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Stepping back in time to a bygone era of the Liberty Seated coin design period, both far and wide, and a little before & after...

**LSCC
reaches
Member #3000**



Club Members meet at the September
Battlefield Coin Show in Gettysburg, PA



LSCC & BCCS Club Tables at the recent CONA Coin Show in Ohio



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*E-Gobrecht's
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2014-2024*

*Welcome to the
following new LSCC
Member(s) this month:*

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Member
#3000*

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President's Message

Welcome to our September issue, as always capably orchestrated by our editor Paul Kluth. The ANA convention rush is behind us, and we now look forward to a more leisurely pace as we proceed through the regular “coin calendar”, which seems to revolve on an annual basis.

Our Secretary Craig Eberhart informs us that he recently assigned LSCC member no. 3000, certainly a milestone for the Club, and we encourage all E-Gobrecht readers to join the LSCC if you have not already done so – full information is at:

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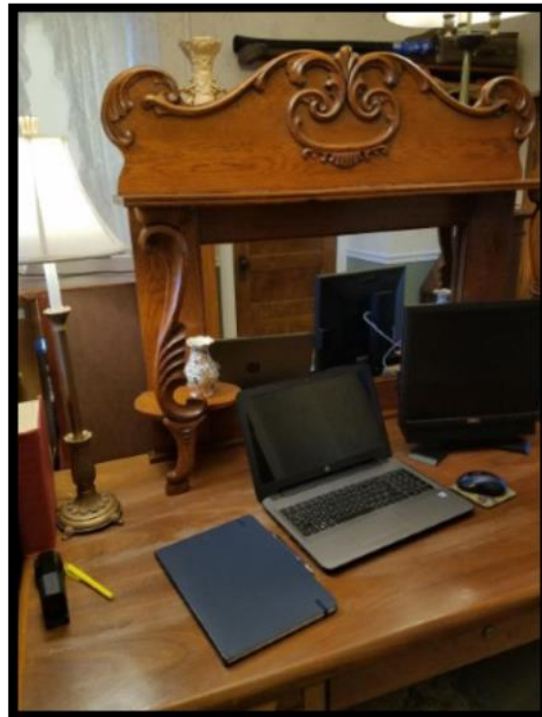
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Editor's View From the Rim

After 51 Years ...PK

...the Club has reached another significant milestone as announced by President Len Augsburg in his President's Message on page 3. And on page 2 (the Table of Contents), is highlighted the name of the newest LSCC member who became member #3000. Congratulations to that gentleman!

Today after 50 years, the Club has far less active members; however, over those years are archived the names of 3000 individuals who had enough interest in the numismatic specialty field of collecting U.S. Liberty Seated coins to become a member. Designed by Christian Gobrecht, the 3rd Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia from 1840-1844, the obverse and reverse of the multi-denomination series was an impressive work of art for a coin design of a circulating silver coin of that time period during the 19th century.



This Fall, Christian Gobrecht is getting well-deserved recognition by receiving a new grave marker at his gravesite donated by the Club in special honor of his memory and artistic contributions. The grave maker is being unveiled in an important, public ceremony at Gobrecht's resting place in November 2024 near Philadelphia. Further details are to be announced soon as they are finalized. Several dignitaries from the U.S. Mint, Gobrecht descendants, the press and individuals from all over the numismatic hobby are expected to participate. As a hobbyist and coin collector, you may not want to miss this important event if you happen to be in the area during the upcoming Whitman Fall Baltimore Coin and Currency Expo.

Location: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 1 pm, Lawnview Cemetery, Rockledge, PA.

