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*Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period both far and wide...*



*Cheerful Holidays and the Best to You and Your Family for the Upcoming 2020 Decade*

*Some people like to collect vintage homes or you might say acquire one and fix it up. Picturesque is this residence for the Winter Season at 5 a.m. on a snowy December morning in Maryland.*

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# President's Message

## The Torch is Passed

This month we salute Bill Bugert for his longstanding service as editor of the *E-Gobrecht*. Newly appointed editor Paul Kluth takes over the reins starting with this, the 180<sup>th</sup> issue of *E-Gobrecht*. Bill's contributions over the last 15 years have been considerable, supplying our monthly fix of LSCC updates, new varieties, auction results, and the latest goings on in our corner of the world. Bill isn't going anywhere, and will remain editor of our print publication, *The Gobrecht Journal*. Bill assumed the *Gobrecht Journal* editorship in 2014, starting with the fall issue (#121), and has consistently delivered high quality content accompanied by compelling graphics.

As many of you might have guessed, Bill, who is ostensibly retired, is more accurately described as a full-time numismatist. In addition to producing the *Gobrecht Journal* and *E-Gobrecht*, Bill has been compiling the multi-volume *Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollars* since 2009. Five volumes have been issued to date, covering all of the branch Mint pieces plus the Philadelphia coins for the years 1839-1852. These definitive works will serve as the standard guide to variety attribution of Liberty Seated half dollars for the foreseeable future. Even if you don't collect Liberty Seated half dollars, these books are just *fun* to use and considerably simplify the task of variety attribution. The photography is excellent and for the most part one simply needs to match their coin to an image.

Bill always credits his collaborators, and it's worthy to note that the *Register* is in many ways a

group effort, with numerous Liberty Seated half dollar "summits" necessary to progress research. Specialists gather with hundreds of coins to study, and, by having everyone's collection in one place, in-person comparisons reveal new findings that could not be uncovered independently. Bill acts a documenter-in-chief and does the hard work of distilling everyone's observations into written form, not to mention capturing thousands of photographs and doing the tedious graphics and layout work.

The world has grown smaller and faster since Bill launched the *E-Gobrecht* in January 2005. Coin content is easier than ever to find, with access to auctions around the world but a few clicks away, and non-stop discussion easily accessible through Facebook and message boards. The *E-Gobrecht* maintains a higher "signal to noise" ratio than other offerings, with new articles delivered on a monthly basis and managed by the editor for optimal readability.

Paul Kluth is no stranger to the *E-Gobrecht* and hosted an *E-Gobrecht* discussion page for some time, in addition to periodically commenting on varieties exhibiting various die defects. If you have Liberty Seated coins with cuds or terminal die states, Paul wants to know about them! As noted, Paul has been an active *E-Gobrecht* participant, and a search on Newman Portal reveals 211 hits on Paul's name when searching through past issues of *E-Gobrecht*. We look forward to continued publication of *E-Gobrecht* on a monthly basis. Welcome, Paul, and thank you for your service to the club.

...Len Augsburger, LSCC



## LSCC Events Calendar for January

**January 9-12 FUN 2020, Orlando FL at the Orange County Convention Center, West Bldg WA1 & WA2 - Club table #869, LSCC Meeting & Educational Program on Friday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m., informal Club dinner TBD (Hosts: Jeff Ball, John Frost)**

**Program Topics:** FUN with Liberty Seated Half Dimes by John Frost

**Program Lecture:** How Rare is the Liberty Seated Dollar Series by Dick Osburn & Brian Cushing

**FUN Convention Website:** <http://www.funtopics.com/fun-convention.html>

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# Regional News

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

## Mount Kisco -New York



On December 15, 2019, the Regional Team returned to Mt. Kisco, NY. John Frost and Dennis Fortier hosted a combined LSCC/BCCS Club table and John gave a presentation titled “The Many Faces of Seated Liberty”.

Images:

*(Top)  
Attendees Examining  
a Display  
and Gladiator*

*(Bottom)  
John’s Talk  
and Playing “Guess  
My Date”*





## Regional News Cont.

### Who wants to have some FUN?

It's winter so the desire for a warmer climate after the hustle and bustle of the holidays calls. Coins are just an excuse. A heavy dose of club activates at FUN is planned, read further for more details.

