Cameo 1879 quintuple stella from the Garrett Collection (the discovery coin), but he preferred this specimen and sold the Garrett coin after he acquired this piece. This coin was sold in lot 138 of the Ed Trompeter Collection, Part I (Superior, 2/1992), where it was acquired by Heritage Auctions for \$187,000. Ed Trompeter passed away less than a month after the auction.

The 1879 quintuple stella soon passed to Bob R. Simpson, another Texas oilman and co-owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team. Simpson formed an amazing collection of all types of U.S. coinage that has been sold in a series of blockbuster auctions by Heritage in recent years. Earlier, Simpson sold this 1879 quintuple stella in lot 377 of Legend Numismatics' Regency Auction (5/2016), where it realized a record price of \$1,880,000. Heritage executives Greg Rohan and Todd Imhof were instrumental in placing this coin with the present consignor. It has been off the market for the last nine years.

Physical Description

The coin offered here is a spectacular Choice proof, with profound field-device contrast. The richly frosted design elements are sharply detailed, outside of some softness on the centers of the first four obverse stars. The well-preserved orange-gold surfaces include deeply mirrored fields that show a few minor hairlines that are only visible at certain angles. A few tiny lintmarks are evident at UN of UNITED on the reverse and a small planchet flaw is located below .5 in 3.5 in the obverse legend. Overall eye appeal is terrific. This coin is the second-finest certified example of this landmark pattern rarity, making this lot an important opportunity for advanced pattern collectors and Registry Set enthusiasts. The 1879 quintuple stella is listed among the 100 Greatest U.S. Coins. This coin is pictured on PCGS CoinFacts. Population: 2 in 64 (1 in 64+) Deep Cameo, 0 finer (4/25).

Roster of 1879 Quintuple Stellas, Judd-1643

This roster is based on the listing in USPatterns.com. Grades are per the last auction appearance, unless a subsequent certification event is known.

1. PR64+ Deep Cameo PCGS. Virgil M. Brand; unknown intermediaries; Fred Olsen Collection (B. Max Mehl, 11/1944), lot 624; Dr. John E. Wilkison Collection; purchased privately by Paramount International Coin Corporation in 1973; A-Mark; Metropolitan New York Sale (New England Rare Coin Auctions, 4/1980), lot 391; 65th Anniversary Auction (Stack's, 10/2000), lot 1626; Southern Collection; Bob R. Simpson Collection. Illustrated on USPatterns.com and in the Encyclopedia of U.S. Gold Coins: 1795-1933 by Jeff Garrett and Ron Guth.

2. PR64 Deep Cameo PCGS. Virgil M. Brand; unknown intermediaries; Amon Carter, Sr.; Amon Carter, Jr., Carter Family Collection (Stack's, 1/1984), lot 635; Ed Trompeter; Trompeter Collection (Superior, 2/1992), lot 138; Heritage inventory (2/1999); Bob R. Simpson; Regency Auction (Legend Numismatics, 5/2016), lot 377, realized \$1,880,000; the present consignor, via Greg Rohan and Todd Imhof. The present coin.

3. PR64 Cameo PCGS. Harlan Page Smith Collection (S.H. & H. Chapman, 5/1906), lot 1444; John Story Jenks Collection (Henry Chapman, 11/1921), lot 5680; Elmer Sears (possibly as agent for the next): John H. Clapp; Clapp Estate; Louis E. Eliasberg, Sr. in 1942, via Stack's; Eliasberg Estate; Eliasberg Collection, Part I (Bowers and Merena, 5/1996), lot 313; Chicago Rarities Night Sale (Bowers and Merena, 4/2008), lot 734.

4. PR63 Cameo PCGS. United States Mint; Dr. William Wheeler Hubbell; John W. Haseltine; "Type Table" Catalog (John W. Haseltine, 11/1881), lot 1490; Hebbear Collection (Harlan Page Smith, 4/1883), lot 458; Dr. Edward Maris Collection (Harlan Page Smith, 6/1886), lot 230; T. Harrison Garrett; Robert and John Work Garrett, by bequest in 1888; John Work Garrett bought out or traded for his brother's interest in the collection circa 1919; Garrett Estate; Johns Hopkins University, by bequest; Garrett Collection, Part II (Bowers and Ruddy, 3/1980), lot 1097; Ed Trompeter; Moreira Collection (Superior, 1/1989), lot 4026; FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2007), lot 1594, realized \$862,500; FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2022), lot 4793.

5. Proof (Uncertified). Virgil M. Brand; unknown intermediaries; Adolphe Menjou Collection (Numismatic Gallery, 6/1950), lot 1818; King Farouk; Palace Collections of Egypt (Sotheby's, 2/1954), lot 294; ANA Convention Auction (Abe Kosoff, 8/1958), lot 1676; Auction '79 (Stack's, 7/1979), lot 950; Stack's; gifted to the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution.

Additional Appearances

A. Waldo Newcomer; “Colonel” E.H.R. Green; offered by B.G. Johnson to F.C.C. Boyd in a January 1944 invoice for \$1,250. Probably the coin in number 5 above, but not confirmed.

B. Charles Steigerwalt; purchased by Virgil Brand in 1894 for \$100, Brand journal number 12582; Armin Brand; sold to B.G. Johnson on 12/1/1937. Possibly the coin in number 1, 2, or 5 above.

C. Robert Coulton Davis Collection (New York Coin & Stamp, 1/1890), lot 1127. Possibly the coin in number 3 or B above.

D. Stephen Nagy; purchased by Virgil Brand in 1907 for \$150, Brand journal number 38942. Possibly the coin in number 1, 2, or 5 above.

E. Stephen Nagy; purchased by Virgil Brand in 1907 for \$150; Brand journal number 38943. Possibly the coin in number 1, 2, or 5 above.

Note: One of the coins in D or E above went to Horace Brand and the other was no longer in the collection when the brothers split their inheritance.





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Collecting Carson City Errors

by Allen Rowe



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1882-CC 10% Off Center Morgan Dollar



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

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1891-CC 10% Off Center Morgan Dollar