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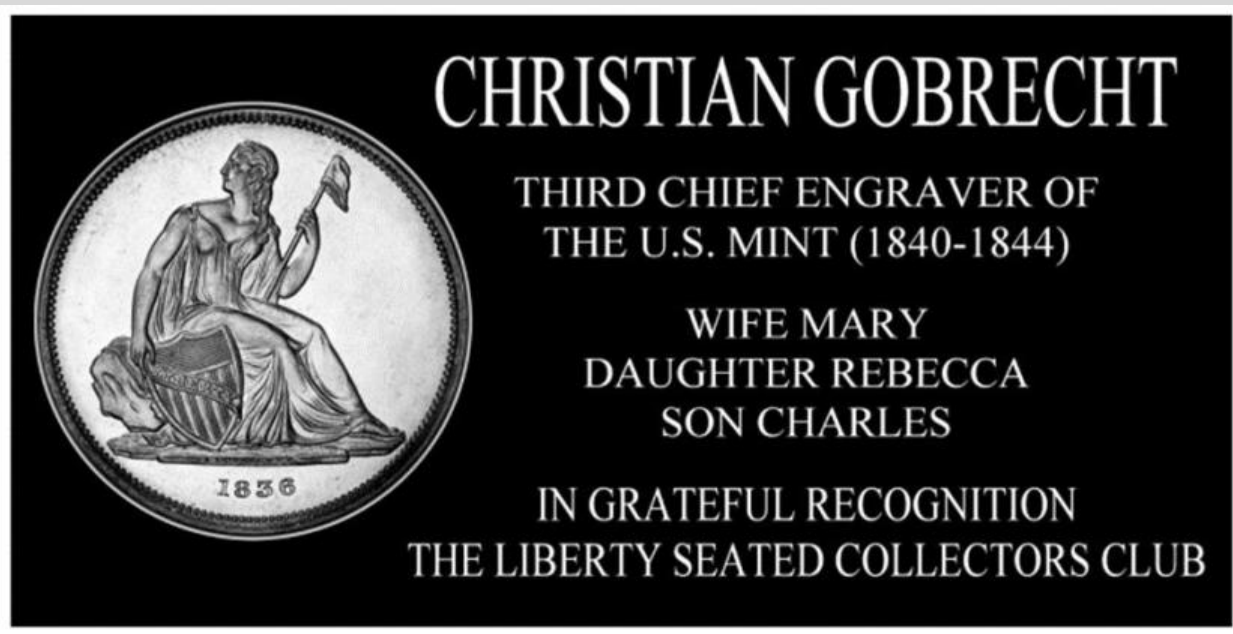
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Christian Gobrecht Grave Marker Unveiling

Wednesday November 13, 2024, 1 PM

Lawnview Cemetery
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Lot 136, Section B, Grave 97

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As we do every two years, the LSCC officer election will take place this fall.

A ballot will be enclosed in the November 2024 Gobrecht Journal.

Elections will be held for all officer positions, which are:

President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Officer nominations may be forwarded until October 1 to Len Augsburger at
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BCCS Club Meetings, Club Table and Educational Programs are held at most of the LSCC coin show events, and their table is usually next to the LSCC Table for your convenience.

Regional News

by Ken Otto, Regional Team Director, LSCC #2674

The Fall Coin Show Circuit is Underway

The fall coin show season was kicked off with the LSCC regional team at the CONA coin show in Ohio. The schedule is pretty full for October and November with several upcoming regional shows and the Winter Whitman Baltimore show on the horizon.

The Regional team will participate in the North Carolina Numismatic Association (NCNA) Coin Show and Convention to be held on October 3-6 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center, 4751 Highway 49, Concord, NC 28205. The Club table will be hosted by John Lundsten.

The LSCC team will also participate in the Denver Coin Expo which will be held on October 10-12 at the National Western Complex, 4655 Humbolt Street, Denver, CO 80216. This will be a new event for the LSCC regional team. Keith Poole and Ken Otto will host the Club table.

The Regional team will participate in the fall Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) Coin Show which will be held on October 17-19 at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146. The LSCC has had a major presence at the fall PAN show for many years. John Frost and Greg Johnson will host the Club table. An education program is planned.

The LSCC team will participate in the South Carolina Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show on October 24-26 at the Greenville Convention Center, 1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607. John Lundsten will host the Club table.

The Regional team will participate in the New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo to be held on October 25-26 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101. The Club table will be hosted by Joe Casazza, John Frost and Dennis Fortier. An education program is planned.

Regional News cont.

The Regional team will also participate in the Coin-X Coin Show on November 2-4 at the Embassy Suites St. Charles, Two Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO 63303. The Club table will be hosted by Ed Terneus and Micah Uptegrove.

The Regional LSCC team will participate in the Whitman Winter Baltimore Expo to be held November 14-16 at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. This is a major fall national show and the LSCC will have a major presence at this event. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, John Lundsten and Ken Otto.

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The LSCC Regional team participated in the annual Central Ohio Numismatic Association (CONA) Coin Show which was held on August 29-31 in Dublin, OH. This is a very well-run and well-attended regional show that the LSCC has had a major presence at for many years. The Club table was hosted by John Frost and Stephen Petty. A photo of the LSCC/BCCS Club table appears on the cover.

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So what's the story on that LSCC member meeting in Gettysburg, PA? Well, ahh... a few members in the region sometimes hook up at this area coin show to talk "Liberty Seated". This time, two Gobrecht Journal publishers (Sergio E. Torres and Bill Bugert) and two E-Gobrecht Editors (Bill and Paul Kluth) had a chance to re-connect. Joining them were Craig Sholley, author on the topic of Proof L.S. varieties and Jim Matthews, well respected dealer of Bust, Liberty Seated and Barber coins. Some neat coins were shared and some did lunch afterwards.