Friends, Romans, Coin Collectors, lend me..., well you know the rest. Last Spring at Mount Kisco, it was Miss Money, this time it was a Roman Gladiator (quite a let-down after Miss Money). Well the promoter keeps it interesting.

**Mount Kisco** is a new (one day) show that comes every December and June. It brings out the New York / Long Island collector crowd. The show also provided a room for education and John Frost doesn't miss an opportunity. John gave a presentation on "*The Many Faces of Seated Liberty*." He cleverly incorporated some statics on rarity verses popularity that pointed out the scarcity of Liberty Seated coinage. John's table display also had the *Many Faces* theme.

Several club members from the area stopped by the table and two club shirts were sold. The table was located in the entrance hall so there were plenty of looks from just about every attendee coming and going.

**FUN (Florida United Numismatics) January 9-12, Orlando, FL, Orange County Convention Center.** We start with our club dinner, hosted by Southeast Regional Director Jeff Ball on Thursday night 6:30 p.m. at Cala Bella restaurant, 9939 Universal Blvd. The Club meeting hosted by Jeff Ball is Friday January 10 at 9 a.m. in Room W303B.

John Frost, LSCC Educational Director, will give a new presentation at the meeting, "*FUN with Liberty Seated Half Dimes*." John Frost and Jeff Ball

will host Club table #869. There will be a display of Liberty Seated Half Dimes including some from the Steve Crain collection, so don't miss it.

Finally there is a FUN lecture on Saturday January 11 at 1:15 p.m. in Room W304A by Dick Osburn and Brain Cushing on "*How Rare is the Liberty Seated Dollar Series?*" All of this information in on the Club website.

The **Houston Money Show** is in **Conroe TX at the Lone Star Convention Center, January 17-18.** John Frost will host the club table and there will be a meeting and educational program. John will give his presentation on *Liberty Seated Half Dimes*.

**Knoxville TN, January 31 – February 1 at the Rothchild Catering and Conference Center.** Dennis Fortier and John Frost will host the Club table at this delightful little regional show. John will be again giving his presentation on *Liberty Seated Half Dimes*.

### Extra Special Notice

**A friendly reminder: Dues renewal is now past due!** You will not receive the March issue of the Gobrecht Journal if your dues are not paid by February 1. Please don't procrastinate. The volunteers that keep the club going work very hard all year long. Do your part and make their jobs a little easier by renewing if you have not already done so.

**CAC (Certification Acceptance Corp.)** is now accepting collector memberships for LSCC members that may have neglected to join when they previously had the opportunity. There may be a wait list (90 days or so), but if you missed it the first time, you now have a second chance! Call CAC to get on the list.



# LSCC 2020 Regional Events Schedule

*\* Details Mostly Finalized*



## LSCC Events Calendar for January Cont.

- \***January 17-18** Houston Money Show, Conroe TX at the Lone Star Convention Center - Club table, Meeting & Educational Program (Host: John Frost)
- \***January 31-Feb 1** Knoxville Coin & Currency Show, TN at the Rothchild Catering & Conference Center - Club table, Educational Seminar (Hosts: Dennis Fortier, John Frost)

\*February 20-22 **Long Beach Expo, Long Beach CA** at the Long Beach Convention Center - Club table, LSCC/BCCS Club Social & meal at the Rock Bottom Brewery on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Hosts: Brian Cushing, Bob Clark)

\*March 19-21 **Whitman Baltimore Spring Expo, MD** at the Baltimore Convention Center - Club dinner TBD, Club table, Club Meeting & Educational Program on Friday March 20 at 9:00 a.m. (Hosts: LSCC Club Officers)

\*March 29 **Mansfield Coin Show, Willimantic CT** on Sunday at the Prospect School - Club table (Hosts: John Frost, Dennis Fortier)

April 2-4 **Spring National Battlefield Coin Show, Gettysburg, PA** at the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Ctr. – TBD with a presence by LSCC Members

\*April 10-11 **New Hampshire Coin Expo, Manchester NH** at the Doubletree Hotel - Club table, Club Meeting & Educational Program on Saturday at 12 p.m. (Hosts: Joe Casazza, John Frost, Dennis Fortier)

