



Long Time LSCC Member Michael Fey Acquires the Numismatic Assets of Leroy Allen

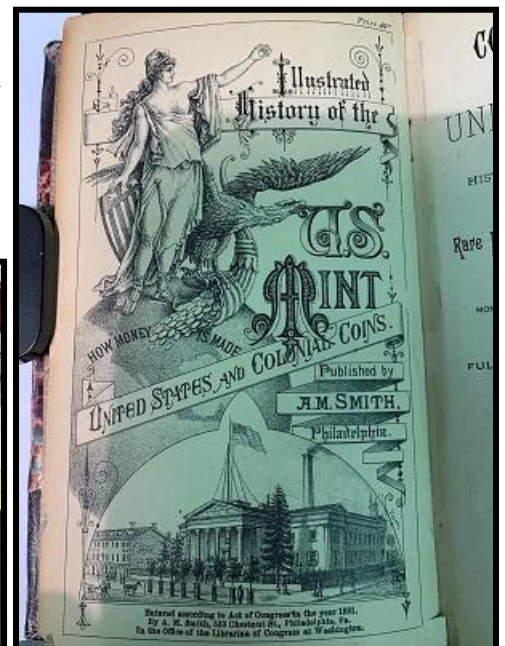
Michael S. Fey, Ph.D., of Rare Coin Investments (RCI), a longtime active member of the LSCC & BCCS recently acquired the Numismatic Assets of Leroy Van Allen for an undisclosed sum. The assets included all of Mr. Van Allen's intellectual property which includes his landmark reference book, "The Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of Morgan & Peace Dollars", and 17 monographs, the most popular of which is "Wonders of Morgan Dollars". Included was approximately 18,000 photos of Morgan and Peace silver dollar VAM numbered varieties (VAM is an acronym for Van Allen-Mallis varieties).

Also included in the sale was Van Allen's cancelled U.S. dies and collars, and fabricated dies and punches which were used as models to prove his theories on overdates and over mintmarks, as well as about 100 autographed books from his reference library, some dating back to the late 1800's.

The sale also included approximately 425 rare Morgan and Peace dollar die varieties, errors, rotated dies, about 700 Buffalo nickel die varieties and rotated dies, and a variety of U.S. and foreign coins.

According to Michael, "This marks the passing of a torch to a new generation of dedicated specialists who intend to continue Leroy's efforts to research, catalog and educate dealers and collectors on Morgan and Peace silver dollars". Furthermore, "Leroy realized that it would be problematic to continue so he passed the torch on. I plan to donate time and money to continue Leroy Van Allen's legacy in the form of a newly created non-profit organization "The Institute for Silver Dollar Education and Research with an Executive Director and a silver dollar Who's Who of Advisory Experts."

Liberty Seated collectors will be pleased to know that Leroy Van Allen did have some Liberty Seated material in his collection including a low grade Type Set and a few contemporary counterfeits for reference. He had an extensive library of antique numismatic literature including a rare edition of "Illustrated History of the U.S. Mint by A.M. Smith. There is a circa 1760's brass money scale (see images).



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