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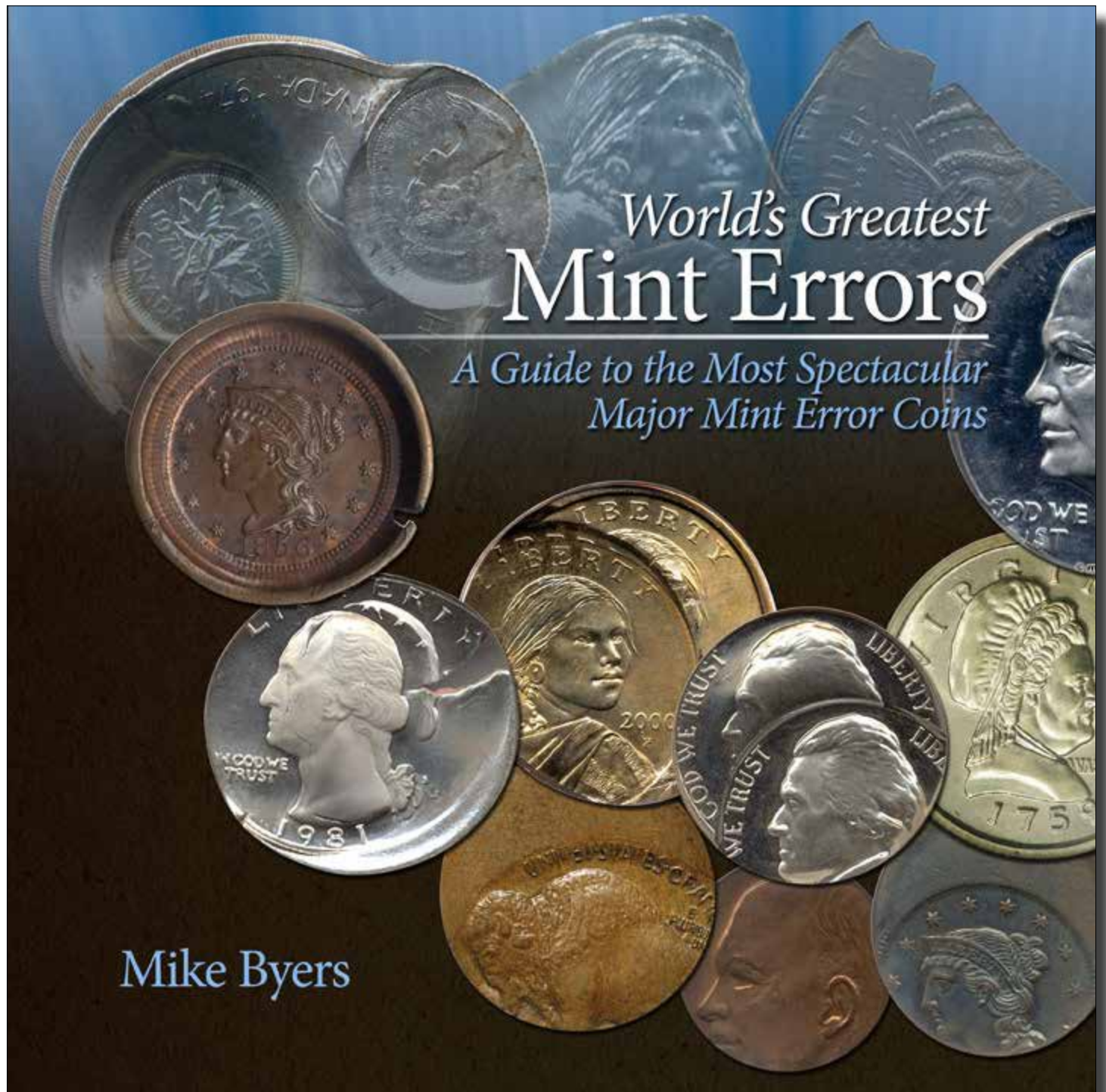


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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

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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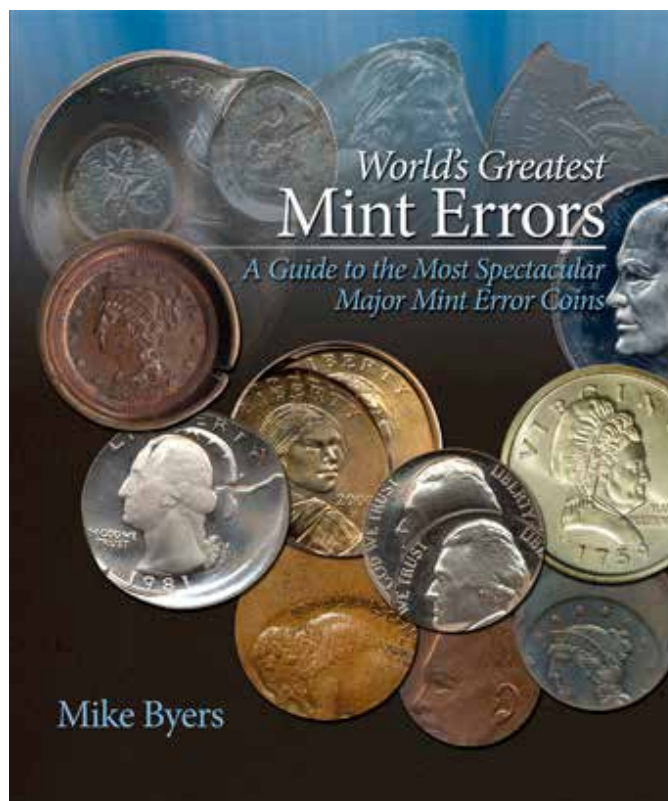


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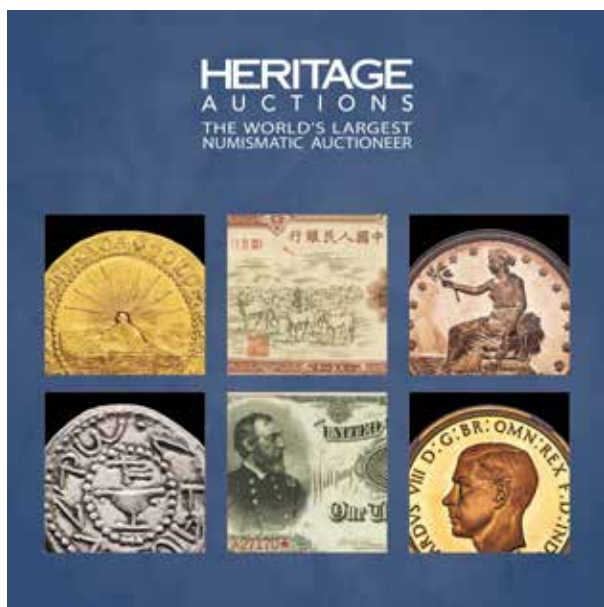
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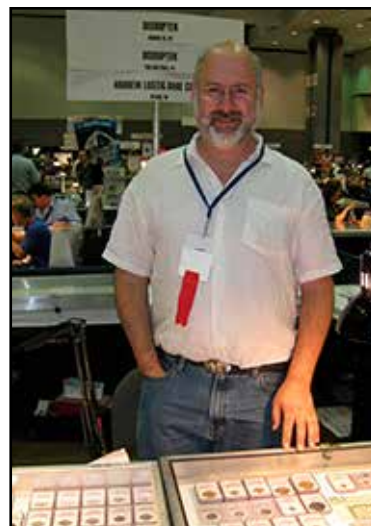
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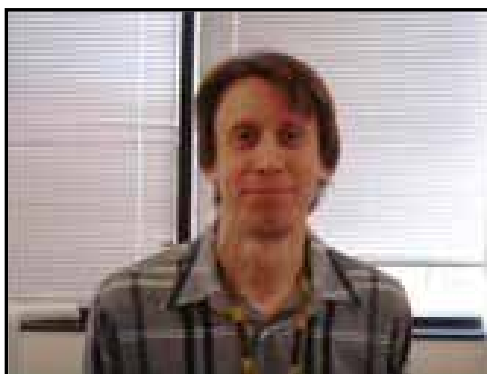
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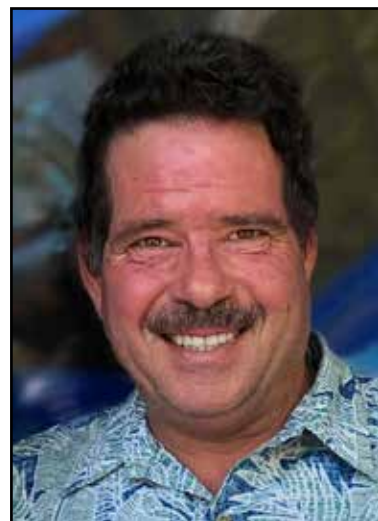
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Chris's 800 plus certified coin inventory is basically an error coin type set in many dates and denominations. Although he carries all error types and dates, he specializes in mint state modern and the very rare ultra modern (2002-present) error coins.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

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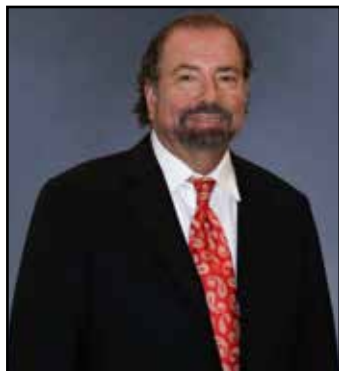
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website brokencc.com. The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly broadstruck Peace dollar, an example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

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THE ONLY PROOF IKE DOLLAR MATED PAIR STRUCK ON A DIME & NICKEL PLANCHET

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THE ONLY PROOF IKE DOLLAR MATED PAIR STRUCK ON A DIME & NICKEL PLANCHET

This is an amazing off-metal mated pair of U.S. proof coinage that combines two different off-metals. The original discovery set was featured on the cover of Mint Error News Magazine and was in CoinWeek.

A clad dime planchet and a nickel planchet were intentionally placed in the collar at the same time and were struck by both the obverse and reverse Ike Dollar proof dies. The placement of Eisenhower's head on the obverse and the eagle on the reverse is perfectly positioned.

This mated pair of proof Ike Dollar off-metals is unique since it combines a clad dime planchet and a nickel planchet which were

struck by Ike Dollar proof dies. 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.

This mated pair was recently authenticated and certified by NGC and is from a 40 year old U.S. proof mint error collection. This mated pair belongs in an Eisenhower Dollar collection or a collection of major mint errors.