\*April 17-18 **Bay State Coin Show, Marlboro MA** at the Best Western Royal Plaza - Club table (Hosts: Joe Casazza, Dennis Fortier)

*Note: Updates provided as they become* *(Continued on next page)*

# Important Announcements for LSCC Members

## The Votes are IN!

**We are pleased to announce the By-Laws have passed 188-0!**  
 169 total votes were needed for a quorum (25%), so thank you to all the members who took the time to look at the By-Laws and send in their approval. It is a testament to the diligence of the leadership team that the By-Laws were passed without a single objection.

Len Augsberger was elected President by a vote of 182-0, and Dennis Fortier was also elected Vice-President by the same margin. These are one year terms to fill out the current term before next year's regular election. Thank you to all who took the time to participate in these important decisions.



# LSCC 2020 Regional Events Schedule Cont.

*\* Details Mostly Finalized*

**April 22-25 Central States Numismatic Society Convention, Schaumburg (Chicago) IL at the Renaissance Convention Center Hotel – Club Meeting TBD (Hosts: LSCC Club Officers)**

**May 3 Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Norwich CT - Club table (Hosts: Dennis Fortier, John Frost)**

**May 16-18 Garden State Numismatic Association (GSNA), Somerset NJ - Club table, Educational Seminar (Hosts: John Frost, Carl Feldman)**

**June 4-6 Long Beach Expo, Long Beach CA - Club table (Hosts: Brian Cushing, Bob Clark)**

**June 5-7 Raleigh Money Expo, NC at North Carolina State Fairgrounds - Club table (Hosts: Dennis Fortier, John Frost)**

**June 13 Mt. Kisco Coin & Collectibles Fair, Mt. Kisco NY - Club table, Educational Seminar (Hosts: TBD)**

**June 18-20 Whitman Baltimore Summer Expo, MD at the Baltimore Convention Center – LSCC Meeting only on Friday at 9 a.m. (Hosts: LSCC Club Officers)**

**July 9-11 Summer FUN, Orlando FL at Hall WE1 - Club meeting only (Hosts: TBD)**

**August 4-8 ANA's World's Fair of Money, Pittsburgh PA at David Lawrence Convention Center – Important LSCC Annual Meeting & various Educational Programs, Club table, Club Dinner, all TBD (Hosts: LSCC Club Officers & Members)**

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## **LSCC 2020 Regional Events Schedule Cont.**

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September 3-6 (Labor Day Weekend) **Ohio State Coin Show, Dublin (Columbus) OH** – Club Meeting, Club Dinner “New” (Host: Dennis Fortier)

September 17-19 **Long Beach Expo, Long Beach CA** - Club table (Hosts: Brian Cushing, Bob Clark)

September 25 - 27 **Virginia Numismatic Association (VNA) Annual Coin Show, Fredericksburg VA** - Club table, Educational Program (Hosts: John Frost, Dennis Fortier)

October 29-31 **PAN Fall Coin Show, Pittsburgh/Monroeville PA** – Club table, Educational Program (Host: John Frost)

October 2-3 **New Hampshire Coin Expo, Manchester NH** - Club table, Educational Program (Hosts: Joe Casazza, John Frost)

November 12-14 **Whitman Baltimore Fall Expo, MD at the Baltimore Convention Center** - Club table, Club Meeting & Educational Program on Friday at 9:00 a.m. (Hosts: LSCC Club Officers)

December 13 **Mt Kisco Coin & Collectibles Fair, Mt. Kisco NY** - Club table, Educational Seminar (Hosts: TBD)

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## Auction News January 2020

by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

### Heritage Signature Auction Dallas, December 5-7, 2019

Len Augsburger's column this month provides some interesting thoughts on collecting as illustrated by examples from this auction.

This sale included numerous better date Seated coins in all denominations often in higher circulated grades. Problem-free examples of these rarer dates are hard to find even at the largest coin shows. Virtually all were in PCGS holders with CAC stickers. Higher grade coins and more common dates were also present in this sale, but few are reported here due to the plethora of exceptional circulated coins. Many of these coins came from Part 1 of the Spring Creek Collection perhaps indicating future buying opportunities.