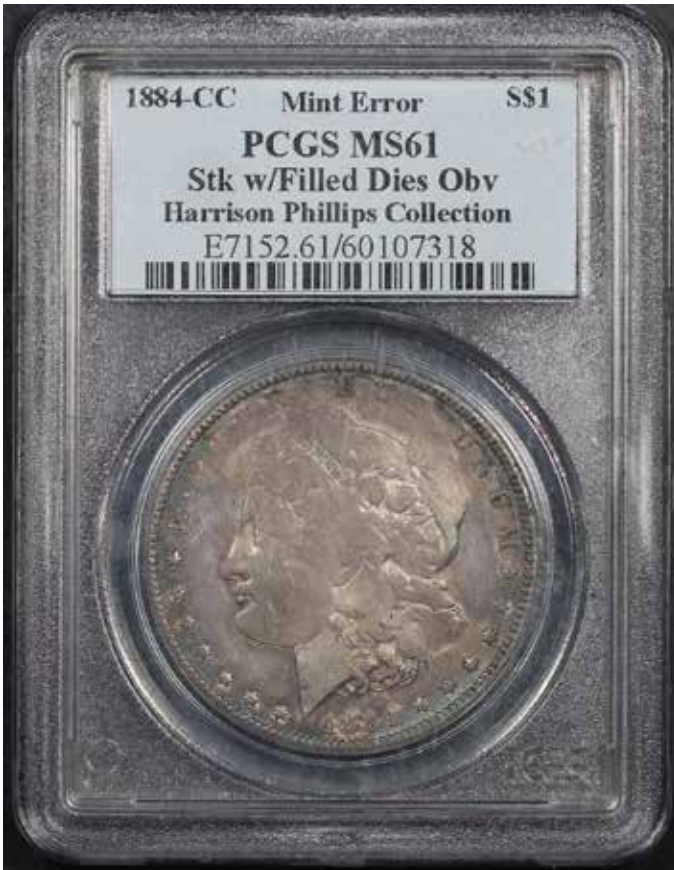
Our newest acquisition is an 1891-CC Dollar struck 10% off-center. This piece is a similar error to the 1882-CC, but with some exciting twists. This is now our second favorite error, only because the Broken CC Dollar simply cannot be topped. However, this piece is not only a rare date CC Dollar, but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

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1884-CC Struck Through Grease Morgan Dollar



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

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1878-CC Rotated Reverse Morgan Dollar



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

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1883-CC Partial Collar Strike Morgan Dollar



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1880-CC Partial Collar Strike Morgan Dollar



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1872-CC 5% Off Center Seated Liberty Half Dollar



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1890-CC Minor Struck-Thru Morgan Dollar



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1890-CC Planchet Lamentation Morgan Dollar



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1884-CC Split After Strike

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

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



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

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

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1884-CC Split After Strike



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1884-CC Split After Strike



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1884-CC Weak Strike Morgan Dollar



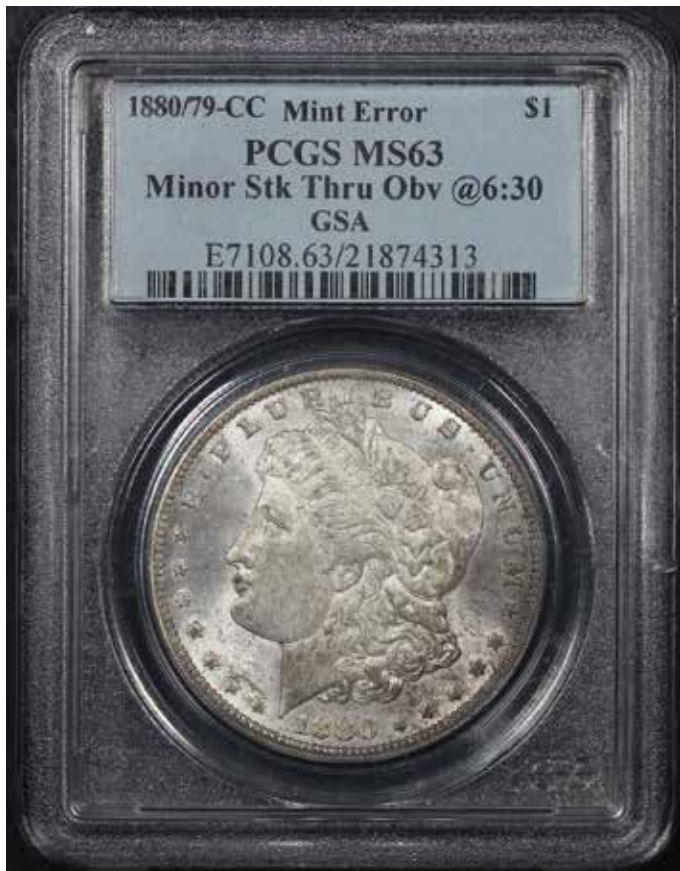
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1881-CC Defective Planchet at 6:30 Morgan Dollar



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



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1880-CC Minor Struck-Thru Obv Morgan Dollar



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1879-CC Struck Through Morgan Dollar



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1878-CC 75 Degree Rotated Rev Morgan Dollar



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1878-CC 60 Degree Clockwise Rotated Rev Morgan Dollar



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1874-CC Minor Struck-Thru Obv Trade Dollar



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1873-CC Double Struck in Collar Seated Liberty



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1875-CC Partial Collar Liberty Head



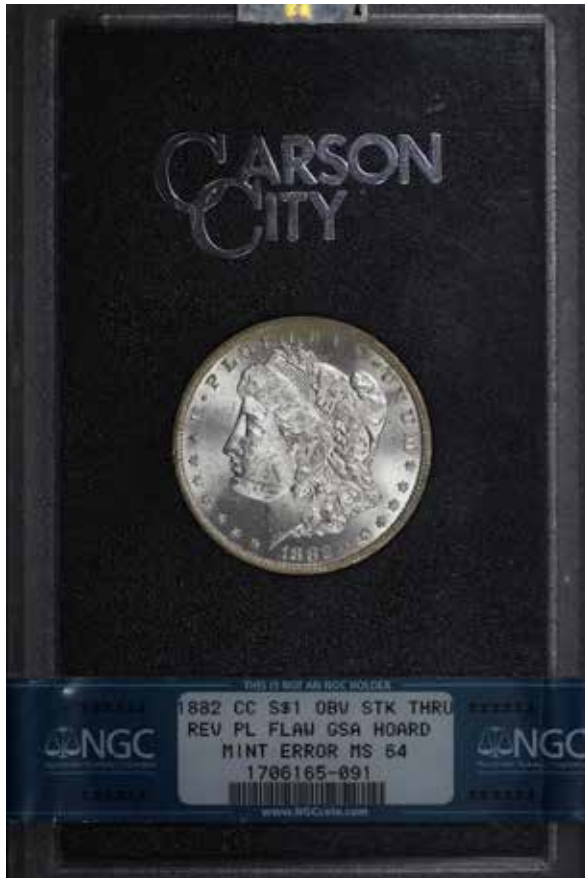
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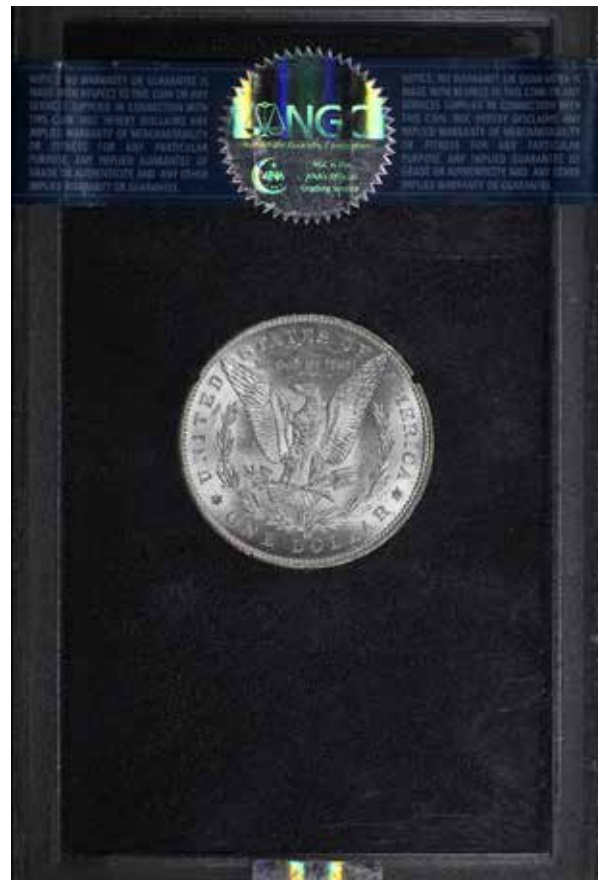
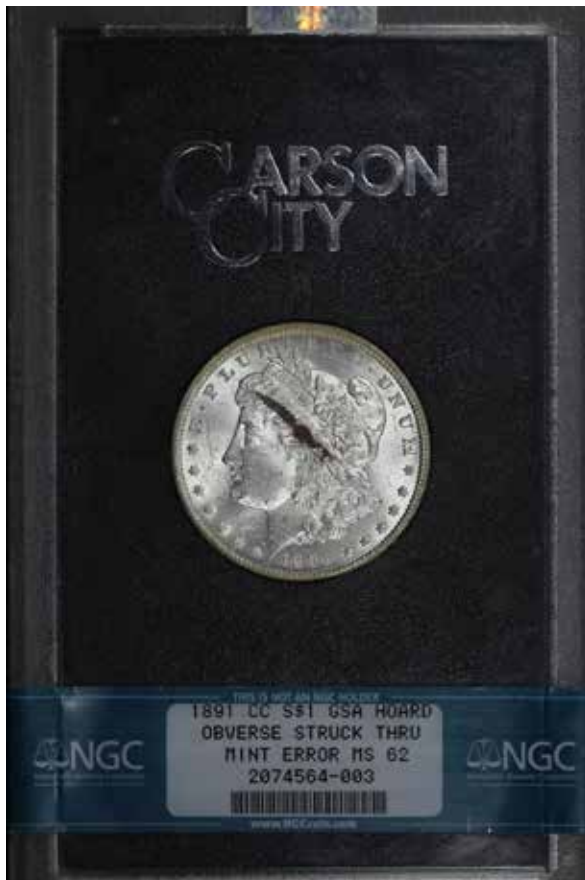
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1882-CC Obverse Struck Thru/Planchet Flaw Morgan Dollar