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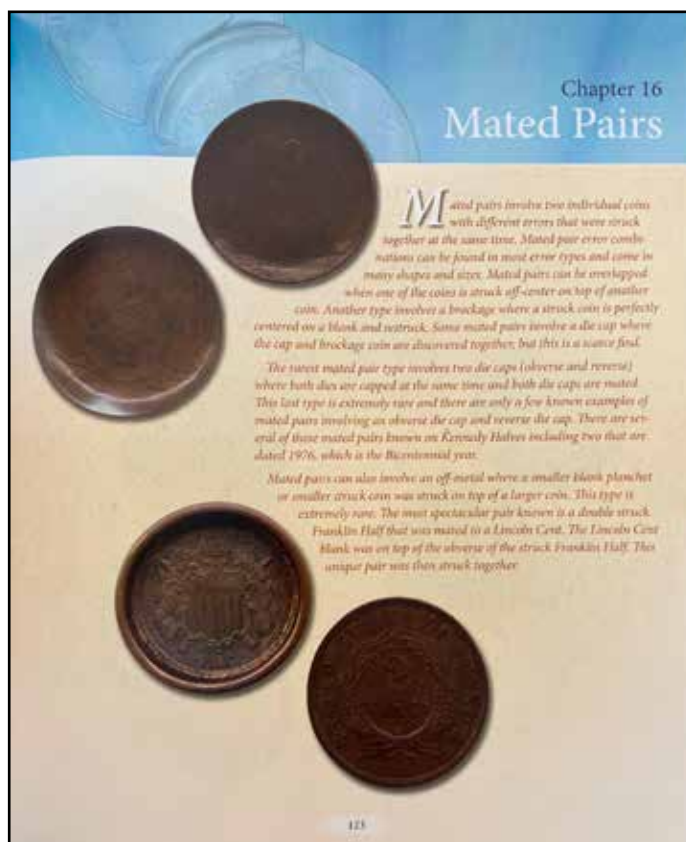
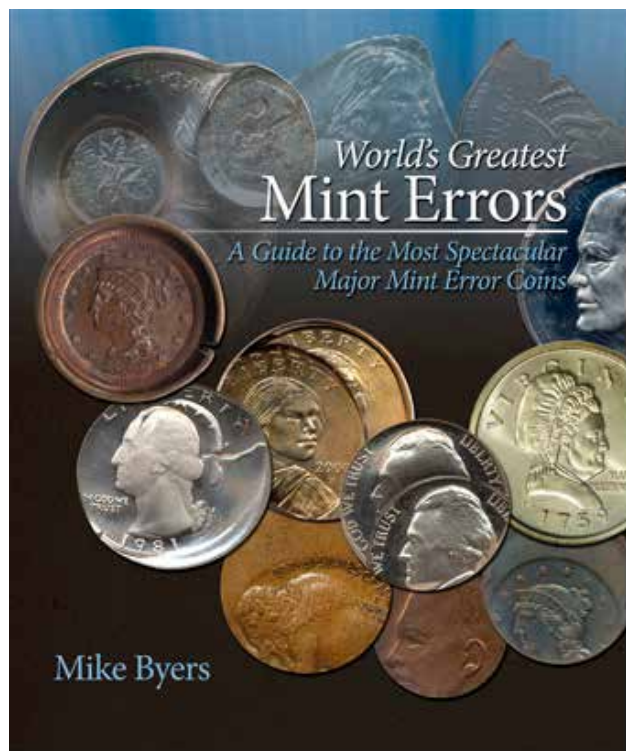
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**1921 Peace Dollar Reverse Bronze Cast
Original Approved Broken Sword Design**



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1921 Peace Dollar Broken Sword Reverse Bronze Cast, Uncertified. In December 1921, Anthony de Francisci's design for the new Peace dollar was approved for coinage, and the sculptor had James Fraser in New York get bronze casts of each side produced to be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia along with plaster models of the same. The reverse portrayed a proud eagle clutching a broken sword and olive branch in its talons, symbolizing the dawn of peace following war. At least one bronze cast of this reverse was made, in New York, and at least a couple electrotypes (or "galvanos") were made from the plaster model, at the Mint. All known galvanos of the design are housed in the Mint's historical archives. Heritage is proud to offer the one known bronze cast of de Francisci's Broken Sword design in its first public auction appearance.

Origin of the Broken Sword Design

An Essay by Roger W. Burdette

In late November 1921 Anthony De Francisci was invited to join seven other sculptors in creating designs for a “standard silver dollar of such design shall be known as the “Peace Dollar,”[1] as envisioned by the Commission of Fine Arts. Everyone submitted their designs by the December 12 deadline.

After much deliberation by the commission members and negotiation between Chairman Charles Moore, Jim Fraser and Herbert Adams, the award was unanimously made to 34-year-old Anthony de Francisci, sculptor, of New York City.[2]

The 34-year-old sculptor’s work was judged the best by the Commission of Fine Arts and its sculptor member James Earle Fraser. The obverse is similar to the final version but has the date in Roman numerals - MCMXXI. De Francisci chose to enter two different styles of reverse design: one with a placid, benign eagle holding an olive branch, and the other with an aggressive, bellicose eagle breaking a sword.[3] The placid eagle is similar to one he prepared for a Verdun City medal, while the aggressive eagle clearly borrows from his mentor, Adolph Weinman.



The obverse portrait of Liberty was modeled on classical themes (Saint-Gaudens' Victory bust) and after his 22-year-old wife Teresa,[4] and the reverse included an eagle standing on a mountaintop viewing a new dawn of peace. The commission made the award to de Francisci with the understanding that he would prepare finished models under the direction of Fraser, and that the models would then be approved by the Director of the Mint Raymond T. Baker.

De Francisci, Fraser and Baker met in Washington on the 15th to review the designs in person. This also gave Baker an opportunity to reinforce the very tight deadline the mint had to complete its work. Baker approved the designs on condition that additional changes were made. After recommending changing the date to European digits, and removal of the periods before and after the date, Baker requested another alteration. He wanted the broken sword from the alternate reverse model incorporated into the final reverse design.

De Francisci worked on the final models through Saturday and completed them on Sunday, December 18. When complete, Liberty's mouth and chin were altered to make them less massive, the date style changed, and the artist's monogram was added above the date.

The reverse was altered by making the eagle broader at the shoulder and bringing its neck and head more erect, making the bird look stronger and more alert. Borrowing from the rejected reverse, the eagle now grasps a sword with the tip broken off as well as holding a larger sprig of olive. The intent was to signify destruction of the implement of war (the sword) and the initiation of peace (olive branch). To further reinforce the symbolism, the word PEACE was added at the base of the mountain, although there was no specific authority to add the word to the coin.[5]

All involved evidently thought the broken sword was a clear symbol of the end of hostilities and of arms limitations. It had been used on several art medal designs in this context without dissent. No one who approved the design realized that a broken sword also carried a different meaning for soldiers.



He made two sets of seven and one-half-inch diameter plaster models and left one set with Fraser in New York. The second set and the sketch models he took with him to Washington for final approval the next day.

Models were shown to Director Baker, Under Treasury Secretary Seymour P. Gilbert, Jr., then Treasury Secretary Andrew W. Mellon, and finally to President Warren G. Harding. All eagerly approved and work began that afternoon. De Francisci telephoned Fraser in New York and Fraser took the models to Roman Bronze Co. in NYC to have bronze casts made.[6]

The Peace dollar project was going extremely well. Not only had a good design been selected but everything was on schedule; everyone from the president on down was pleased with the design and the efficient manner in which the commission and mint had worked together. The plaster models and obverse bronze cast arrived at the Philadelphia Mint on December 21, but there was a little bad news:

"I beg to advise you that we received at 2:30 P.M. today the plaster casts of both sides, and bronze castings of the obverse side of the models for the "Peace Dollar". The messenger who delivered these models stated to Mr. Morgan that Mr. Fraser said that the casting was poor, and suggested that we get an electrotpe from obverse as well as the reverse side and if better than the one made in New York, to use it. Mr. Morgan is of the opinion that Mr. Fraser meant the casting was a little rough but he thinks it is not so much so as to give us trouble in reduction.

"The bronze casting of the reverse was a failure and we must now get our electrotpe [for reduction] from the reverse plaster cast here. It would be impossible to get electrotypes of both sides and make our reductions in time to produce coins this year. Mr. Morgan is quite satisfied that he will be able to get a satisfactory reduction from the casting made in New York."[7]

With Morgan's reassurance that he could make a suitable reduction from the obverse cast, things were back on track, or so they seemed.



Evidently, the press release distributed with the “grip ‘n’ grin” photos of Baker and de Francisci described the reverse as having, “...a large figure of an eagle perched on a broken sword, and clutching an olive branch bearing the word ‘peace.’”[8] No photos of the designs were released presumably because treasury officials felt it was illegal for newspapers to publish a picture of a United States coin.[9]

A Sword Without Honor

An early edition of the December 21st *New York Herald* printed a scathing editorial that changed everything.

“The Broken Sword:

“A new silver dollar, intended to be symbolic of the era of peace, is about to be minted by the Government. This is a good idea, but many Americans must read with regret that the designer, in his effort to picture the idea behind the Washington arms conference, represents the American eagle as standing on a broken sword.

“If the artist had sheathed the blade or blunted it there could be no objection. Sheathing is symbolic of peace; the blunted sword implies mercy. But a broken sword carries with it only unpleasant associations.

“A sword is broken when its owner has disgraced himself. It is broken when a battle is lost and breaking is the alternative to surrendering. A sword is broken when the man who wears it can no longer render allegiance to his sovereign.

“But America has not broken its sword. It has not been cashiered or beaten; it has not lost allegiance to itself. The blade is bright and keen and wholly dependable.

“It is regrettable that the artist should have made such an error in symbolism. The sword is emblematic of Justice as well as of Strength. Let not the world be deceived by this new dollar. The American effort to limit armament and to prevent war or at least reduce its horror does not mean that our sword is broken.”[10]

The Herald's comments hit a responsive chord with readers. The Great War was still too immediate for the public to have patience with its artists. Symbols, which in other times or other contexts, might be more deeply understood, retained the stark, absolute meanings from wartime propaganda. The sword on de Francisci's alternate reverse design was in the process of being destroyed or blunted, but as used on the Peace dollar its tip was broken off and thus interpreted as a symbol of American defeat.[11] Letters objecting to the broken sword began to flow to the treasury, the mint and the Commission. A correction had to be made.

Saving the Peace Dollar

Late on December 22, Fraser, Moore and O'Reilly discussed what could be done to correct the "broken sword" problem. There was no time to make a plaster model of another design and have coins struck bearing the 1921 date; the reverse hub was being cut from the electrotpe. Director Baker was on his way to San Francisco at the time and it is probable that mint staff telephoned him as O'Reilly requested.[12]

Baker was sent a follow-up telegram at 2:24 a.m. December 23:

"My Dear Mr. Baker:

"If you deem it advisable under the present criticism the broken sword could be removed from the hubs before dies are made. That would leave the design as it was originally, simply a peace coin. It would also obviate all criticism from the broken sword idea. I should like this as well without the sword.

"Yours truly,

"J. E. Fraser"[13]

Early on the morning of December 23, the sculptor was asked by Fraser to go to the Philadelphia Mint and supervise removal of the broken sword from the hub. Morgan was going to do the die-cutting work but, it was important to have de Francisci there to approve the results. Superintendent Styer later recalled:[14]

“Mr. Francisci personally visited the Mint and remained the greater part of the day while the Engraver was cutting the broken sword out of the dies....I feel it was important to have him here while the Engraver was removing the broken sword from the dies, and to obtain his approval after its removal.”

The meticulous work was done under magnification with very fine engraving tools - not the kind of thing de Francisci or Fraser was skilled at doing. Only the steady, experienced hand of George Morgan could turn the situation from failure to success. Morgan had to do more than remove the broken sword, he had to strengthen the rays, then cover as much of the re-engraving as possible so that the change was not noticeable. Part of the work was done on the hub and part on the master die. To help hide the alteration, he extended the partial olive branch which extended from behind the broken end of the sword, back to the original part of the branch. He also removed the piece of stem protruding to the left of the eagle's talon and sharpened the leg and foot.[15]

By late afternoon Mary O'Reilly sent a letter to secretary Mellon:[16]

"Sir:

"I have the honor to submit models of the proposed designs for the Standard Silver Dollar.

"A slight alteration of the design for the reverse, as originally submitted, has been made in order to eliminate the broken sword, and the modified design is submitted for your approval.

"The model as now submitted has the approval of the Fine Arts Commission, and is in compliance with the requirements of the law.

"Respectfully,

"R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint"

Mint engraver Morgan touched up the lettering and in doing so, created the "slant-top A's" used inconsistently on the reverse of the 1921 coins. Morgan's work was of such high quality that it took more than eighty-five years for anyone to detect alteration on the 1921 hubs and dies.

[1]CFA, NARA-DC, RG 66, meeting minutes June 9, 1921, item 4.

[2]NARA-DC, Commission of Fine Arts, RG 66, 13-EZA, box 144, Peace dollar file. Letter dated December 17, 1921 to Moore from Fraser.

[3]NARA-CP, RG104 Entry A1 328N, box 4.

[4]CFA, NARA-DC, RG 66, meeting minutes December 13, 1921, item 1. Mostly her hair.

[5]In 1906 Saint-Gaudens had suggested adding the words Law or Justice to the double eagle. This was rejected because it would have required Congressional approval.

[6]NARA-CP, RG104 Entry A1 328N, box 4. Letter dated December 26, 1921 to Baker from Fraser. He lists \$30 in travel expenses and "...an added expense of \$30.00 for two bronze casts of the models of the Peace dollar."

[7]NARA-CP, RG104 Entry A1 328N, box 4. Letter dated December 21, 1921 to Baker from Philadelphia Superintendent Fres Styer.

[8]NARA-DC, RG 66, December 20, 1921 press clippings from the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor* (Boston), *Washington Evening Star*. The articles are nearly identical, suggesting that they all were based on the same press release.