These coins brought strong prices with some, such as the 1841 quarter, selling for several times more than the retail price guides suggest. The with drapery

AU55 1840 dime sold for a strong price, but not as much as the exceptionally toned example previously reported in this column. An 1877 double dime, a date that has dramatically increased in value for several years, brought comparatively less than other recent examples. Seated quarters, the toughest Seated series to collect, were especially well-represented in this auction.

#### Legend Regency Auction #35 Las Vegas, December 12, 2019

Only a few Seated coins were available in this auction, primarily "set registry" type examples. However, it did include an 1858 proof silver dollar from the Amon Carter collection. It was graded NGC PR64 and sold for \$14,687.

1840-O ND	half dime	PCGS CAC	AU53	\$870.	No drapery
1840-O WD	half dime	PCGS	XF45	\$960.	With drapery
1846	half dime	PCGS CAC	F15	\$1,740.	
1853-O NA	half dime	PCGS	XF45	\$2,880.	No arrows
1865	half dime	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,500.	
1866	half dime	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,020.	
1840 WD	dime	PCGS CAC	AU55	\$2,880.	With drapery
1867-S	dime	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,050.	
1885-S	dime	PCGS	VF30	\$2,160.	
1876	double dime	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$1,020.	BF-1
1877	double dime	PCGS	PR64 CAM	\$9,900.	
1841	quarter	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$3,120.	
1847-O	quarter	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$2,040.	Briggs 2-C

**Auction News Cont.**

1848	quarter	PCGS CAC	AU55	\$2,160.	
1850-O	quarter	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,020.	
1851	quarter	PCGS CAC	XF40	\$930.	
1852-O	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF30	\$2,160.	Briggs 1-A
1855-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF30	\$1,680.	
1857-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,683.	
1858-O	quarter	PCGS CAC	AU50	\$960.	
1858-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF25	\$1,500.	Briggs 2-B
1859-S	quarter	NGC	XF45	\$4,200.	
1859-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	VG10	\$690.	
1866	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF25	\$2,200.	With motto (of course)
1869	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF25	\$2,040.	
1870-CC	quarter	PCGS CAC	AG3	\$7,500.	
1871-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	VF25	\$5,040.	
1873-CC	quarter	PCGS CAC	G6	\$6,600.	
1874-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$1,920.	
1878-S	quarter	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$2,400.	
1851	half dollar	PCGS CAC	AU58+	\$4,800.	WB-6
1857-S	half dollar	PCGS CAC	VF30	\$1,050.	
1859-S	half dollar	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$1,920.	WB-2
1864	half dollar	PCGS CAC	AU55	\$1,920.	
1873-CC	half dollar	PCGS CAC	VF30	\$1,800.	With arrows WB-4
1875-CC	half dollar	PCGS CAC	XF40	\$588.	
1840	Seated dollar	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,260.	
1845	Seated dollar	PCGS CAC	XF40	\$1,320.	
1846-O	Seated dollar	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,080.	
1860	Seated dollar	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,322.	
1871-CC	Seated dollar	PCGS	VF20	\$7,200.	OC-1
1874-CC	Trade dollar	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$1,440.	
1875-CC	Trade dollar	PCGS CAC	XF45	\$780.	
1877	Trade dollar	PCGS CAC	AU58	\$1,440.	
1878-CC	Trade dollar	PCGS	XF45	\$3,600.	



## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

# Heritage December Sale Focuses on Rarity

The ANA grading class, which I highly recommend, begins with the fundamentals. What factors form the grade? It's a combination of luster, marks, original surfaces, and eye appeal. If you look at enough coins, you will develop good feel for whether a particular piece is above or below average for each attribute. The more interesting part is dealing with trade-offs, like a coin that is incredibly lustrous but has a few more marks than expected. This is where the pros make their money. It's not always clear how these things stack up, and sometimes it is simply a matter of *taste*. I've bought MS coins with hairlines simply because I thought they had strong eye appeal regardless of the problem. One collector who I highly respect, who worked for a well-known boutique coin firm, always looks at luster first. If the coin is flashy enough, damn the marks, because you've got something that is unusual for the particular series he collected.