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1891-CC Obverse Struck Thru GSA Morgan Dollar



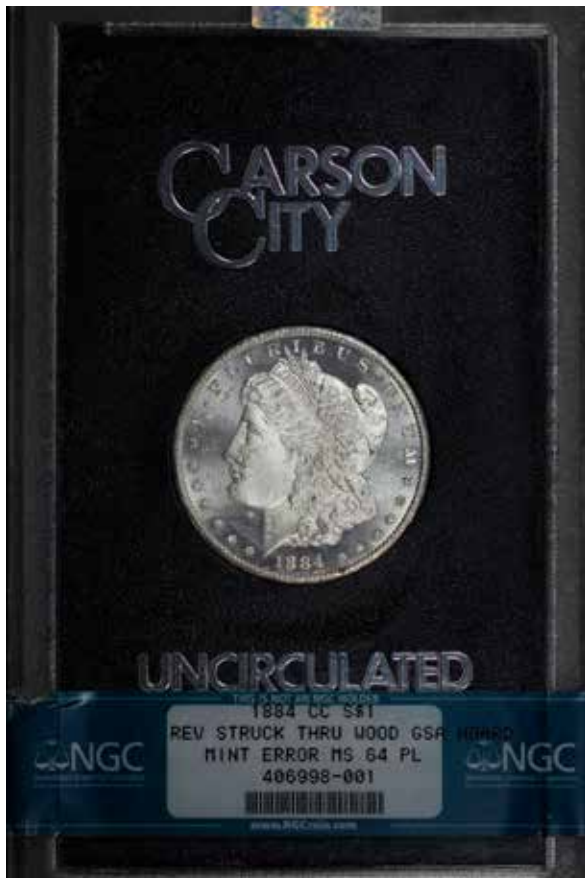
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1878-CC Rotated Dies Morgan Dollar



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1884-CC Reverse Struck Thru Wood GSA Morgan Dollar



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MAJOR ERRORS STRUCK BY PRIVATE U.S. MINTS - PART SIX -

by Jeff Ylitalo



Private U.S. Mints and in house metal refineries have numbered in the dozens over the years. Major minting errors from silver rounds to gambling tokens are very popular and eagerly sought by collectors. Erratic record keeping of mintage numbers and identifying which

private mint produced major errors can be a challenge to research. It is in-fact on occasion impossible because many rounds and tokens were struck with no identification such as a specific mint's name, privy mark, or mintmark.

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First is an undated \$1 brass Horseshoe Casino (now Binions) gambling token. It is large multi struck die cap. The multiple strikes are best seen on the reverse. This token was struck by United Silver Mint (USM privy mark).



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I have been unable to find any specific background or historical information on USM. If anyone has any information on USM, please do share. Interestingly,

I have found this particular Horseshoe token was never intended for active play. This would explain its absence in circulated condition.



MAJOR ERRORS STRUCK BY PRIVATE U.S. MINTS - PART SIX

Next is a 1987 \$1 token for the Gold Club casino located in Sparks, Nevada. It is both broadstruck and double struck. The second strike is also rotated 80 degrees.



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Struck by the Letcher Mint (LM privy mark), it ceased operations in 1981 but appears to have re-opened several times up into the 1990's. The LM was located in

Lancaster, CA. The LM privy mark on this token is located on the obverse at the 6 clock position.



MAJOR ERRORS STRUCK BY PRIVATE U.S. MINTS - PART SIX

Lastly is a 1994 \$1 Morongo casino token from Cabazon, CA. It is a very large die cap with a brockage of the obverse design on the reverse. This token commemorates the 2nd

Anniversary of the Morongo casino and is dated May 1994.

This Morongo token was struck by the Hoffman Mint (HH privy mark) and is located in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



MAJOR ERRORS STRUCK BY PRIVATE U.S. MINTS - PART SIX

HH has been in operation for the last 35 years. HH designs and engraves dies. They also creates blanks and strike coins/tokens en masse. HH is a leader not only in this regard, but has

also capitalized on currency changing machines affiliated with American Coin Changer. The HH privy mark is not present on this token due to the obverse brockage on the reverse.





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BOX OF TWENTY ERROR COINS

- PART 1 -

by Christopher Talbot Frank, CTF Error Coins

I decided to apply the box of twenty concept to my error coin inventory, which is also my collection. When I decide to sell out of my business inventory, I am thinking about keeping a box of twenty of my favorite error coins. The criteria would be based on eye appeal, rarity, error type, and my personal preference for the underlining coin and its design. I will explain each of my choices with a detailed explanation of each coin.