[9]De Francisci made such a request December 27 on behalf of Miss Rilla E. Jackman of Syracuse, New York, who wanted to use photos of the Peace dollar and Maine Centennial coins in a lantern slide presentation she was preparing. The *Philadelphia North American* also wanted to print photos of the new coins and was told by acting director O'Reilly, "Against law to photograph coins." (Telegram dated December 28, 1921.)

[10]*CFA-Peace*, NARA-DC, op cit. December 21, 1921 press clipping from the *New York Herald*.

[11]An obvious problem was Treasury's failure to release both design pictures and press announcement after the president had approved the design. None of the newspaper clippings from late December to early January, 1922 include photos of either the models or the coins. However, the omission was intentional: treasury officials felt it was illegal to print a reproduction of a U.S. coin except in numismatic publications. On November 4, 1916, the mint director wrote to Adolph Weinman who had requested permission for a newspaper to print reproductions of his new dime and half dollar designs. The Director says: "Replying, I have to state that such reproduction would be in violation of law. I am enclosing herewith a copy of Section 171 of the Penal Code, for your information." On August 3, 1920 chairman Moore sent a letter to Fraser advising Fraser to ensure that anyone working on coin designs fully comply with the same Section 171 of the U.S. Code. Per advice of the Treasury Department, Moore understood that newspapers

were prohibited from publishing coin designs. With specific reference to the Maine Centennial half dollar, Moore says, “...it is suggested that you call the attention of Mr. Francisci to this matter. He should return all designs, models and prints to you. No newspaper is allowed to publish a design of a coin.”

[12]*Joseph P. Tumulty*; papers, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division. Box 16, folder 4. Telegram dated December 24, 1921 to Tumulty from Baker. This is a routine Christmas Greeting telegram sent by Baker from Oakland, California at 5:54 p.m. Since the cross-country train trip took approximately three days, Baker had to have left Washington late on the 21st - a day before the controversy flared and was solved.

[13]NARA-CP, RG104 Entry A1 328N, box 4. Telegram dated December 23, 1921 (2:24 AM) to Baker from Fraser. (Punctuation added.)

[14]*US Mint*, NARA-CP, op. cit. Entry A1 328N, box 4. Letter (excerpt) dated January 30, 1922 to Baker from Styer.

[15]The design as used is not exactly the same as that on what de Francisci claimed were the original models. Evidently, the artist decided to avoid controversy and made a substitute model. Careful examination indicates several differences between the models and the 1921 coins, most noticeably in the way the olive branches are connected. The artist may also have forgotten that the mint had altered the hubs not the models.

[16]*US Mint*, NARA-CP, op. cit. Entry A1 328N, box 4. Letter dated December 23, 1921 to Mellon from Baker. Gilbert approved the change for Mellon, and O'Reilly signed Baker's name to the letter. Whereabouts of these “models” - more likely lead trial strikes - is unknown.

The Present Broken Sword Bronze Cast

904 grams. 186mm diameter across the design face from rim to rim; 191-196mm diameter across the irregular back; 5mm thick. The design face of the casting is five times the diameter of a Peace dollar, and its relief is similarly five times as high as that of de Francisci's high relief 1921 design. Following reduction for the master hub of the design (which was the intended purpose of the bronze cast Fraser had made in New York), the casting would have produced a design with a relief of 0.030 inches. For comparison, Morgan dollars and all low-relief Peace dollars had reliefs on both sides of about 0.015 inches. The high relief Peace dollar of 1921 had an obverse relief of 0.030 inches, same as the Broken Sword casting of the reverse would have produced. However, the sans-sword reverse of the 1921 Peace dollar had a 0.015-inch relief. Apparently, during the reduction process, the Mint reduced the relief for the coin's reverse, likely due to concerns about the ability to strike the higher relief on both sides simultaneously.

Uniform chocolate-brown patina characterizes the obverse of the bronze cast, while the reverse shows additional variations of brown color as normal for bronze casts. Portions of the edge chamfer are elevated at the outermost edge and show old file marks from when the cast was made. The portions of the chamfer closest to the design face are uniformly curved inward, creating a gentle slope up to the design face.

There are few numismatic relics as intriguing or as rare as the various sculptors' models for the United States' most beautiful and storied designs. Whenever such pieces appear at auction, they excite collectors and open a window into a piece of numismatic history long obscured or forgotten. And yet, some of them turn up in unexpected places, apparently surviving by chance. Such is the case with this piece, which a Pennsylvania antiques "picker" reportedly discovered and then sold in 2016, not very unlike how

a set of Standing Liberty quarter bronze casts was discovered in 2001 and sold into the market several years later. These things take time and care to authenticate.

After the present Broken Sword Reverse bronze cast for the Peace dollar was discovered, it was shown to John Dannreuther at a Long Beach Expo in 2018. Dannreuther examined it at length, and in August of that year signed a certificate stating: “In my opinion, and based on currently available information, the item pictured above is the genuine original bronze cast model prepared for the US Mint in 1921 by Peace Dollar sculptor Anthony De Francisci and James Earle Fraser.”

Recently, preeminent numismatic scholar Roger W. Burdette provided further insight into the piece. In an analysis presented to the present cataloger, Burdette wrote:

“At the time this design was prepared, there were no public illustrations available - and not even a written description existed. After the reverse was revised to the version used for coinage, there still was almost no numismatic knowledge of the original design. Further, there were no photographs publicly available from which an imitation could be made, and no archival information had been located to fully explain the situation.

“The reverse design shown on the disc was approved for coinage in December 1921. ... A galvano from the Philadelphia Mint’s historical items, similar in appearance to the subject item is known. This is shown at right, below, next



“Notice that the subject item and Mint’s galvano are nearly identical except the Mint’s seems to have a smoother surface and somewhat better separation between some letters and background (The Mint’s photo has lower detail and sharpness than the subject item photo); other portions seem inferior in detail. The Mint’s galvano has the beginning of a circular hole, but it does not pierce the galvano. (The purpose of the hole is not known although an obvious use would be to hang the piece on a small peg for display. However, de Francisci’s medal display board used uniface electrotypes with screws soldered to the back. This avoided defacing the original cast or electrotype.) [Both the subject item and the Mint’s galvano also have the same small flaw on the rim near the O in ONE, suggesting they were created from copies of the same plaster host model.] ...

“The subject item is consistent in appearance and design detail with the U.S. Mint’s galvano. It also presents certain defects that might be similar to those in the bronze cast delivered to the Philadelphia Mint and referred to in Superintendent Styer’s correspondence. Further, secrecy of the Mint Bureau and Treasury Department, and limited access to archival documents virtually eliminates any chance of the subject item being a counterfeit piece.”

What is not known about this piece is whether it was ever in the personal property of its designer, Anthony de Francisci, or if it is indeed the only bronze cast of the Broken Sword reverse made. Some conclusions must be drawn from known correspondence, but these conclusions are not always absolute. The various metal versions of the Peace dollar reverse in the Mint’s archives are all galvanos, as would be expected from Superintendent Styer’s letter and the fact that the Mint lacked the ability to make 1:1 bronze casts from plaster models and had to use electrotypes as an alternative where necessary. Furthermore, while Fraser attempted to have at least one bronze cast of the Broken Sword reverse made in New York, after the public’s negative reaction to reading about the Broken Sword design and the Mint’s pivot away from it, neither he nor de Francisci would have had any direct incentive from the Mint to have additional bronze casts made. In more than a century, this is the only such piece to have surfaced, and it is a truly magnificent find. It is accompanied by the original Dannreuther-signed certificate.

Ex: Offered by a Pennsylvania antiques “picker” (2016); purchased by Daniel Carr via private treaty (2016); shown to John Dannreuther at a Long Beach Expo for evaluation (2018); opinion of authenticity signed by Dannreuther (8/6/2018); evaluated by Roger W. Burdette and deemed genuine “based on the body of information presented by [the owner] and from independent sources” (2/2025).





CERTIFICATE of AUTHENTICITY
ORIGINAL BRONZE CASTING (for the reverse side) US MINT "BROKEN SWORD" PEACE DOLLAR



In my opinion, and based on currently available information, the item pictured above is the genuine original bronze cast model prepared for the US Mint in 1921 by Peace Dollar sculptor Anthony De Francisci and James Earle Fraser.

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1921 Peace Dollar Plaster
Made by Anthony de Francisci



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1921 Peace Dollar Plaster by Anthony de Francisci. In December 1921, Italian-American sculptor Anthony de Francisci won the Commission of Fine Arts competition to design the Peace dollar. The commission requested that the date be changed from Roman to Arabic numerals. According to Roger Burdette, author of *Renaissance of American Coinage 1916-1921*, de Francisco made the requested changes to two sets of models. He took one set with him to Washington, D.C., and the other set was left at James Earle Fraser's New York studio. The present lot is the modified obverse plaster left with Fraser. Fraser later gave it to Victor Anthony de Meo, a photographer who worked with Fraser on projects such as the celebrated *End of the Trail* sculpture, or William de Meo, the son of Victor Anthony de Meo. William de Meo was an apprentice for Fraser and later opened up his own New York studio. The plaster is made of white alabaster with a yellow-ochre finish. It has a 222 mm diameter and is 32 mm thick. The edge displays moderate chips, and there are occasional minor surface deposits. We thank MintErrorNews.com for information concerning the plaster and its associated splasher die trial.





**1921 Peace Dollar Splasher in Lead
Judd A1921-1, Believed Unique, Unc Details**



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1921 Peace Dollar Obverse Splasher, Judd A1921-1, Pollock-Unlisted, Unique -- Environmental Damage -- PCGS Genuine. Unc Details. Lead. 77.1 grams. 45 mm diameter. 5 mm thick. In late 1921, sculptor Anthony de Francisci won the Commission of Fine Arts competition for the Peace dollar. He arrived at the Philadelphia Mint a few days before Christmas, and worked with Chief Engraver George Morgan to finish the design.

Roger Burdette in *A Guide Book of Peace Dollars* notes a December 23 letter from Mint Director R.T. Baker to Treasury Secretary Andrew William Mellon about the submission of models for the Peace dollar. Burdette states the models were “likely lead splashers or small plaster casts, there being no time to harden the hubs and make dies.” Andy Lustig concluded the present splasher “is a genuine U.S. Mint product” with highly concave fields and a



squared rim unlike a typical 1921 Peace dollar. The splasher has oxidized and has a beaded appearance. The present splasher was retained by Anthony de Francisci, and possibly passed through the ownership of James Earle Fraser and Victor Anthony de Meo. Fraser was a contemporary of de Francisci, and de Meo was a photographer who worked with Fraser. de Meo's son, William de Meo, was an apprentice for Fraser, and later owned the splasher.





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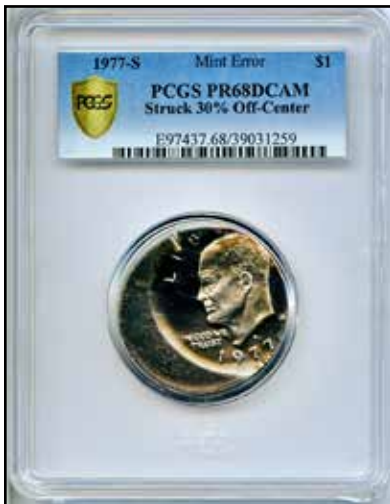
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by Greg Bennick



I absolutely love major mint errors. I wouldn't be here if I didn't. But I especially love examples that are both extremely rare error types and also visually interesting. I have a coin to showcase this time around which covers all those bases and more. Welcome to the world of corner clips. This is a fantastic example of the type.

Corner clips are extremely rare, and examples this nice are absolutely impossible to come by. This was a recent acquisition, and I'm happy to share it with you because it explains a little-known part of the minting process. Whenever we learn about the minting process, we learn more about the coins we can potentially buy and we can make better and more informed

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buying decisions. This is essential especially when buying major and more expensive error coins, which is something I always support doing! We certainly don't want to make mistakes, and mistakes will happen far less often the more educated we are.

So, let's dive into this error type and take a look at what's happening here. At first glance, this looks like something that somebody could easily make in a garage with a pair of tin snips and a quarter, but I will explain instead how this type of error actually happened.