While certain factors control grade, *buying decisions* are a result of many factors, only one of which is the grade. Collectors may buy because they woke up on the right side of the bed, because they got a big bonus at work, or a host of other unpredictable circumstances. Other are attracted to more quantifiable considerations such as rarity, and the recent Heritage December sale included many examples from such a collection. Craig Eberhart will no doubt make mention of the auction results in his column, but I'll provide additional commentary here.

**10c:** An 1874-CC, VF details, cleaned with a scratch across the shield, sold for \$8,400. So, would you rather have a no-problem AG/G piece, or this one, for the same money? The two pieces being worth about the same, this comes down to a matter of taste.

If you have to have the PCGS all-CAC set you'll go for the lower grade example, but if you want something with a bit more "meat" you'll be buying the VF details piece. There is no wrong way to collect, but my sense is that a lower grade, choice example will be easier to sell down the road.

**25c:** An 1871-CC in a PCGS straight G6 holder sold for \$7,500, while a PCGS-grade AG3 1870-CC sold for the same amount. Another conundrum – for the same money, you can have either coin. The 1871-CC has a few spots, while the 1870-CC has the color you expect from an old coin, but with many light scratches. Which do you pick? I'd probably go with the 1871-CC as I think the date is underrated, and opportunities to acquire 1870-CCs seem more frequent. An 1873-CC in PCGS G6 from this collection sold for \$6,600, while a second 1871-CC, VF details with surface issues, sold for \$5,520.

**\$1:** An 1871-CC in PCGS VF20 sold for \$7,200, while an 1854 in NGC AU55 sold at \$5,880, and an 1855 in PCGS XF40 went at \$5,520. This is a trio of tough dates, any of which is always in demand. The mid-1850s are typically among the last holes in a Seated dollar set, with few struck to begin with and even fewer remaining. It made no economic sense to deposit bullion for Seated dollars when, after 1853, you could ask for half dollars and get slightly more back in face value. The Coinage Act of 1853 set the weight of half dollars at 12.44 grams (24.88 grams per dollar), while the dollar remained specified at 26.73 grams. So, 26.73 grams of 90% silver bullion could get you one seated dollar, or 2.15 half dollars. I'm sure if we had time machines, we would all take the dollars,

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but folks in those days had more immediate concerns.

All in all, this sale included a number of key dates in the Seated series, and it was clear the collector was motivated by rarity. This is one of the appeals of collecting Seated coinage, as coin populations are

miniscule compared to more popular 20<sup>th</sup> century issues. While the 20<sup>th</sup> century collectors debate why an MS69 is worth \$100k and an MS68 of the same issue is worth only \$10k, Seated collectors will keep plugging along with low-population key and semi-key dates. There is no substitute for rarity, and, apart from the occasional shipwreck recovery, they aren't making any more of these things.

## Important Reminder for LSCC Members

**It is now a new fiscal/calendar year for the Club.  
If you have not renewed your Membership for 2020,  
your annual dues are "Past Due".**

### Bob Merrill is Retiring from Heritage Auctions

After more than 40 years, the masterful Bob Merrill is retiring as Chief Auctioneer of Heritage Auctions.

"He called auctions with depth and knowledge of history and coins, adding color commentary to any auction. Bob really did his homework

and has a great sense of humor" according to according to Chief Cataloger Mark Van Winkle.

Twice Bob called live auctions for the LSCC that had Member donated numismatic items to raise funds for the Club. Some of us never stopped laughing at the subtle and truly intelligent humor he provided while raising our bids from the floor. The LSCC also sends its appreciation to Bob as well!

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## Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

### An Unreported 1854 Bisecting Die Crack Reverse



**1854 Liberty Seated Quarter Dollar (Unattributed)  
Reverse Bisecting Die Crack as described below**

Last month I mentioned that LSCC member and quarter collector Joe Hacker shared high-resolution photos of some of his quarters with me. In addition to the interesting late die state coin from last month's column, there was another unlisted, and unknown (to me) variety lurking in that particular subset of his collection. The pictured coin is an 1854 quarter in high AU grade with a substantial die crack on the reverse.