A box of twenty coins is a concept of owning only twenty special coins. Some long time collectors get there by selling all of their coins except their favorite 20. A newer and possibly more astute collector may make their goal a box of 20. They would keep 20 coins and sell their

least favorite of the set when they buy another coin they like more.

I thought it would fun to apply that concept to major error coinage. I have around 800 mint error coins so I thought this would be easy. Choosing my favorite 20 was harder than I thought. I ended up leaving out many of my favorite error coins. The coins in this article are in no particular order.

Because of the length of this article, we decided to break it into two parts. Look to the next issue of Mint Error News for part 2 of this article.

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NGC MS64 35% Off Center Buffalo Nickel Mint Error

This eye appealing coin has it all with a large visible error, rarity, and one of the best designs put out by the US Mint. The profile is perfectly centered with a strong

strike. This is a fantastic example of an off center error on one of coin collectors favorite designs. The sheer beauty of this coin gets it added to the box of twenty.



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NGC MS64 35% Off Center Buffalo Nickel Mint Error



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2021 PCGS MS68 “Winged Liberty”

Struck Thru Gold Eagle Type 2 \$50 Mint Error

This is an excellent example of when a struck thru error changes the design of the coin. The design now looks like Liberty is an angel with a wing. This may also be one the largest struck thru errors on

the newly designed one ounce gold eagle. The look of this error on such a large gold coin is so cool. I just had to put this on into the box of twenty.



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**2021 PCGS MS68 “Winged Liberty”
Struck Thru Gold Eagle Type 2 \$50 Mint Error**



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2000 NGC MS65 Multistruck Aluminum Finger Feeder Massachusetts Quarter Error

How could I not include this amazing example of a statehood quarter multistruck on an aluminum finger feeder? This is one of the nicest, if not the nicest, finger feeder errors out there. The large size of

this piece also makes it extremely rare. Two clear dates adds to the amazing eye appeal of this year 2000 Massachusetts Quarter. A perfect error type to go into the box of twenty.



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**2000 NGC MS65 Multistruck Aluminum Finger Feeder
Massachusetts Quarter Error**



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2007-D PCGS MS66 Massive Multi Struck Die Cap Dime Mint Error Amazing Eye Appeal

I have handled many 2007-D Die Cap Dimes and this is by far the nicest one. I have always tried to acquire major error coins struck in the year 2007 as it is my son's birth year. Somehow a

large batch of major error coinage got out of the Denver mint in the year 2007. I find error coins from this date to be fascinating and that is why this coin goes into the box of twenty.



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**2007-D PCGS MS66 Massive Multi Struck Die Cap
Dime Mint Error Amazing Eye Appeal**



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PCGS MS63 Kennedy Half Dollar Struck On A Dime Planchet Mint Error

I love half dollar error coins and this one is off the charts. Perfectly centered for Kennedy's profile on this small off metal

error. It has very strong eye appeal for a half dollar struck on a dime planchet making it a must for the box of twenty.



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**PCGS MS63 Kennedy Half Dollar
Struck On A Dime Planchet Mint Error**



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2000-P PCGS MS66 Off Center Double Struck Sacagawea Dollar Mint Error

When I first started collecting error coins one of my goals was to collect a “Type Set” of different types of error coins in all denominations from the year 2000. The mint had huge production runs and had looser rules

about mint error coins getting out in the year 2000. Thus a huge number of error coins and error types got out. I had over 400 different error types from the year 2000 at one point.



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2000-P PCGS MS66 Off Center Double Struck

Sacagawea Dollar Mint Error

The highlight of such a collection could certainly be a double struck, double dated, double profile, high grade Sacagawea Dollar. This is probably

the best example of a double struck Sacagawea Dollar so it goes into the box of twenty.



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2020 NGC MS63 Off Center 20% Straight Clip

Weir Farm Quarter Mint Error Unique

It is very rare to find a major error coin in the American the Beautiful Quarter series. The Weir Farm has the extremely rare and eye appealing off center on straight clip error. Add

the rare and cool date of 2020. The quarter itself is art while carrying the inscription "A National Park For Art". I consider myself an artist so this one is a must have for the box of twenty.



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**2020 NGC MS63 Off Center 20% Straight Clip
Weir Farm Quarter Mint Error Unique**



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(2006-22) PCGS MS61 Struck On Bowtie Scrap Webbing Nickel Mint Error

This could be the rarest modern nickel error coin of all. Somehow a bowtie piece of scrap got struck by the mint with modern nickel dies. Nickel bowtie scrap error coins are very rare and

this may just be the only one struck with the modern nickel design. It is just so cool I just had to add this one to the box of twenty.



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**(2006-22) PCGS MS61 Struck On Bowtie Scrap Webbing
Nickel Mint Error**



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1994 ANACS MS63 Bonded Clad Layer

Quarter Mint Error 3 Clad Layers Only Known

If you only saw the obverse of this coin you would think this is a great example of a huge broadstruck quarter error. Turn the coin over and you can see that this coin was struck and bonded with a thin

clad layer making this an extremely rare error type. The really nice eye appeal plus the extreme rarity gets this one into the box of twenty.



BOX OF TWENTY ERROR COINS

**1994 ANACS MS63 Bonded Clad Layer
Quarter Mint Error 3 Clad Layers Only Known**



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1935 PCGS MS64 1st Strike Brockage Aluminum San Diego California Pacific International Exposition Medal Mint Error

This is probably the least expensive coin (token) I would add to the box. Sometimes value doesn't matter to the collector. This coin is special to me because I was born in San Diego as were my kids. It is a perfect 1st Strike brockage error which has a

super strong design transfer. My family has also taken the tour that goes into the upper stories of the building on the coin. I bought this out of Fred Weinberg's personal collection and would go into my personal box of twenty.



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1935 PCGS MS64 1st Strike Brockage Aluminum San Diego California Pacific International Exposition Medal Mint Error



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Mint Error News Price Guide

- Updated June 2025 -

This price guide is brought to you by Mint Error News. It has been compiled by many of the top major mint error dealers.

This price guide is a guide. Prices fluctuate due to the date, grade, eye appeal and how dramatic the striking error is. Rarity is also a factor. The price is sometimes based on the rarity and grade of the type of coin as well as how rare the error is. The price can also vary depending on whether two collectors are bidding for the same rare major mint error. When purchasing a mint error, it is important to use multiple resources to determine value, as there are many mint errors that do not fit into one category.

Proof Errors (Updated June 2025)



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

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

Denomination	Broadstrikes	Die Trials	Double/Triple Strikes	Off-Center Strikes	Partial Collar Errors
Proof Lincoln Cent	\$1,000 - \$1,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500 - \$3,000	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500 - \$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,000 - \$5,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$3,000 - \$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,500 - \$5,000	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$1,500
Proof Clad Half	\$5,000 - \$7,000	\$4,000 - \$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	\$15,000	-	\$25,000	-	\$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

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Broadstrikes (Updated June 2025)



A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is struck without the collar to form the rim and edge that is part of the shape of the coin. Coins can be broadstruck on either type one or type two planchets. When a coin is broadstruck the blank being fed into the collar will spread and distort outward as it is being struck because the collar isn't in the correct position to retain it.