We all know about clipped planchets. When a planchet strip is being fed into the planchet cutting machinery at the mint, if the strip doesn't advance fully through the machine, or if a previously cut blank hops back onto uncut strip and is itself then recut, but only partially by the planchet cutters, you get a clipped planchet. These are common error types, with

some more interesting than others, but generally they are common and easily found, depending on the denomination and series. A clipped wheat cent might be common, but a clipped gold coin would be an interesting coin indeed!

There are, of course, straight and ragged clips too which result when a planchet is cut from around the straight end of a planchet strip or a ragged end of the planchet strip. A far less common - indeed exceedingly rare and little-known error type is the corner clip.

In order to feed the planchet strip into the planchet cutter, mint employees need to make that planchet strip have a new shape that feeds more easily into the mouth of the planchet cutting machinery. The planchet strip is at a 90 degree angle at its leading and trailing edge. Because the planchet cutting machinery is of the same width as the planchet strip itself, it would be extremely difficult

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for mint employees to feed the 90-degree angles into the machine as they would get jammed up at the corners.

So, to make this job easier, they make a tongue of sorts by cutting a 120-degree angle on either side of the leading and trailing edge of the planchet strip. This makes it absolutely possible and much easier for that planchet strip to be fed into the machine, much like an old typewriter, where you fed the paper in and then rolled the typewriter a little bit in order to feed the paper through before you started typing.

It is the same at the mint with the planchet strip. The strip is fed into the machine more with ease due to those 120-degree angles, allowing the strip to get into the machine more readily. Then planchets are cut from that strip. If the machine isn't turned off by the time the planchet strip is fed all the way

through, the trailing edge - which also has the angles cut - will most definitely be have the potential of having planchets cut from it along those two corners (those that have those angles cut into it).

That is what has happened here. As evidence that we are all potentially learning something new all the time, even in the case of myself after 45 years of experience in error coins, I will share something I learned just last week about this very coin. It was during a conversation with a senior numismatist to myself just last week that he informed me about the fact that in 1966 when this coin was struck, it was indeed the trailing - not leading - edge of the planchet strip which created this corner clip. I tell you this so that you stay inspired, and know that its ok not to know. We are all learning together. Remember, more information leads to more confident buying decisions.

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As you can imagine, examples of corner clips are few and far between, because they have to happen, meaning be cut in the first place, which is rare. Then they would have to make it through the minting process which is rarer still. Then they would have to make it out of the mint which is even more rare. And to use the word “rare” isn’t even fair, because prime examples of corner clips like this one are exceedingly rare.

One thing I like about this coin is that its appealing to me. Corner clips are almost as rare as the people who know what they are, which I mention because eye appeal is everything. Look at dozens, even hundreds, of major mint errors. I would advise to buy the coin that appeals to you. Sometimes this takes a bit of a financial stretch (as was the case with this corner clip) but the stretch yields incredible satisfaction if the coin you are desiring is one that you understand,

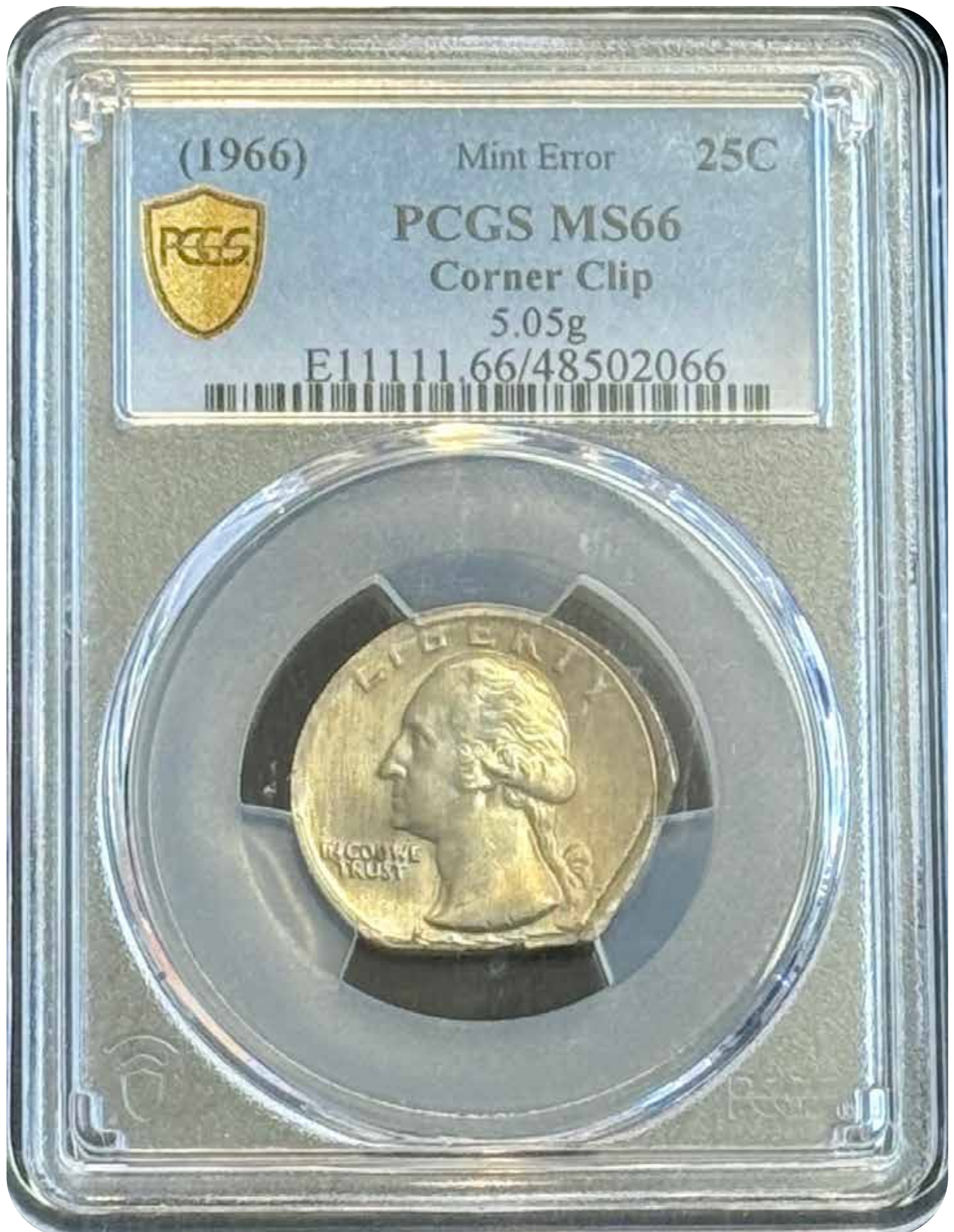
know about, and appreciate.

I hope you have gained an understanding, knowledge, and appreciation about corner clips from what I have shared here.

This is one of only a few examples I’ve seen in my years collecting, and is certainly the finest known, as far as I can tell. It is certainly one of the most visually striking known examples, which was why I was happy to add it to my collection.

As always, if you have questions about error coins, please let me know at minterrors@gmail.com. I would always be happy as well to answer questions sent in to Mike Byers directly himself, as we are in touch, and he’s happy to forward questions to me. Thanks so much for reading and I look forward to our next article and hearing about your next purchase of a valuable and rare major error coin.

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BOX OF TWENTY ERROR COINS

THE OUTTAKES, PART 3

by Christopher Talbot Frank, CTF Error Coins

This is the third and final part of my article on a Box of Twenty Error Coins. A box of twenty coins is a concept where a collector keeps only their favorite 20 coins and sells the rest of their collection. It was not easy choosing my favorite 20 error coins. I kept switching some out for others; making the cut was hard. I decided to do this follow-up article on the next ten coins that were up for consideration. Some of the coins were not included because I already

had a similar, but nicer, error type in the box. Many of the coins below I wanted to include, but there simply was not enough room for them. Each of the coins included in this third part of the article stand on their own and would be a nice addition to any error coin collector's box of twenty.

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1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Off Center

Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

I have always liked major errors on United States bicentennial coins. This is a very eye appealing double strike error on a bicentennial half dollar. The reverse of the coin is exceptional.



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1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Off Center Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

This rare bicentennial half dollar error coin would have been included if I had

not already had a 1976 half dollar error coin in my box of twenty.



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PCGS MS66 Kennedy Half Dollar

Struck On A Nickel Planchet Mint Error

This one would have gone into the box of twenty if I did not have the Kennedy Half Dollar struck on a dime planchet in the box. This is a high grade example of a Kennedy Half dollar struck on a nickel

planchet. It is perfectly centered with Kennedy's profile. This is a great coin to match up with my Kennedy struck on a dime planchet as both coins have strong and similar profiles.



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**PCGS MS66 Kennedy Half Dollar
Struck On A Nickel Planchet Mint Error**



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PCGS MS65 Off Center On Straight End Clip North Dakota Quarter Mint Error

This extremely rare error type would have gone into the box of twenty if I had not included the rare 2020 Weir Farm quarter

with a similar error. The 2006 North Dakota quarter below has the collectable off center on straight clip error.



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PCGS MS65 Off Center On Straight End Clip North Dakota Quarter Mint Error

This coin also exhibits some colorful toning which adds to the eye appeal of this cool error coin.



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2007 D NGC MS62 Struck On

Elliptical Football Shaped Planchet Utah Quarter Error

I have collected many elliptical clipped coin errors that are football shaped. To have one on a modern post 2001 statehood quart is extremely rare. The design of the 2007 Utah statehood

quarter is really cool and the error emphasizes it. I like this coin so much that after I sold it a few year ago, I decide to buy it back.



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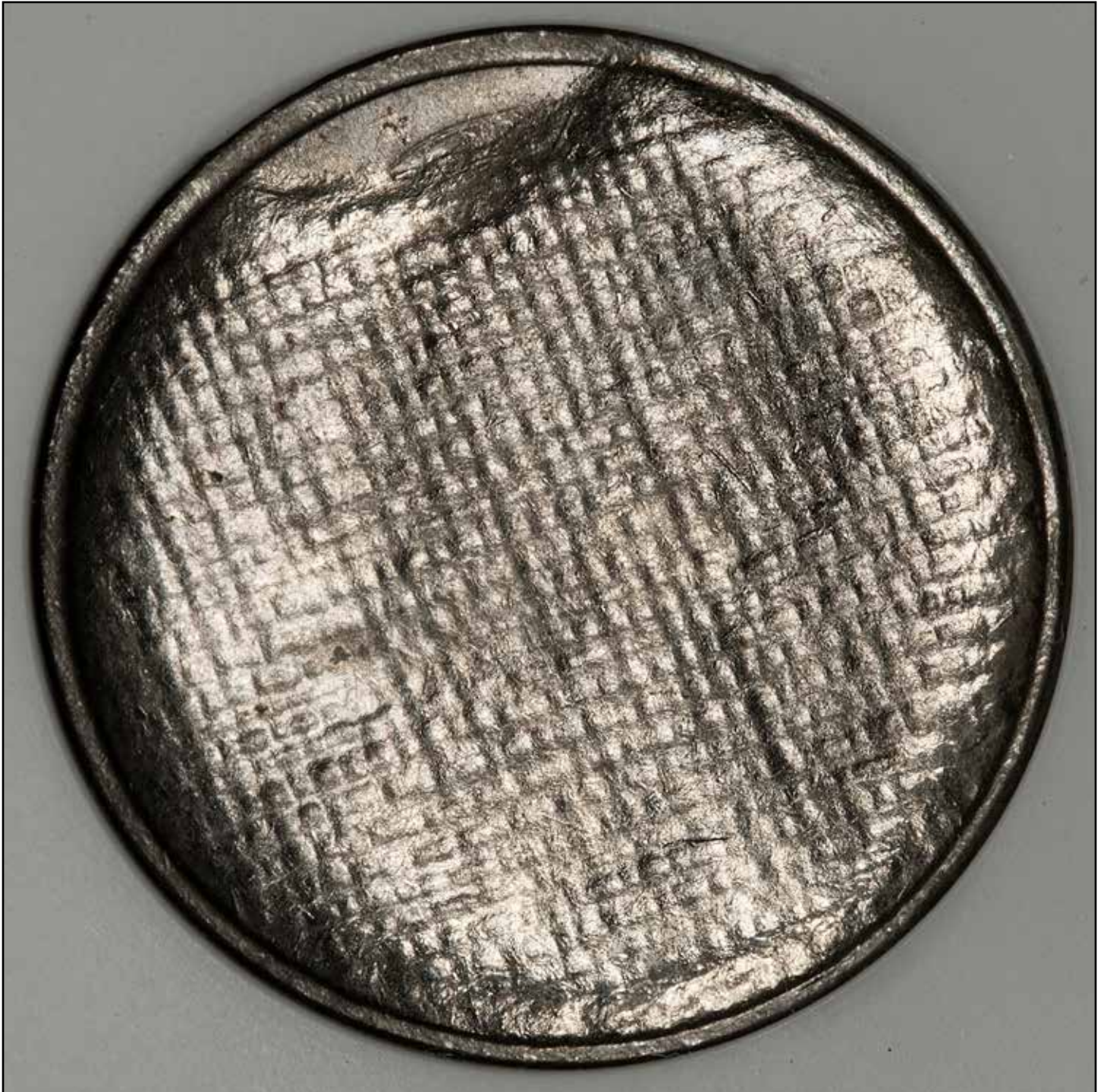
**2007 D NGC MS62 Struck On
Elliptical Football Shaped Planchet Utah Quarter Error**