Left to Right: Jim Matthews, Sergio E. Torres, Craig Sholley and Bill Bugert. Photo taken by Paul Kluth



The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

Searching for Gobrecht on the Bay

Occasionally I enter “Gobrecht” as a search term on ebay.com to see if anything interesting pops up. The vast majority of the items are raw Liberty Seated coins with one problem or another, either scrubbed white or exhibiting a variety of surface problems. Fortunately, nearly every item is illustrated, so it’s easy to cruise past the dreck and get on with the interesting items.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Our first item is a portrait of George Washington engraved by Christian Gobrecht, c. 1820. This example has been hand-colored, which is not unusual for the period. It is offered by “Drift Card” (unknown to me) at \$125. The engraving originates from the American edition of Rees’s Cyclopedia, a 45-volume affair that served as the 19th century version of the Internet. I suspect the publisher printed quite a few extra examples of this engraving, as it is fairly common today. Washington portraits would have been a good seller at the time, and Gobrecht produced at least three different engravings of the first president.

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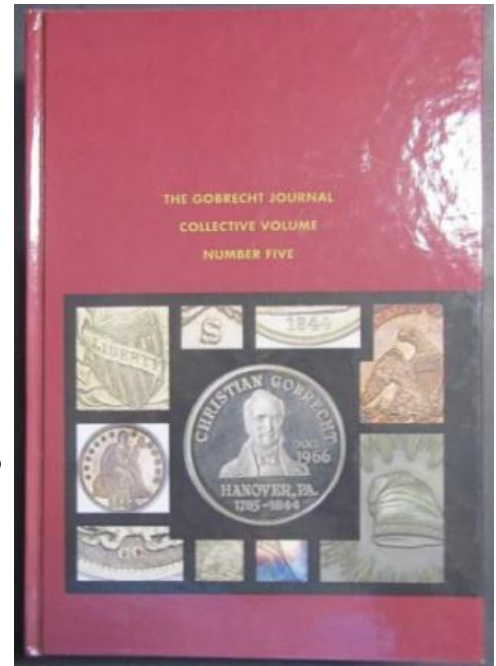


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Appearing next is a copy of the 5th collective volume of the Gobrecht Journal, offered at a 1c starting bid. I expect this item will do well, as there is a fair amount of demand for the book. Some years ago, the club investigated reprinting this volume, but the production cost made the economics of the arrangement unworkable. Elsewhere, a set including the 3rd, 4th, and 5th volumes is offered at \$150 or best offer.

Next up is a Gobrecht medal produced by Toivo Johnson and the Medal Arts company in the mid-1960s, part of a series honoring American coin engravers. This silver piece weighs 215 grams (about 7 troy ounces) and is offered at \$349.95 or best offer. This series also appears in copper. Another seller offers the same item, but in the original case of issue, at \$610.

A similar offering includes this medal and an 1859-O Liberty Seated dollar in a custom frame, priced at \$850. The “combo” offering of the medal and the Seated dollar, along with the custom frame, is an item I’ve seen a few times at coin shows. Finally, another seller offers a complete set of six of the Toivo Johnson medals in silver, all with the same serial number, priced at \$8,995. This is an old listing that I’ve seen before.



Continuing on, we have an example of the Franklin Institute award medal, featuring a bust of Franklin engraved by Gobrecht. This example was awarded to the Phoenix Manufacturing Company of Taunton, MA, in 1846 for “black lead crucibles”. This piece is offered by Twin City Gold at \$899.99. The medal, engraved in 1825, represents Gobrecht’s “coming out party” as one of the foremost American engravers of the period. The United States Gazette of November 17, 1826 notes “The [Franklin Institute] committee... awarded an honorary mention to Mr. Christian Gobrecht for

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the model cut by him for the Franklin Institute... The head of Franklin was well drawn and chisselled [sic]. The forehead particularly, is remarkable for its truth and neatness of execution, and the express of the countenance well preserved." Gobrecht was presumably awarded a copy of the medal for his efforts, but this piece is today untraced. Needless to say, it would draw a great deal of attention should it appear on the market.



We wrap up with a piece from the Hanover (PA) Numismatic Society Gobrecht series (1966-1981), a series of annual medals that commemorated works by Christian Gobrecht. They were struck in both bronze and silver, and are ubiquitous on ebay. Full sets are occasionally offered and represent the easiest way to complete the series. This bronze 1976 piece, offered at BWM Cards and Coins at \$18.54, depicts Charles Carroll, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence. Gobrecht engraved a portrait medal of Carroll in 1828; examples are known in gold, silver, and bronze. It goes without saying that originals of this medal are priced considerably higher than the

\$18.54 asked for this somewhat-crude 1976 reproduction. The gold example in the John J. Ford collection, part 5, sold at \$34,500 in 2004.