Denomination	(Small) XF/AU	(Small) Unc	(Large) XF/AU	(Large) Unc
Large Cent	\$150	\$300	\$400	\$1,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$50	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$250
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$100	\$75	\$200
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500
3 Cent Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$400	\$1,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Shield Nickel	\$400	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Liberty Nickel	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$600
Buffalo Nickel	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$2,500	N/A	\$4,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$7,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$3,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$600	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	\$25	N/A	\$50
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$4,000	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
Franklin Half	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$300
Kennedy Half Clad	\$40	\$60	\$50	\$75
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$5,000	N/A	\$7,000
Morgan Dollar	\$200	\$500	\$400	\$1,000
Peace Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$200
SBA Dollar	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$1,000
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500

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Partial Collars (Updated June 2025)



Partial collar strikes occur when there is a malfunction of the striking press. This causes the collar to be in an incorrect position. The lower die (usually the reverse die) is recessed in the collar. This allows the coin which is going to be struck to have a formed rim. After a coin is struck the lower die raises upwards, pushing the struck coin out of the collar and ejecting it. If a blank entering the collar is not properly seated, it will only have partial reeding as it is struck. The edge of this coin will have a partial reeding and a partial blank surface area. Recently, the Mint has installed new machinery where either die can be installed in either position.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$100	\$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$500	\$1,500
Indian Cent	\$35	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$30	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$25	\$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750
3 Cent Nickel	\$150	\$500
3 Cent Silver	\$250	\$750
Shield Nickel	\$200	\$600
Liberty Nickel	\$50	\$150
Buffalo Nickel	\$50	\$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$40	\$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$750	\$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,250
Barber Dime	\$75	\$150
Mercury Dime	\$30	\$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$1,250
Barber Quarter	\$300	\$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$40	\$75
State Quarter	N/A	\$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$1,500
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$1,500	\$3,500
Franklin Half	\$500	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$50	\$100
Kennedy Half Clad	\$20	\$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$150	\$300
Peace Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	\$50	\$100
SBA Dollar	\$20	\$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$100
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$3	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$5 Indian	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$7,500
\$10 Indian	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$20 Liberty Type 3	\$7,500	\$10,000

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Uniface Strikes (Updated June 2025)



Uniface coins occur when there have been two blank planchets in the press at the same time. The other blank will obstruct the die on either the obverse or reverse side, which will prevent it from having that design on the coin. There are many different variations involving uniface errors. In addition to having a 100% blank obverse or reverse, a coin can be struck off-center, with a blank planchet in the collar which will obstruct one side of the off-center. There are also mated pairs which have a combination of multiple errors which can include a side which is uniface. Finally, there are uniface strikes due to a die cap which adhered to the die, forming itself in the shape of a die and striking blank planchets.

Denomination	Uniface Obverse XF	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
Large Cent	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$750	\$3,000	\$700	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$250	\$500	\$200	\$400
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$50	\$100	\$40	\$75
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
Shield Nickel	\$1,750	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$300	\$750	\$250	\$500
Jefferson Nickel	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40
Barber Dime	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$2,250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$40	\$75	\$35	\$60
Washington Quarter Silver	\$400	\$750	\$350	\$500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,000	\$500	\$750
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000	N/A	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	\$500	\$1,000	N/A	\$750
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,500	N/A	\$1,000

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Bonded Coins (Updated June 2025)



Bonded coins occur when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin will land on top of the previously unejected strike. These coins will then crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets	5-10 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$5,000	\$15,000	—
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$600	\$2,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$6,000 - \$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$12,500	—
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,500	\$5,000	—
Washington Quarter Silver	\$7,500	—	—
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,000	—	—
State Quarter	\$5,000	—	—
Kennedy Half Silver	\$12,500	—	—
Kennedy Half Clad	\$10,000	—	—
IKE Dollar	—	—	—
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	—	—
Sac Dollar	\$10,000	—	—

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Struck Fragments

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The blanking press takes the coils of metal strips and punches blanks out of it, ejecting the webbing at the other end. The webbing is cut into small scrap pieces to be melted and recycled. Occasionally a scrap piece will be mixed with the blank planchets and struck by the dies. Struck fragments are rare in the larger denominations. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$750	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$3,000	\$3,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$100	\$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$500	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$150	\$250
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,250	\$1,500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$200	\$300
State Quarter	\$750	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,250
IKE Dollar	\$4,000	\$6,000
SBA Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000
Sac Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000

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Mated Pairs (Updated June 2025)



Mated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped when one of the coins is struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin was perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies were capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year. One of the most spectacular mated pairs involve two Barber Dimes, an obverse die cap mated to a reverse die cap and are unique.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half which was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This pair was then struck together. It is unique.

Denomination	Overlapping	Full Brockage	Die Cap	2 Die Caps
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	—
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$1,250
Liberty Nickel	—	\$20,000	—	—
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	—	—	—	\$15,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500
Barber Dime	—	—	—	\$50,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	—
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$5,000	—	—	—
Washington Quarter Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	—
Kennedy Half Silver	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$20,000	—	—	—
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	\$12,500	—	—
Sac Dollar	—	—	—	—

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Transitional Errors (Updated June 2025)



A transitional error occurs when a coin is struck on a planchet from a previous year with different metal composition. The most famous transitional is a 1943 copper cent struck on a 1942 copper blank. 1943 cents were struck in steel because of the copper shortage during World War II. Other famous transitionals include 1965 coinage struck in silver instead of clad.

There are also transitionals struck on blanks for the next year. An example is 1964 coinage in clad instead of silver. Most recently, transitionals were discovered involving the SBA and Sacagawea Dollars of 1999 and 2000. There are eight known 1999 SBA Dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea Dollar, and four known 2000 Sacagawea Dollars struck on a clad planchet for the 1999 SBA Dollar.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$9,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000

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U.S. Gold Errors (Updated June 2025)



Major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for \$15,000 to \$30,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under \$10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection.

The prices listed here are for common dates in AU-Unc. Better dates and errors that are in gem condition are worth considerably more.

Denomination	Partial Collar	Broadstruck	Clipped Planchet	3% - 5% Off-Center	10% - 15% Off-Center
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$35,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$20,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$17,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$12,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$30,000	\$50,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
\$10 Indian	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
\$20 Liberty	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$7,500	\$50,000	\$125,000
\$20 St. Gaudens	—	—	\$5,000	—	—
\$5 American Eagle	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$3,500
\$10 American Eagle	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
\$25 American Eagle	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$50 American Eagle	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

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Indents (Updated June 2025)



An indent error occurs when two blanks are fed inadvertently into the same collar, with one blank partly overlaying on top of the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper blank will be forced into the lower blank, creating a depression which is shaped similar to the upper blank. A scarce type of indent occurs when a blank intended for one denomination lands on top of a blank from a different denomination.