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ANACS MS63 Struck Thru Cloth Jefferson Nickel Mint Error

I have always been fascinated with error on a bicentennial half dollar in my struck thru cloth error coins. I included box of twenty.
an exception example of struck thru cloth

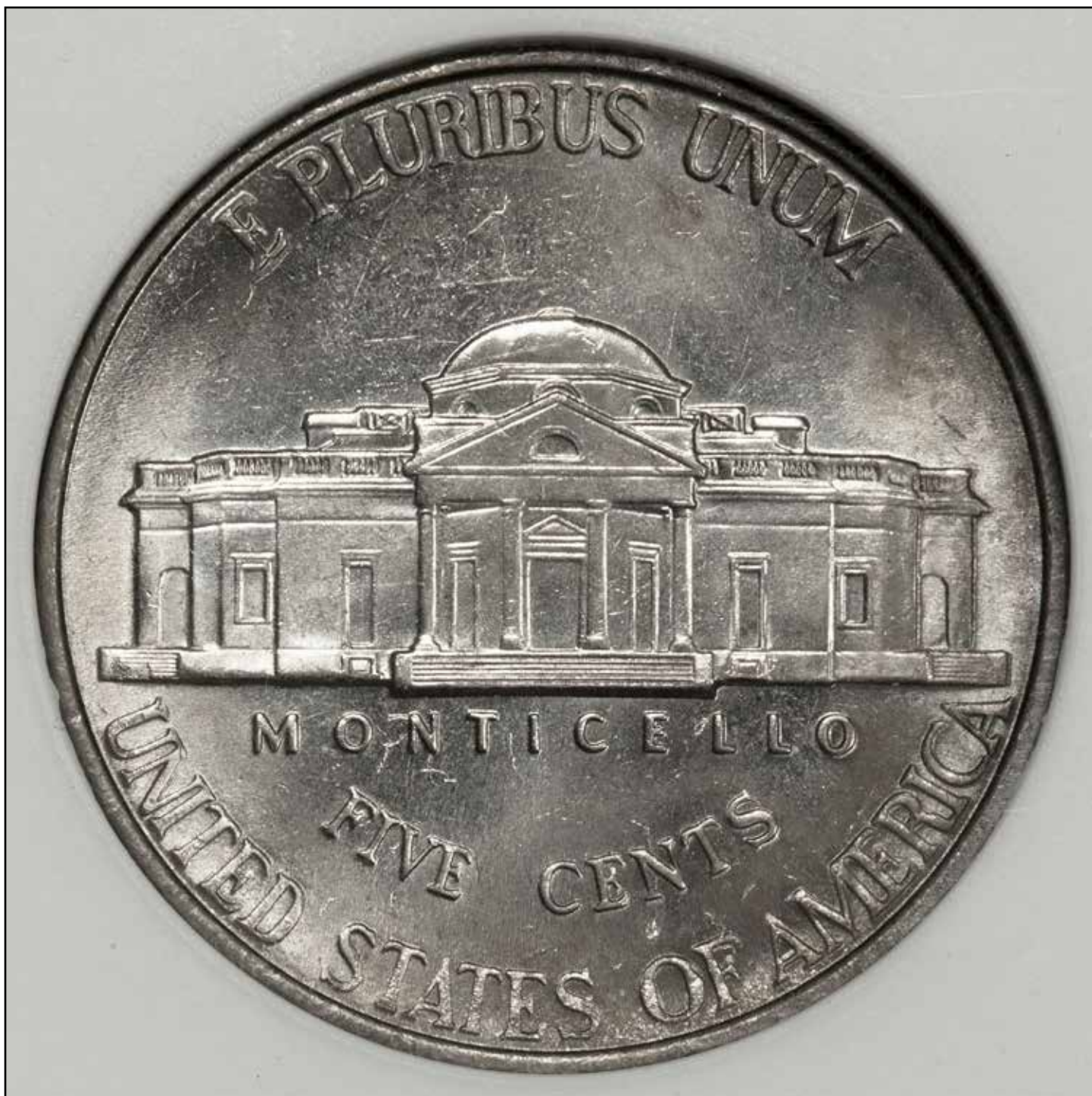


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ANACS MS63 Struck Thru Cloth

Jefferson Nickel Mint Error

This amazing example of a struck thru cloth on a Jefferson Nickel surely would have gone into my box if I had not already included a struck thru cloth error type.

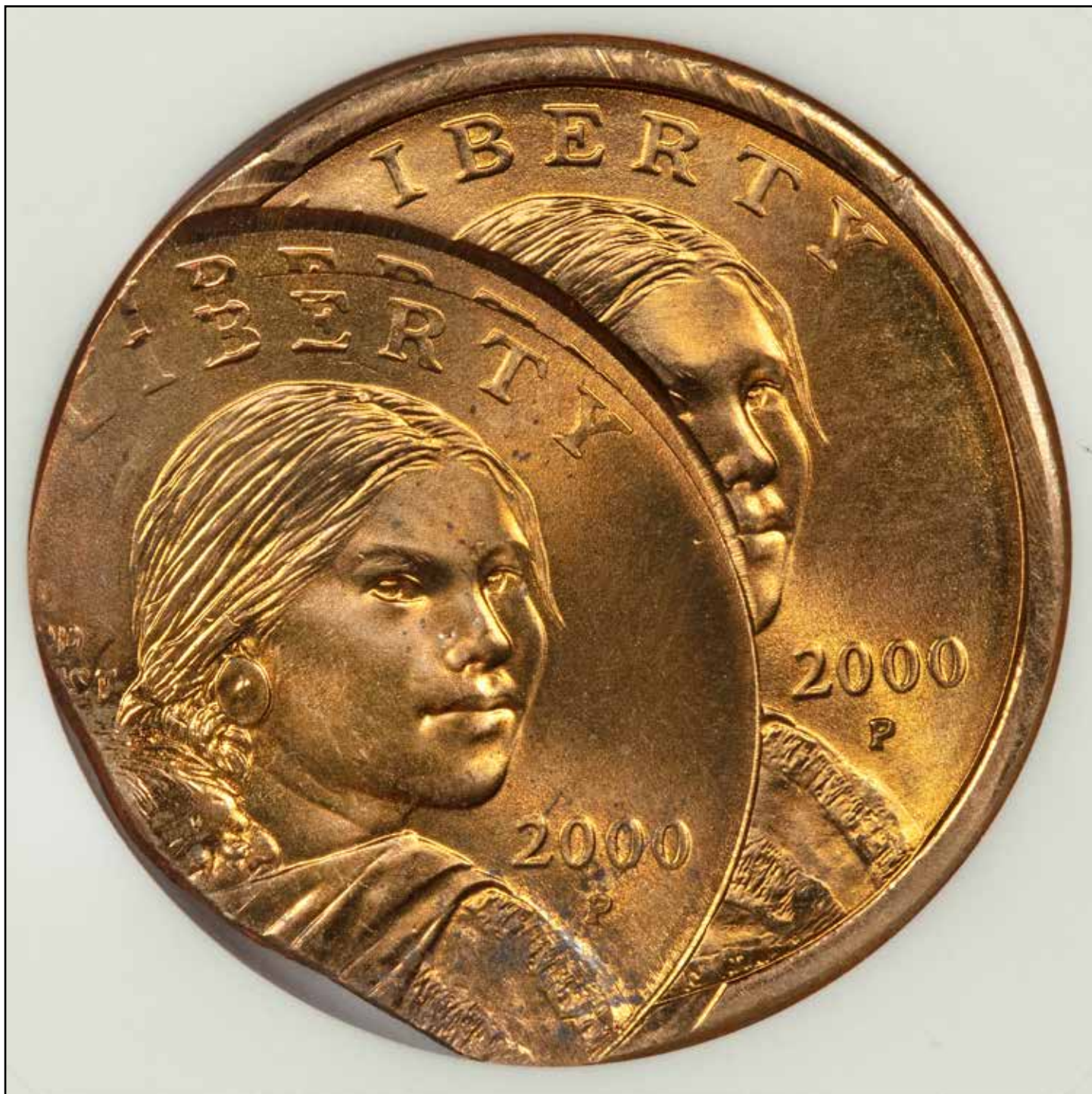


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2000 ANACS MS63 Triple Struck Sacagawea Dollar Mint Error

Here is another remarkable coin that any error collector would love in their box of twenty. This triple struck 2000

Sacagawea Dollar has two full dates and fantastic eye appeal.



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2000 ANACS MS63 Triple Struck Sacagawea Dollar Mint Error

The only reason this coin was not included is that I included a 2000 double struck double dated Sacagawea

Dollar with superior grade and eye appeal.



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1962 D PCGS Struck In Wire (Staple)

Lincoln Cent Mint Error

Another one of my favorite error types are coins with a struck in staple. The coin also exhibits colorful toning. The 1962 D cent below is a excellent

example of a struck in staple error coin.

The coin also exhibits colorful toning.



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1962 D PCGS Struck In Wire (Staple)

Lincoln Cent Mint Error

This exceptional error was also struck on my birth year which is a subset of error coins that I collect. This super

eye appealing error coin would have gone into the box of twenty if I had the room.



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1976 NGC MS65 Cent Struck On Struck Dime Double Denomination 11 Cent Mint Error

One of my very favorite error types are cents struck on struck dimes. Some call this error type an eleven cent piece. I have had over 20 different dated eleven

cent pieces in my inventory over the years. Although this does not have a bicentennial design, this is in my subset of bicentennial dated error coins.



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1976 NGC MS65 Cent Struck On Struck Dime Double Denomination 11 Cent Mint Error

The date of 1976 is one of the harder dates to find a double denomination error coin. Another coin I would love

to include in the box of twenty if I had the room.



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1976 PCGS MS64RB Nickel Struck on Struck Cent Mint Error Double Denomination

Even rarer than the above eleven cent piece error is a six cent piece which is a nickel struck on a struck cent. This is another extremely rare coin for my

bicentennial dated subset of error coins. Once again, there was not enough room to include this awesome coin in my box of twenty.



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**1976 PCGS MS64RB Nickel Struck on Struck Cent
Mint Error Double Denomination**



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ANACS AU58 Struck Thru DUCT TAPE Wheat Cent

I have had and still have many major error coins that are struck thru cloth with a definite weave pattern. This coin has a smoothed over weave pattern that is different from the many examples of struck thru cloth errors that I have seen.



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ANACS AU58 Struck Thru DUCT TAPE Wheat Cent

This coin is in a ANACS holder. I would love to cross it over to either NGC or PCGS, but I would not be guaranteed the “Struck Thru Duct Tape” designation, so

I will leave it in it’s current holder. If I could cross this coin, it would probably go into the box of twenty, but for now it did not make the cut.



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Christopher Talbot Frank



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1943-S Copper Cents

by Saul Teichman of USPatterns.com

This listing is mostly from Heritage and Ron Guth with additions/corrections by me.