Note the obvious and heavy die crack extending from about 8 o'clock on the reverse rim, through the tip of the left (facing) wing, across all vertical lines of the shield, and to the outer edge of the right (facing) wing. This variety is not listed in Briggs and

has not been reported previously. The 1854 is a common date and, as such, is expected to include a large number of die marriages, only a handful of which are reported in Briggs' book. Though a number of issues with cuds, cracks, striking anomalies, and compass point reverses are known, these have not been exhaustively cataloged. It is impossible to speculate as to the rarity of this particular issue, but it does represent another interesting variety to seek.

Look closely at those common dates, even if they are in common condition. As I said last month, there are some really neat coins hiding among the "stuff."



## Two Love Tokens on a Single Seated Quarter by John Frost, LSCC #2005

Many people know that I like the unusual. Whether it is a simple engraved or counterstamped coin in a series I collect, a neat mint error, or an otherwise unique piece – something I've never seen before, I'm in! I enjoy exhibiting interesting stuff at the Club table at a show. I think having unusual items enhances the exhibit, rather than just having coins on display.

A couple weeks ago, a dealer in tokens, medals, and exnumia showed me some love tokens on Liberty Seated coins. While the majority were engraved Seated dimes (mostly with two or three initials), a pair of flips had something I've never seen before. Two semi-circle love tokens from a Liberty Seated quarter. And from the same quarter at that! Both done long ago, one was engraved with *Mama*, and the other with *Papa*. Each was neatly holed for easy wearing, and it is obvious that both love tokens had been worn. Perhaps they were an anniversary gift from their children?



**Mama Love Token**



**Papa Love Token**

They were nicely done, and when I put the two pieces together, it is clearly evident that they were made from a single coin. A well-worn 1854 Arrows quarter from an unknown mint, it's the first of its kind that I've ever seen.



**Obverses of both Love Tokens**

Instead of using two dimes to make the love tokens, the artist spent an extra nickel (half dime, actually), and made two 12½-cent love tokens. It's amazing and fortunate that these two pieces stayed together all these years!

*Coming soon to an LSCC Club table near you.*



### New Half Dollar Die Marriage Discoveries listed on the LSCC Website

Since publication of Bill Bugert’s “Register” half dollar series of books, astute collectors have identified die marriages not listed in these references. Many of these new die marriages have been reported and confirmed, and Bill has written detailed data sheets on each of the new die marriages, so that they can be downloaded, printed, and inserted into the books.

A summary of the new discoveries are listed with data sheets for each die marriage on the LSCC website at <http://www.lscweb.org/BillBugert-Addenda.shtml>. Included are links for each individual data sheet to download in PDF format. Alternately, you may simply download all data sheets for each mint -- San Francisco, Carson City, New Orleans, and Philadelphia -- as a group. These libraries are compressed Zip files which can be decompressed into their individual PDF files.

These are free to download at your convenience. Updates to this listing will be made periodically as discoveries are identified and confirmed. Many thanks to John Frost for posting this information to the club website. See example below.

**New Die Marriage**  
1840-O  
WB-15, Large O (Discovery Coin)

**Obverse d**



- Die high with the flag of the 1-repunched notch (photo above and at right)




- EDS examples of this die used on WB-17 and WB-13 have six nearly horizontal die lines in the face support under Liberty's feet. This die also has an face support (photo) so the die lines do not show.
- Liberty has soft details as typical for this die.

**Reverse H**



- Large O Marked (photo)



- Raised die patch lines above and around the letters HALF DOLL (photo)
- Even accounting for the low grade of this coin, this die has obvious weak, further detail on the eagle's head, neck, and left leg (see full coin photo on the next page)
- There are no die cracks typically seen on EDS examples of this reverse die (WB-6 and WB-8).

This is the third use of this obverse die and first use of this reverse die.  
This die marriage was discovered by Fred Clow in April 2016.

Date grd: M1, 072	146 (reps)	Typical diameter = 1.187"	Rarity: ?
Obverse die state: Full	Face support: Weak	Denomination: Obverse - Full, Reverse - Full	
Grade of coin depicted: F13 (obverse damaged)		Coin from the Fred Clow collection	
Cross reference: WB-15A		May 17, 2016, Version 1.1	

**Addenda also Available to Double Dimes Book**

There are three Addenda to the Double Dimes book by Lane Brunner and John Frost with the new die marriages of Twenty-Cent Pieces discovered since publication.