Denomination	10% - 25% XF	30% - 50% XF	10% - 25% Unc	30% - 50% Unc
Large Cent	\$300	\$600	\$750	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$250	\$500	\$400	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$100	\$300	\$175	\$500
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$30	\$75	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$3,000
Shield Nickel	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$400	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$300	\$1,000	\$600	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$200	\$400	\$400	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$30
Barber Dime	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Mercury Dime	\$300	\$750	\$500	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$30	\$60	\$50	\$100
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$10	\$20	\$15	\$30
Washington Quarter Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$300
Washington Quarter Clad	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$350
Kennedy Half Clad	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$400
IKE Dollar	\$350	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

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Die Caps (Updated June 2025)



Die caps are caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	\$25,000	\$50,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1859	\$20,000	\$40,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$15,000	\$40,000	—	—
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$15,000	\$30,000	—	—
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$150	\$200	\$50	\$100
2 Cent Piece	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
3 Cent Nickel	—	—	—	—
Shield Nickel	—	—	—	—
Liberty Nickel	\$12,500	\$25,000	—	—
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	—	\$30,000	—	—
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$10,000	—	—	—
Jefferson Nickel	\$200	\$350	\$150	\$250
Barber Dime	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	\$5,000	\$7,500	—	—
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$750	\$1,250	\$500	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$200	\$400	\$200	\$250
Barber Quarter	\$20,000	\$50,000	—	—
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$350	\$750	\$250	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$600
Kennedy Half Silver	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	—	\$30,000	—	—
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$10,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$15,000

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Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated June 2025)



Die adjustment strikes are also known as die trials. This error occurs when a coin is struck from the press with very little pressure. When the press is being set up and adjusted, extremely weak strikes occur as the strike pressure reaches its optimum level. These die trials are destroyed after being struck and are rarely found in circulation.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ear	\$200	\$300
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$750	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$50	\$75
2 Cent	\$5,000	—
Liberty Nickel	\$3,000	\$5,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$1,250	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$75	\$100
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$4,000
Barber Dime	\$2,500	\$3,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$350	\$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$125
Seated Quarter	\$4,000	\$7,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$7,500	\$15,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	\$125	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	\$200
Walking Liberty Half	\$2,500	\$5,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$500	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	\$200	\$250
Proof Kennedy Half 40% Silver	N/A	\$5,000
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$4,000
Morgan Dollar	\$4,000	\$7,500
Peace Dollar	\$7,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$300	\$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	\$350	\$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,000

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Double Denominations (Updated June 2025)



One of the most expensive, popular, and desired types of errors are the double denominations. This error happens when a coin is struck on a previously struck coin of a smaller denomination. Examples are a cent on a struck dime, and a nickel on a struck cent. The most dramatic are those with considerable design visible from the original strike. There are a few known double denominations with different dates.

Denomination	Struck On	Circulated	AU	Unc
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Mercury Dime	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	—
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Clad	N/A	N/A	\$750
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Foreign Coin	N/A	\$600	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Memorial	N/A	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel	Foreign Coin	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	Roosevelt Dime	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Coin	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Coin	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Foreign Coin	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Jefferson Nickel	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Clad	Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
State Quarter	Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	\$10,000	\$12,500
Franklin Half	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	\$3,000	\$4,000

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Brockages (Updated June 2025)



A brockage error can only occur when there are two coins involved. One of the coins involved will always be a struck coin which has not ejected properly. That struck coin will find its way back between the dies and will be struck next to a blank planchet which was fed into the collar. The image of that first struck coin will be impressed into that side of the blank planchet. The result will be a second coin which has images of the first coin impressed into it. Those images will be pressed into the coin and the image will be in reverse. This incuse sunken image is known as a brockage.

Denomination	50% Brockage XF	100% Brockage XF	50% Brockage Unc	100% Brockage Unc
Large Cent	\$600	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$10,000
Indian Cent	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$350	\$500	\$650	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$125	\$200	\$200	\$350
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
3 Cent Silver	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$4,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$75	\$50	\$150
Barber Dime	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$12,500
Mercury Dime	\$750	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$75	\$150	\$150	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$750	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	N/A	\$650	\$1,500
IKE Dollar	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$5,000

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Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated June 2025)



When a blank planchet is struck by the dies, the normal procedure is for the feeders to eject the struck coin out of the collar and into a chute. If there is a malfunction and the struck coin isn't ejected, it may receive a second or third strike by the dies. A multiple struck coin can happen in many ways and have many combinations of errors.

(Since each double and multiple strike can vary from being 10% off-center to 90% off-center, the prices listed below can be substantially more based on the percent off-center and dramatic overall look.)

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$1,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$600	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$850	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$400	\$1,500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$4,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500
Liberty Nickel	\$4,000	\$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$5,000	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$750	\$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$5,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$5,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$6,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$10,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	\$6,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$750
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$10,000	\$25,000
Peace Dollar	\$15,000	\$40,000
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000 - \$7,500
SBA Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500 – \$4,000
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,250 – \$2,500

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Off-Center Strikes (Updated June 2025)



Off-center coins are one of the most common and best known types of errors. This happens when a blank which is supposed to be fed into the press, lands in the collar improperly. When this occurs only part of the blank is between the upper and lower dies. When the dies strike the blank, only that part will be struck with a design.

Denomination	10% - 15% XF/AU	25% - 60% XF/AU	10% - 15% Unc	25% - 60% Unc
Large Cent	\$400	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$10,000
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Indian Cent	\$100	\$400	\$200	\$600
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$75	\$300	\$150	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$250	\$100	\$500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$3,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$300	\$1,500	\$600	\$3,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	\$750	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$7,500
Liberty Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$250	\$750	\$400	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$500	\$200	\$1,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	N/A	\$2,000	\$5,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$15,000
Seated Dime Legend	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$10,000
Barber Dime	\$300	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$100	\$750	\$150	\$1,250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	N/A	\$2,500	\$5,000
Barber Quarter	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$75	\$300
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$3,000	\$6,000
Barber Half	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$20,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$4,000	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Franklin Half	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$7,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$100	\$500	\$250	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$60	\$250	\$100	\$400
Proof Clad Half	N/A	N/A	\$4,000	\$7,500
Morgan Dollar	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Peace Dollar	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
IKE Dollar	\$125	\$1,250	\$150	\$2,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$3,500
Presidential Dollar	—	—	\$1,500	\$5,000

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Off-Metals (Updated June 2025)



Off-metal and wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank from one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. Examples are a nickel struck on a cent planchet and a cent struck on a dime planchet. The coin struck on an incorrect blank will weigh exactly what the denomination of that blank would have been. An even more dramatic wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a previously struck coin of a different metal.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Indian Cent	Foreign Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	\$750	\$2,000	\$4,000	–
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$75,000	100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	–	–
Shield Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
Liberty Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$400	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Liberty Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Buffalo Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	–
Buffalo Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
Jefferson Nickel Before 1950	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel 1950 and Later	Cent Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$250
Jefferson Nickel 1943	Steel Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel 1964 and Earlier	Silver Dime Planchet	\$200	\$300	\$350	\$400
Jefferson Nickel 1965 and Later	Clad Dime Planchet	\$150	\$200	\$225	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Cent Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Silver	Nickel Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600
Washington Quarter Clad	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500