1) MS63 Brown PCGS. Wexler-Flynn #3 “Found in the year of issue in a Mint-sewn bag of 1943-S steel cents” by Merl D. Burcham, per its early appearances with Superior Galleries (the Superior lot description from February 1974 is reprinted in Dr. Sol Taylor’s Standard Guide to the Lincoln Cent, fourth edition [1999], page 138); later to error coin dealer Frank Spadone; part of a \$15,000 trade of “regular and pattern silver coins valued at that time [1965] between Spadone and Walter Farris of Bristol, Tennessee, per the Superior ads (and covered in a Coin World story on page 41, January 20, 1965); authenticated at some point by Walter Breen (before 1965, by which time Farris had obtained the certification); Dr. Charles L. Ruby Part I (Superior, 2/1974), lot 1991; Jan Bronson; Alan Van Vliet, in 1976; Margene Heathgate (Superior, 6/1997), lot 145, realized \$49,500; Dr. Jon Kardatzke (Goldberg Auctions, 2/2000), lot 257, as MS61 Brown NGC, brought \$115,000; Legend Numismatics to Bob Simpson as MS62 Brown PCGS for \$1 million (9/2012); Bob R. Simpson (Heritage 11/2020) lot 3009, \$504,000.



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2) AU58 PCGS. Wexler-Flynn #1 Central States (Kurt Krueger, 4/1989), lot 979; Dave Berg in 1989; private collection; Haig Koshkarian (American Numismatic Rarities, 3/2004), lot 380; Simpson Long Beach Signature (Heritage, 2/2016), lot 3087, realized \$282,000. Formerly graded AU58 NGC, still listed on the NGC Census Report. PCGS certification #18523980.



3) AU55 PCGS. Wexler-Flynn #2 Fred Weinberg in 1979; Dwight Berger in 1983; purchased from an unspecified auction "sometime during the 1980s" and newly certified at PCGS in autumn 2015. Previously authenticated by ANACS. Sorensen (Heritage, 1/2016 FUN Signature), lot 5267, brought \$211,500. PCGS certification #25653505 & #35232166.



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4) AU55 NGC. Wexler-Flynn #4 Saint Louis Signature (Heritage, 3/1989), lot 56; Saint Louis Signature (Heritage, 3/1989), lot 56; Dwight Berger; ANA Signature (Heritage, 7/1997), lot 5919.



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5) AU53 NGC. Ex: Kenneth S. Wing Jr. “Discovered within a year of its issue, this attractive specimen remained in the same family for more than 60 years,” according to its NGC Photo Proof certification and extensive documentation provided by its current owner. Found in circulation in 1944 by 14-year-old collector Kenneth S. Wing, Jr. in Long Beach, California; Kenneth S. Wing family; sold to Rare Coin Wholesalers for \$72,500 (7/2008); purchased from Park Avenue Numismatics for \$173,000 (8/2008); Kerry Rudin; FUN Signature (Heritage, 1/2018), lot 4764; realized \$228,000; Poulos Family (Heritage 8/2019), lot 3703 realized \$216,000.



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6) **VF35 PCGS.** Dr. Carl A. Minning, Jr. (Bowers and Merena, 8/1999), lot 1122, brought \$51,750; Pre-Long Beach Sale (Superior, 10/2000), lot 4147; Phillip Flannagan et al. (Bowers and Merena, 11/2001), lot 6076, realized \$62,100; Alfred V. Melson Part Two / Long Beach (Heritage, 2/2010), lot 178, garnered \$207,000; Geyer Family (Heritage, 11/2013), lot 3510, brought \$141,000.



7) **VF30 PCGS.** Per Jeff Ambio. “The current owner, a California resident, found this in circulation decades ago. I recently got it certified for him at PCGS through Stack’s Bowers and it has never been offered for sale. He is part of the generation that grew up with the Henry Ford story of the 1943 ‘copper penny’ and was sharp-eyed and (especially) lucky enough to find this one in circulation.”



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1964 Lincoln Cents on Clad Dime Planchets

by Saul Teichman of USPatterns.com

1) Heritage 5/07, Heritage 6/08, Heritage 1/09 FUN - PCGS65 10759562



1964 Lincoln Cents on Clad Dime Planchets

2) Byers 1975 Fixed Price List ?, Weinberg-Heritage 5/22, GreatCollections.com 3/23/25 - PCGS65 42463267



3) Heritage 5/04 - ANACS64 NJ2964



1964 Lincoln Cents on Clad Dime Planchets

4) Heritage 11/02, Heritage 8/08 ANA, Heritage 1/11 FUN - PCGS63 90038204



5) Heritage 2/12 - PCGS63 60095387



1964 Lincoln Cents on Clad Dime Planchets

6) Heritage 12/20 - PCGS63



7) Heritage 4/13 as NGCAU58, Steve Mills - NGC61 1816881-010



1964 Lincoln Cents on Clad Dime Planchets

8) Karpeles-Heritage 1/23 FUN - NGC Unc details, obverse scratched
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9) StacksBowers 6/23 - PCGSXF45 81725387





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1965 Lincoln Cents on Silver Dime Planchets

2) B/M 3/02 - NGC65



3) Heritage 1/06 FUN - PCGS64 22077642



1965 Lincoln Cents on Silver Dime Planchets

4) Heritage 3/08, Heritage 9/10 - NGC63 1582126-001



5) Sullivan 1/25 inventory - PCGS61 49869331



1965 Lincoln Cents on Silver Dime Planchets

6) Karpeles-Heritage 1/23 FUN - NGCAU58 6602116-004



7) Heritage 4/13 - NGCAU58 4078051-001





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

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 oz silver round with an American Buffalo and Indian Chief design on the obverse and reverse.

This silver round was both broadstruck and double-struck, on-center.



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Struck by the Mason Mint (MM privy mark), it is located in Dade City, Florida. MM has been in operation since 2012. MM also produces legal tender coins such

as the Robin Hood coin from Niue. Niue is a self governing island country in association with the country of New Zealand.



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

Next is an undated \$1 brass Horseshoe Casino (now Binions) gambling token.

being struck by a shattered die. This token was struck by United Silver Mint (USM privy mark).

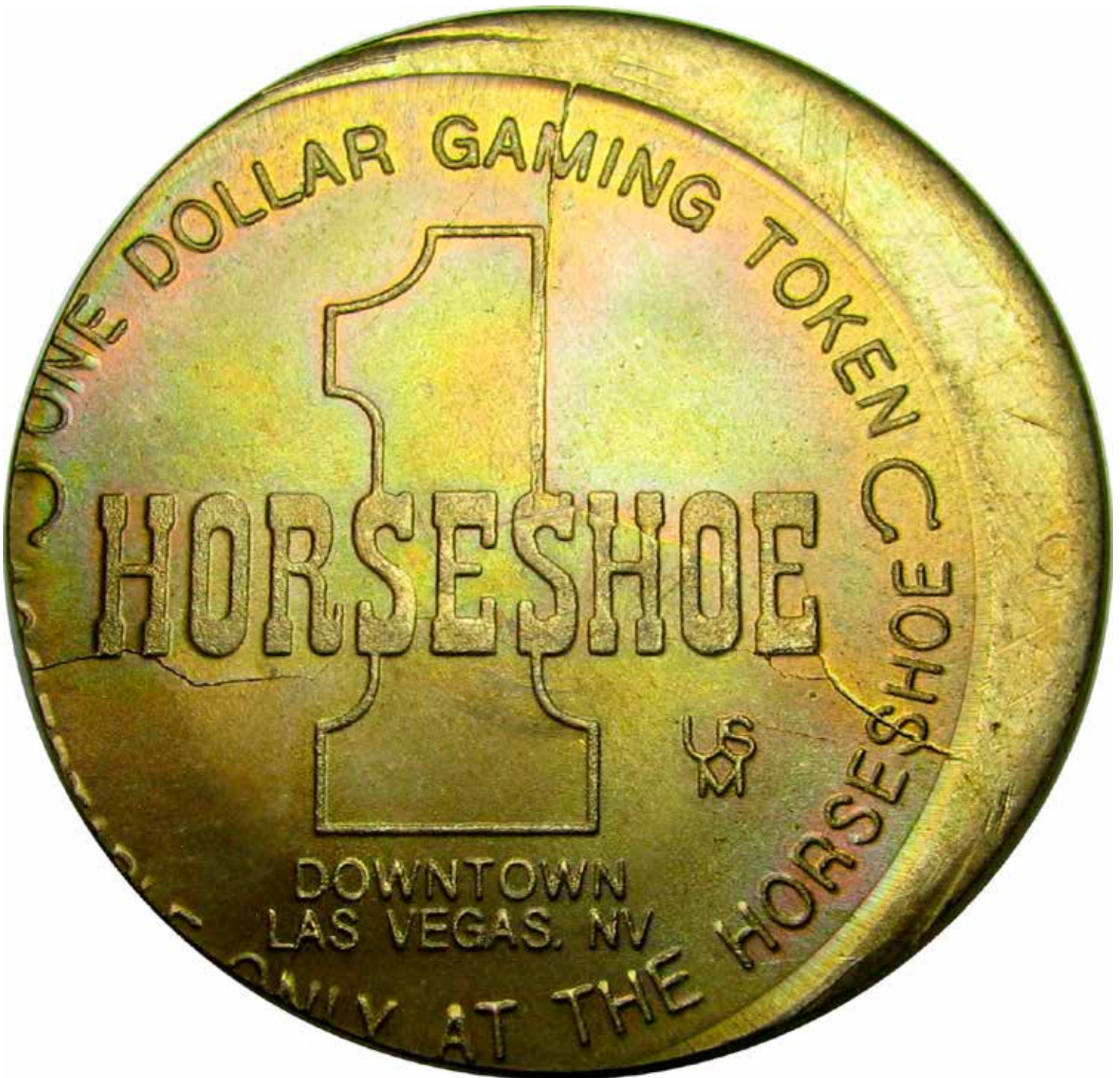
It is off center with the reverse I have been unable to find any



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

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.

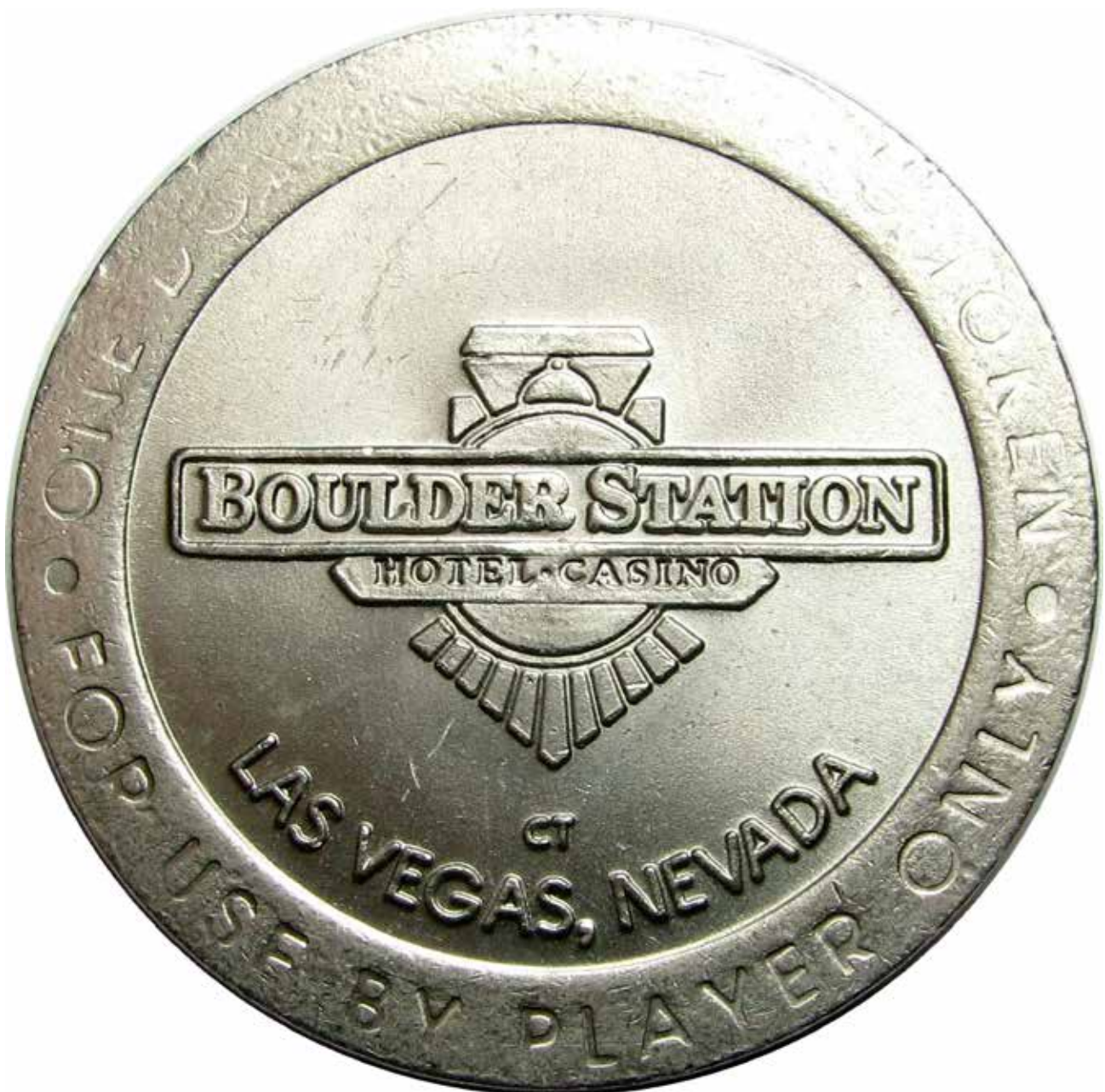


MAJOR ERRORS STRUCK BY PRIVATE U.S. MINTS - PART SEVEN

Next is an amazing undated \$1 Boulder Station Hotel and Casino gambling token.