They can be found at [doubledimes.com](http://doubledimes.com) for download and printing for insertion into the book.

Here is another Auction Lot from Platinum Night of the upcoming Heritage FUN Sale described on the next page.

**An 1851 Liberty Seated Quarter, NGC MS-67+\*, Incredible Quality, Melt Rarity, Ex: Newman, By Far the Finest Known. Superior eye appeal with incredible surface quality, impeccable strike and preservation. Great color of amber-gold, copper hues, and blue tones. From the HFW2 Collection (Lot #4162)**



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# Liberty Seated Collectors Club

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## Making News This Month

### LSCC Annual Meeting Video Now Available

It took a while, but the video recording of the 2019 LSCC Annual Meeting has been made available for your viewing pleasure. The meeting, held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the summer ANA Convention in Rosemont/Chicago included important updates on Club business and initiatives, the presentation of the Kamal M. Ahwash Literary Award for 2018, and a special announcement from LSCC President Gerry Fortin. The featured presentation by our guest speaker, Greg Rohan from Heritage Auctions rounded out the meeting. If you were unable to come to Rosemont, you will want to see this.



The videos, graciously recorded and made available by David Lisot of CoinTelevision, are hosted on the Newman Numismatic Portal and are easily found on the LSCC website, specifically on the following page:

<http://www.lscweb.org/Recordings.shtml>

### Annual Event at FUN

#### Major Coin Auction conducted by Heritage Auctions January 8-10 & 12

Only one die marriage exists (OC-1) and the "18733-CC is a key and sought-after date in the Liberty Seated Dollar series..." according to Dick Osburn and Brian Cushing in their book *Liberty Seated Dollars, A Register of Die Varieties*.

Always a highlight at the beginning of the new year, and a start and an indicator of the numismatic market to come is Heritage's FUN Sale. Check out these L.S. auction lots (*Images & Descriptions courtesy of Heritage Auctions at HA.com*).

**An 1873-CC Liberty Seated Dollar, Choice PCGS EF-45, Rarest Carson City Silver Dollar with mintage of only 2,300. From the Watermark Collection (#4240)**



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## Stories from the Club Table

### by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

Early in the Regional Program we had a club table and a club meeting at the old Bay State show when it was still in Boston Mass. We were still learning how to reach out to the public. The main mission at that time was to get the name of the LSCC out and into the minds of collectors of Liberty Seated material. Prior to the birth of the Regional Program collectors found out about us by happenstance. It was necessary for us to be a presence at regional coin shows and find that potential member diamond in the rough.

We were looking for collectors who were already collecting Seated coinage and point out to them that joining was a natural and smart thing to do. We relied heavily on the knowledge and education the club afforded. Social aspects of the club had not yet become a part of the Regional Teams tool belt.

At the meeting we spoke about the club and stressed knowledge and education. After the meeting one of the attendees came up to me and remarked on how welcoming the LSCC was. He said other national clubs seemed a bit put-offish. To this day I consider that to be one of the most satisfying responses to our club out-reach I'd ever received.

I've been involved with the Regional Program for ten years now. It has been immensely rewarding for me personally on many levels. The opportunities for personally and numismatic growth are there for the gaining.

### Openings on the Regional Team, Be Part of the Adventure

Are you still standing on the sidelines? The LSCC Regional Program is the finest in the hobby. Other clubs wish they could do what the LSCC is doing. We have openings for Regional Directors in different parts of the country. Additionally there is always the opportunity for members to host a club table or give an educational presentation at their local club as well. The leadership team is there to support you and there are several educational presentations available to help you get started. Contact Vice-President Dennis Fortier at [ricajun@msn.com](mailto:ricajun@msn.com) and be part of a remarkable team and a leader in a fabulous club.



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your 2020 LSCC  
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## LSCC Mission

To encourage, promote, and dispense numismatic knowledge of Liberty Seated coins; to cultivate fraternal relations among its members and all those interested in the science of numismatics.

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