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Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Washington Quarter Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
Washington Quarter	Silver Dime Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$650
Washington Quarter	Clad Dime Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
State Quarter	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,000
Delaware State Quarter	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$500	\$650	\$750
All Other State Quarters	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
State Quarter	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
Walking Half	Dime Planchet	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	\$17,500	\$22,500	\$40,000	\$35,000
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	Cent Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Nickel Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Dime Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,500
Franklin Half	Quarter Planchet	\$600	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Nickel Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Dime Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Quarter Planchet	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	Cent Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Clad	Dime Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,400
Kennedy Half Clad	Quarter Planchet	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$3,000
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$600	\$850	\$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

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Counterbrockages

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A counterbrockage error involves a cap die and a previously struck coin. When a cap die strikes a previously struck coin, the obverse design from that struck coin will be impressed into the cap. The result will be a design where the cap face will be an incuse brockage. When a new blank is struck by this cap die with an incuse brockage image, the obverse will have a raised and spread image from that incuse design of the cap. This brockage impression is known as a counterbrockage.

Denomination	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc - Gem
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$500	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$40	\$50	\$75	\$100
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200
Barber Dime	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$300	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$150	\$250	\$300
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
State Quarter	N/A	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000

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Fold-Over Strikes (Updated June 2025)



A fold-over coin is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when the blank is standing vertically between the dies. During the strike, the force is so great that it bends and folds the blank. These fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs with multiple errors, either with an additional strike or fold-over. Denominations above quarters are very scarce.

Denomination	AU	AU Dated	Unc	Unc Dated
Indian Cent Memorial Copper	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial Zinc	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,250
Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Washington Quarter Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
State Quarter	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500

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Martha Washington Test Pieces (Updated June 2025)



There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, "the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper."

Mike Byers' discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000.

Denomination	Unc	Choice	Gem
Martha Cent	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Martha Nickel	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Martha Dollar (Sac Planchet)	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$10,000

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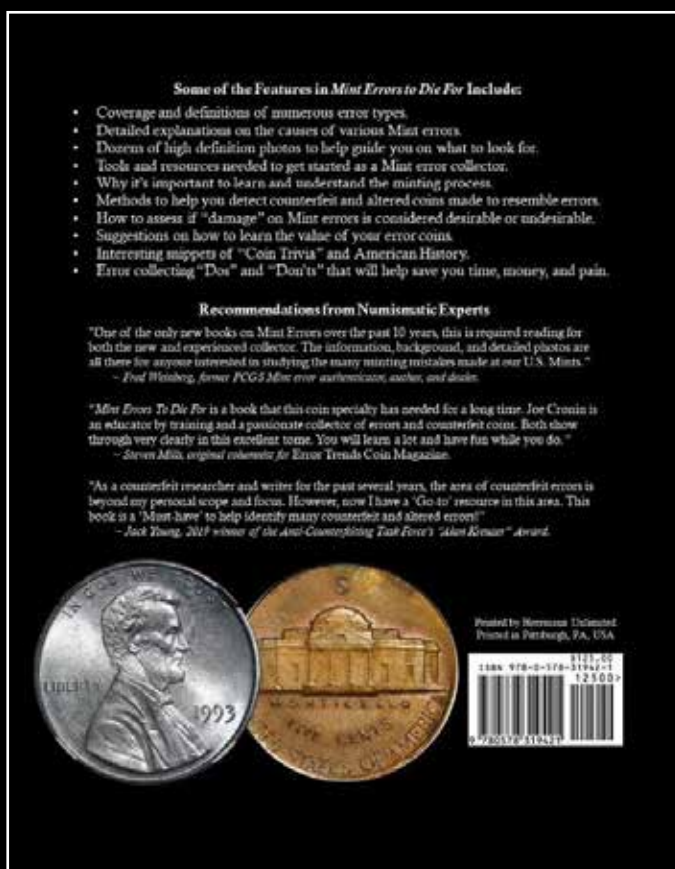
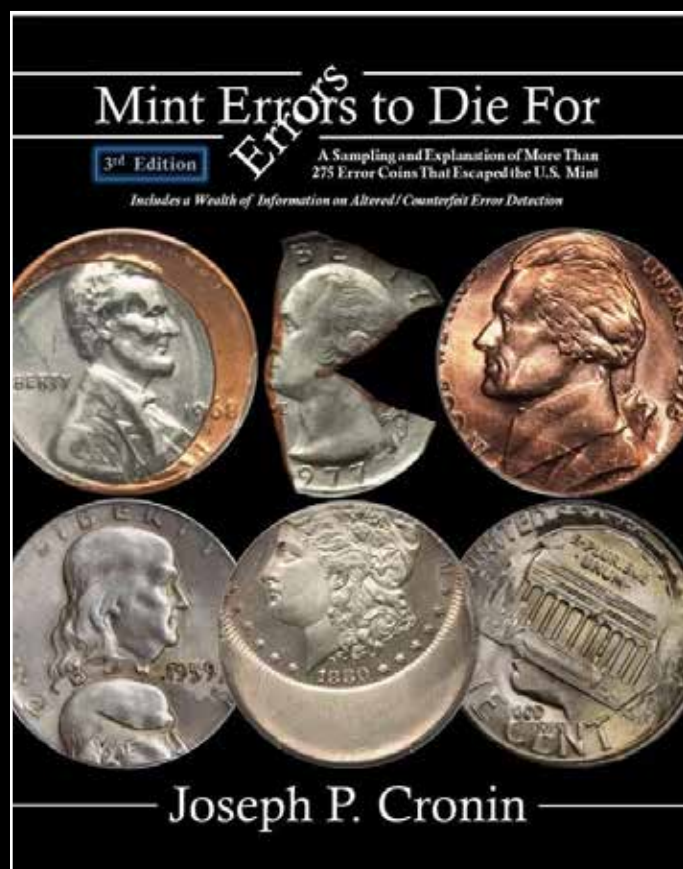
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Non-gold Coins Struck on Gold Planchets



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Coin Trivia: Though the 1913 Buffalo nickel is on a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet, Mint errors on \$2.5 gold planchets include: Indian Head Cents: (3) 1900, 1905, 1906, and 1907. Lincoln Cents: 1911, 1915, and 1927

1913 (Type 2) Buffalo Nickel:

Struck on a \$5 Gold Half Eagle Planchet

Though there are nine known cents (six Indian Heads and three Lincolns) struck on gold Quarter Eagle (\$2.5) planchets, this is the only known Buffalo nickel struck on a gold planchet of any type; in this case, it's likely a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet. (Some speculate it was made intentionally as were the five known 1913 Liberty nickels). Sadly someone cut into the rim on the reverse at 8 o'clock (see photo below) likely to prove it's just another plated novelty coin. Now even if you're 99.9% sure your suspect coin is a fake, don't ever, ever do that! As a result, PCGS gave it a "Genuine/AU Details" grade. It's no surprise that the psychological impact of PCGS' grade adversely affected its initial selling price: \$78,000 at Heritage Auctions in January of 2021 – a heck of a lot less than what many experts expected despite the damage.