It was struck on a thin planchet and is significantly underweight. Normal weight for this token is 21.2 grams. This thin planchet

error weighs just 17.5 grams. Many of the outer design details are struck weakly or are completely absent on both the obverse and reverse. This is the first way underweight/thin planchet \$1 gambling token I've encountered. \$1 casino tokens



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are generally 21.0 grams or more in weight.

Struck by Casino Tokens INC, (CT privy mark) it is located in

North Las Vegas, Nevada. CT began operations in 1993 and is operational to this day.



I want to take a moment and recognize one of the people behind the scenes for MEN... Sam Rhazi is the Production Editor for MEN. If there is anyone who knows what this position entails it is I. THANKS Sam! And it does not end there. For those who do not know it, Mike Byers publication of MEN has been ranked #8 on Spruces best ranked Numismatic Publications four years in a row... and Sam Rhazi has been a major spoke in the wheel for that effort!



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A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS - PART TWO -

by Mike Byers

Here are some more of my favorite Mint Errors, Patterns & Die Trials that I have handled throughout my 50 year career.

**1972-S Proof Ike Dollar “Clover Leaf”
Mated Set on Nickel and Cent Planchets
NGC PROOF 65
UNIQUE**



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



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Proof Ike Dollar Mated Pair
Ike Dollar Struck on a 5¢ Planchet (5.0g) mated with an
Ike Dollar Struck on a Clad 10¢ Planchet (2.3g)
NGC PF 65



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Lincoln Cent - Wheat Reverse Mirror Brockage on a Silver Dime Planchet NGC MS 64



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194X-S Australia Florin On A U.S. Silver 5 Cent Planchet Struck at the San Francisco Mint 4.9g Wartime Planchet NGC MS 62 - One of Only Two Known



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**1898 Barber Dime
Obverse Die Cap
Uncentered / Off-Center
PCGS MS 61 - UNIQUE**



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**Oregon Trail Memorial Half Dollar Plaster Model
Designed and Sculpted by Laura Gardin Fraser
UNIQUE in Private Hands**



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**15-Inch "Oklahoma Run" Plaster Model
Designed and Sculpted by Laura Gardin Fraser
For the 1957 Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Medal**

UNIQUE



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**1973-S Proof Kennedy Half
Struck In (1.6g) Copper Planchet on Obverse (Bonded Pair)**

NGC PF 67

UNIQUE



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**Proof 197X-S Ike Dollar
Double Struck on 2 gram
Aluminum Shell Gas Token
PCGS PR 64 - 2 Known**



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**1976-S Bicentennial Quarter
Struck on Silver Kennedy Half Planchet
NGC PF 69 CAMEO
UNIQUE**



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**UNIQUE SPECIMEN: 1857 Braided Hair Half Cent
Half Cent Encyclopedia Plate Coin**

Pedigree: Stack's 1970, Missouri Cabinet

PCGS SPECIMEN 65 Red & Brown



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19XX-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar

Double Struck 90% Off-Center (Actually Struck 85% Off-Center)

Die Struck Both Sides

PCGS AU 53 - Rare S-Mint With Only 3 Known



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1980-D Lincoln Cent

Struck on 90% Silver Dime Planchet 2.5g - Silver Cent

Extremely Rare Transitional Mint Error

NGC MS 64 - 1 of Only 3 Known



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1944 Lincoln Cent - Wheat Reverse

Obverse Mirror Brockage

CAC® Rare Coin Market Review Cover Coin

CACG AU50BN - One of Only Two Known



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1926-S Mercury Dime

Double Struck - Second Strike 80% Off-Center

NGC AU 55

Unique from the San Francisco Mint & Rare Date!



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1973-S Kennedy Half

Struck on Clad Proof Ike Dollar Planchet

NGC PF 68★

UNIQUE



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1972-S Kennedy Half
Struck on Silver Proof Ike Dollar Planchet
NGC PF 68
UNIQUE



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1796 Draped Bust Dollar
Small Eagle
Struck Off-Center (5%)
NGC VG 10 - UNIQUE



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1964 Kennedy Half Dollar Struck on a Clad 25 Cent Planchet Transitional NGC MS 64 - Rare



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



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Eisenhower Dollar Struck on 1¢ Planchet (3.14g) NGC PF 66 RED



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1971-S Proof Silver Eisenhower Dollar Double Struck - Both Strikes Off-Center NGC PF 68 ULTRA CAMEO Extremely Rare



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Proof Clad Eisenhower Dollar
Double Struck - Both Strikes Off-Center
NGC PF 66 CAMEO
Extremely Rare



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



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A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

Proof Eisenhower Dollar Mated Pair
1973-S Clad Ike Dollar Struck Thru Silver Layer
NGC PR 65
UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/6329750-001-002.html>

1824 Great Britain Half Sovereign
GOLD Obverse Die Cap
Ex: Eliasberg
NGC MS 64 - UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/1839056-059.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

2000 Liberia Gold \$5
James Monroe Presidential Series
Gold Pattern
NGC PF 68 ULTRA CAMEO - UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/2143044-001.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/32959434.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/6328918-013.html>

(1973)-S Proof Ike Dollar
Double Struck on Cent Planchet
NGC PF 65 RB
Extremely Rare



<https://mikebyers.com/6324740-003.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

**(1971) Eisenhower Dollar
Triple Struck on Cent Planchet (3.1g)
NGC MS 64 BROWN
UNIQUE**



<https://mikebyers.com/6602085-003.html>

**1964-D Roosevelt Dime
Struck on a U.S. Cent Alloy Planchet
PCGS MS 64
UNIQUE**



<https://mikebyers.com/5535055.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



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**1906-D \$20 Liberty
Broadstruck (Out of the Collar)
NGC AU 58
UNIQUE**



<https://mikebyers.com/3714870-001.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



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1741 L V Peru Gold 8 Escudos
Triple Struck Flipover
NGC MS 62
UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/6269952-001.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

(1904) Belgium Franc GOLD Obverse Die Trial

1904 Design Overstruck on 1903 Design

Struck on Oversized Piedfort Planchet (Regular Issue Was Struck in Silver)

NGC MS 61 - UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/4215965-012.html>

1876 Great Britain Half Sovereign

GOLD Reverse Brockage

(Incuse Brockage of the Obverse on the Reverse)

NGC AU 58



<https://mikebyers.com/2126469-031.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/4749784-001-002.html>

**1972-S Proof Ike Dollar Mated Pair
Ike Dollar Struck on a 1¢ Planchet mated with an
Ike Dollar Struck on a 10¢ Planchet
NGC PF 66**



<https://mikebyers.com/6606001-001-002.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/3067966-001.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/4837404-001.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

**(1972)-S Proof Ike Dollar
Double Struck on Cent Planchet
NGC PF 66 RD CAMEO
Extremely Rare**



<https://mikebyers.com/6324991-001.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/2740215-009.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

Unique Dual Mint Mark Discovery

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



<https://mikebyers.com/4918929-001.html>

1972-S SILVER Ike Dollar Struck on 50¢ Planchet PCGS PR 67 DEEP CAMEO



<https://mikebyers.com/42132089.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

**(1857) \$20 Double Eagle Reverse Hub Trial in Lead
Judd Plate Coin - J-A1857-6**

**Ex: Nagy, Judd, Kosoff, Weinberg
PCGS MS 62 - UNIQUE**



<https://mikebyers.com/24882209.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/5230675-002.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/5230675-003.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/5230675-004.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/5230675-005.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/34915047.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



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



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A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/6060385-001.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/39031261.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/83670233.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/11385138.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

Unique Proof 3 Piece Ike Dollar “Clover Leaf” Set NGC PF 68 Ultra Cameo



<https://mikebyers.com/5933830-001-003.html>

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



<https://mikebyers.com/30934495.html>

A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS

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



<https://mikebyers.com/unique-1943-cent-5-piece-set.html>

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



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Mint Error News Price Guide

- Updated September 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 September 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	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,250
Proof Clad Half	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	\$15,000	-	\$25,000	-	\$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

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Broadstrikes (Updated September 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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
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	\$1,000	N/A	\$2,000
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 September 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	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$1,500	\$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 September 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 September 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	\$10,000
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 (Updated September 2025)



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 September 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)	—	—	—	\$10,000
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	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
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 September 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	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
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	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
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	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
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	\$5,000
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 September 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	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$2½ Liberty	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$2½ Indian	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$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 September 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	\$2,500
SBA Dollar	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

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Die Caps (Updated September 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	\$2,500	\$7,500
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	\$5,000	\$10,000
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 September 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	\$1,000
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	\$1,500
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$1,000
Morgan Dollar	\$1,500	\$2,500
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 September 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	\$2,000	\$3,000
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 September 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	\$10,000
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 September 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	\$2,000
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	\$2,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$2,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$2,000
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	\$5,000
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 September 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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,000	\$2,000
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	\$1,500	\$2,000
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	\$1,500	\$3,000
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 September 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	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
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	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
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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Off-Metals (Updated September 2025)

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	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
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	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
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 September 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 September 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	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Martha Nickel	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
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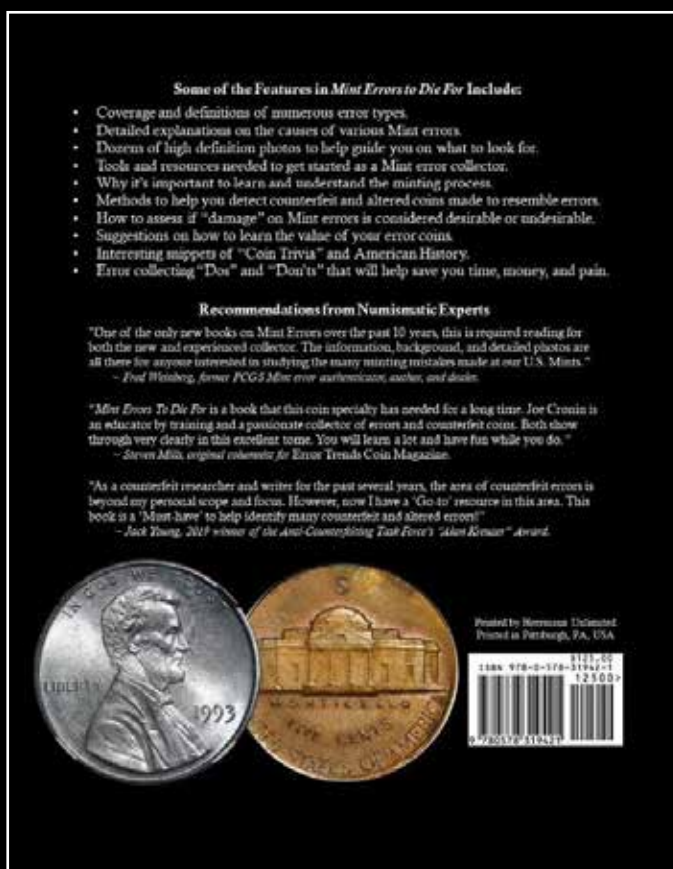
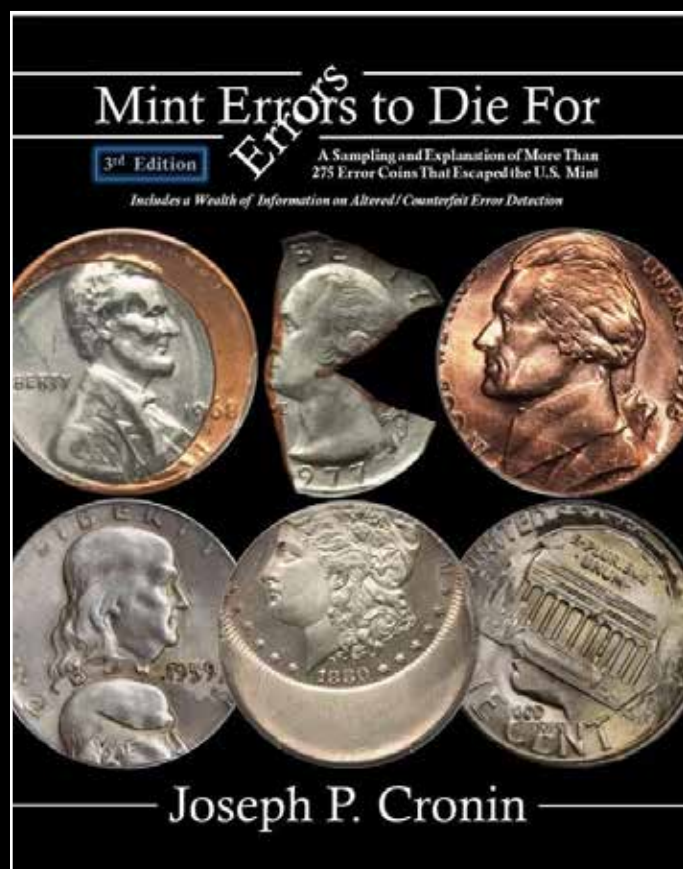
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Coin Trivia: Though the 1913 Buffalo nickel is on a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet, Mint errors on \$2.5 gold planchets include: Indian Head Cents: (3) 1900, 1905, 1906, and 1907. Lincoln Cents: 1911, 1915, and 1927

1913 (Type 2) Buffalo Nickel:

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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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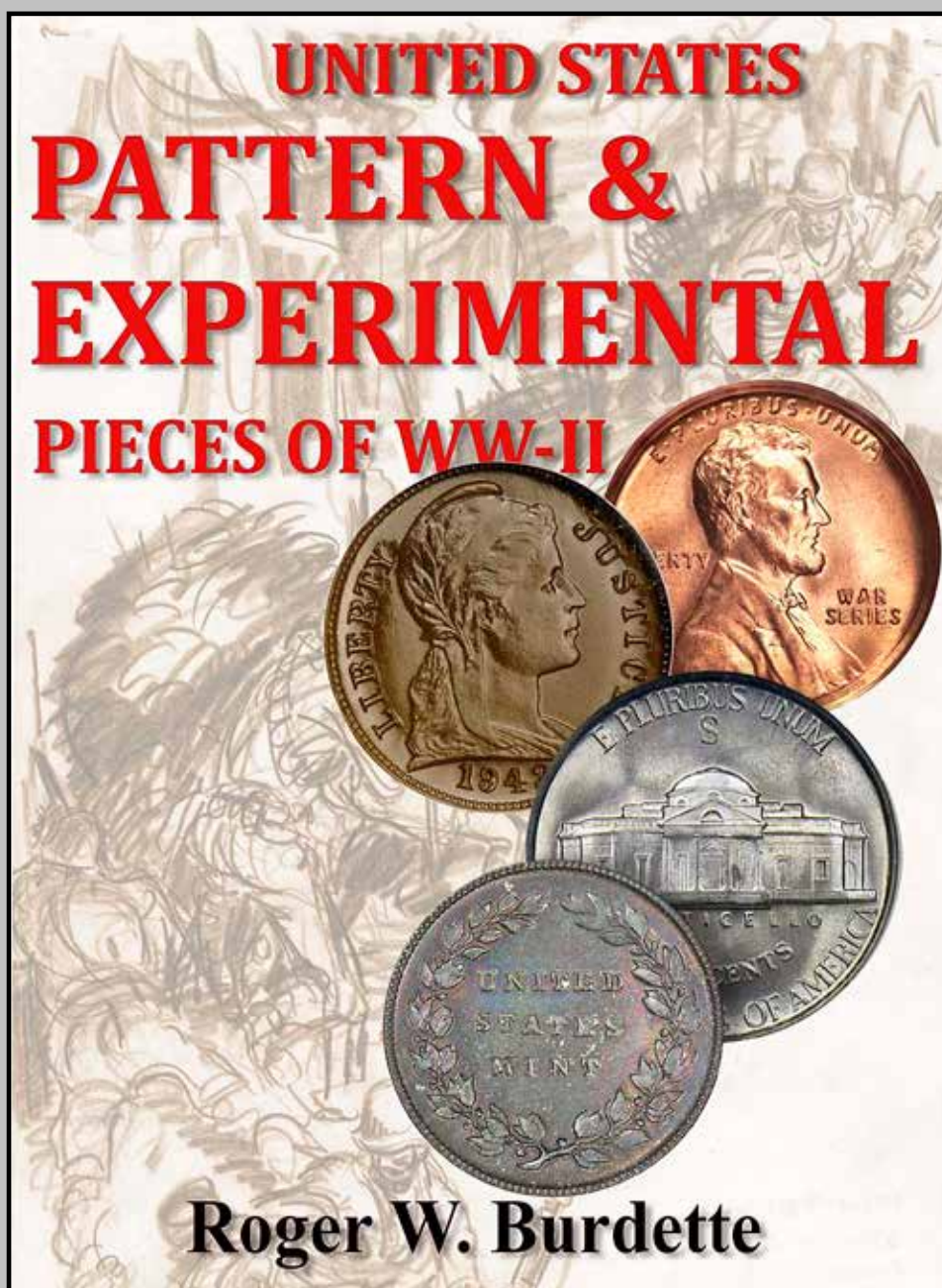
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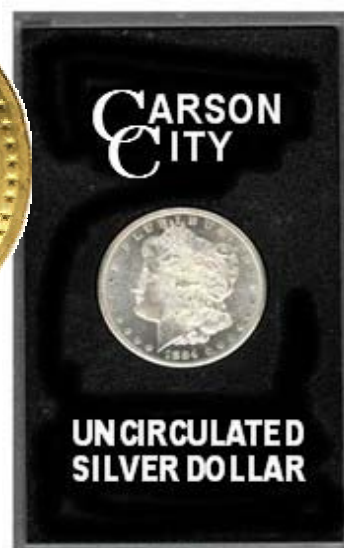
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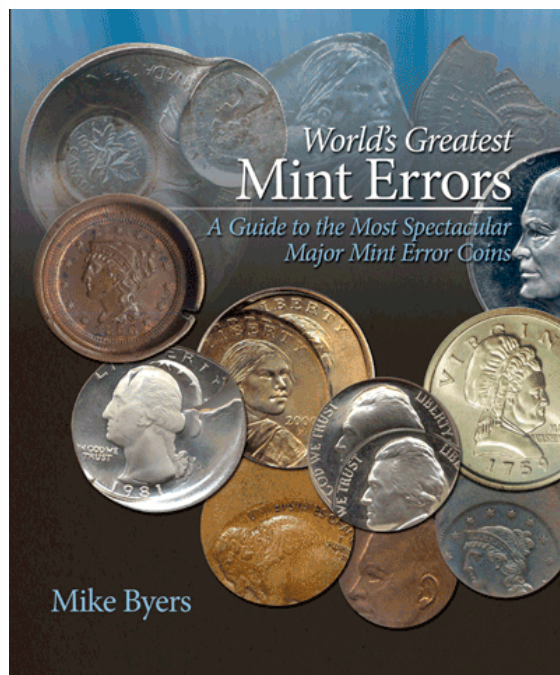


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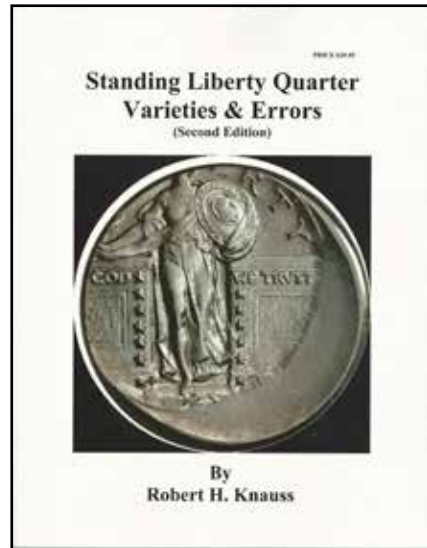
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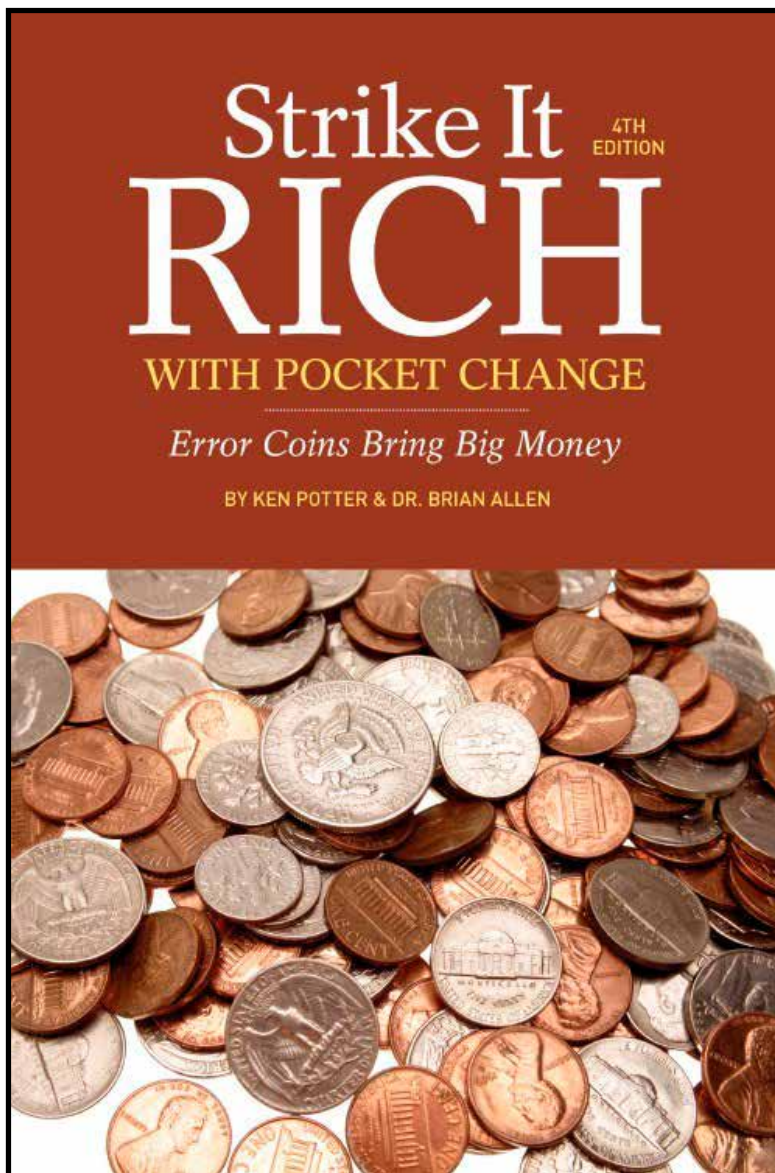
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