In an interesting twist, Las Vegas rare coin dealer Mike Byers reacquired the coin and advocated it shouldn't have been given a "Genuine" label as there are a few other high-profile straight-graded coins/patterns with post-Mint alterations. NGC agreed and straight-graded it at AU-53; he later sold the coin privately for \$400,000! (Source: MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html)



What the Planchet Was Intended to Become

Below is a 1913 Indian Head \$5 gold Half Eagle, which is likely what the planchet for the featured 1913 Buffalo nickel was supposed to become. Seeing that U.S. Mint control of gold and silver planchets was so tight even back then, it is unknown if this is a true error or a Mint-assisted coin. (Photos courtesy of PCGS®
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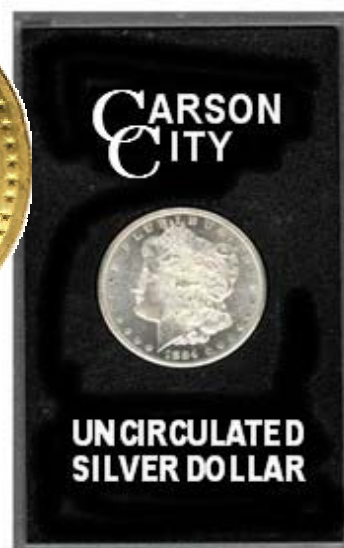


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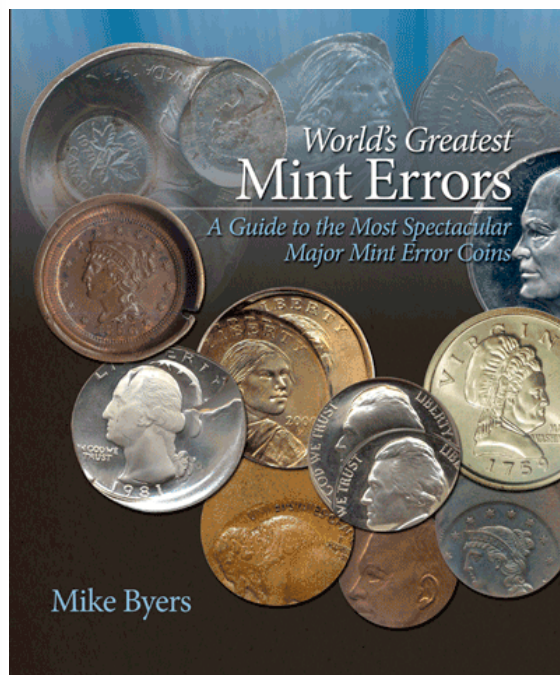
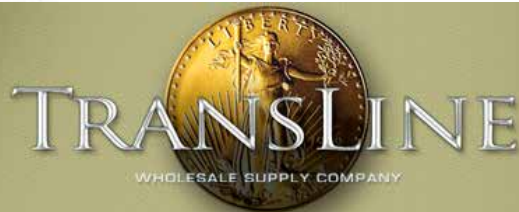


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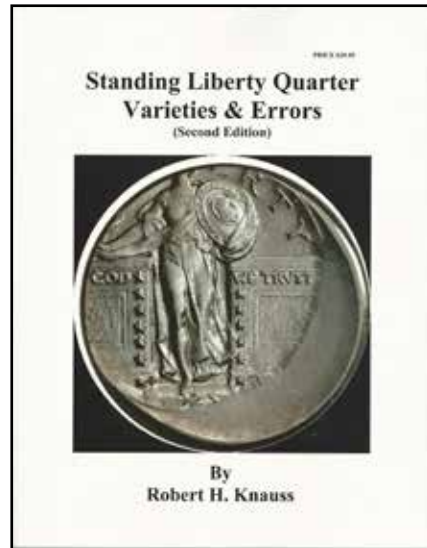
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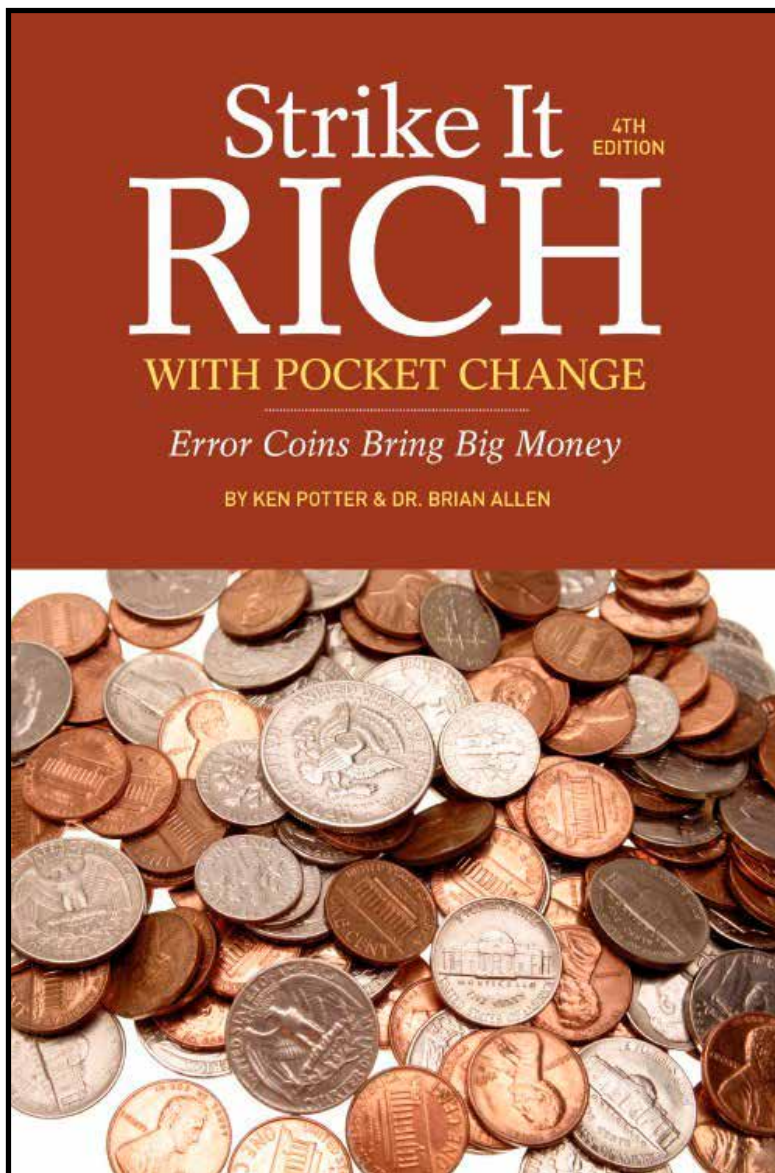
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