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The Irony of it all - Above is another example of a Hanover Numismatic Society issued medal from 1967 (similar to the one shown in Len Augsburg's "The Curious Collector" column this month. Len's shown example was from 1976 and designed to also celebrate the nation's Bicentennial "1776-1976". The Society which is actually a local coin club in Hanover, PA issued its bronze medals for several years. The medals were issued in honor of Christian Gobrecht, the 3rd Engraver of the U.S. Mint because of his birthplace being Hanover, PA.

This example was acquired out of a drive-by estate sale in Carroll County, MD about 30 minutes from Gettysburg just over the PA State line and better known as the historic "Mason-Dixon Line". After earlier attending the Battlefield Coin Show in Gettysburg and meeting up with fellow LSCC members and friends, I stumbled across this Gobrecht medal that an elderly gentleman had purchased for an unknown reason that might reveal itself at some later point.

The reverse side must have been sitting out in the open which caused the effects of the indoor air for many years. The obverse side looks mostly pristine. Locating an earlier dated example hidden away for around 57 years when in only about 2 months, Christian Gobrecht will be honored with a new gravemarker at the family burial plot. See page 4-5 for more details on this special event. [Editor]

Great Ball Player – Great Collector
(Reflections on the Andre Dawson Collection)
by Jeff Pritchard, LSCC #1759



In September of 1998, I chanced to purchase two Liberty Seated quarters (1863 – MS66 & 1882 – MS67) from Heritage's sale of the Andre Dawson collection. Recently, the pedigree of these two coins, which I still own, combined with this being the height of baseball season, piqued my interest to look back at the man and his collection.

In 1998, Andre Dawson had recently retired from Major League Baseball, predominately playing for the Montreal Expos and the Chicago Cubs. During his 22-year career, Dawson generated eye-popping statistics – 438 home runs, 1,591 RBIs, 314 stolen bases, and 8 All-Star appearances. But Dawson also underwent a staggering 12 knee surgeries during his career, and before non-invasive orthoscopic surgical methods were available: testimony to his toughness, perseverance, and love of the game. In 2010, Cooperstown recognized his athletic prowess, inducting Dawson into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

But Andre Dawson was also an all-star coin collector! My two quarters from his collection were but a small sampling of his beautiful, high-quality type set that included 24 Liberty Seated pieces. Many of Dawson's carefully selected coins are still among the finest known specimens. His condition census pieces included: 1869 Half-Dime – MS68 NGC; 1859 Half-Dime – PF67 NGC; 1874 Dime (w/Arrows) – MS68 NGC; 1854 Quarter (w/Arrows) – MS67 NGC; 1854 Half-Dollar (w/Arrows) PF66 NGC; and an 1863 Dollar – MS67 NGC.

The Table on the next page illustrates the Liberty Seated portion of Dawson's superb type collection, accumulated with Florida coin dealer Michael Freiman, and how those coins have fared in the intervening years. (Hint – high grade business strikes paid off handsomely!) Since CAC stickering wasn't even a gleam in John Albanese's eyes in 1998, current prices are presented both with and without the coveted green bean.

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Andre Dawson's Liberty Seated Specimens - Heritage - September 1998

Lot #	Item (All Coins NGC Certified)	1998 Auction Results	8-2024 Greysheet without CAC	8-2024 Greysheet with CAC
5839	1838 Half-Dime MS66	\$2,645	\$5,600	\$6,900
5841	1849/6 Half-Dime MS66	\$2,243	\$3,750	\$4,500
5844	1853 Arrows Half-Dime MS65	\$1,725	\$1,380	\$1,620
5847	1866 Half-Dime MS66	\$2,760	\$3,810	\$4,380
5848	1869 Half-Dime MS68	\$6,038	\$11,250	\$13,200
5852	1837 Half-Dime PF64	\$9,488	\$21,600	\$25,900
5853	1859 Half-Dime PF67	\$9,200	\$9,400	\$11,250
6588	1837 Dime MS66	\$7,015	\$13,200	\$16,800
6598	1874 Arrows Dime MS68	\$19,550	\$45,600	\$54,700
6643	1876 Twenty Cent Piece PF67	\$24,150	\$21,600	\$26,400
6651	1838 Quarter MS65	\$14,088	\$32,400	\$38,900
6658	1853 Arr & Rays Quarter MS64	\$3,105	\$3,500	\$4,200
6661	1854 Arrows Quarter MS67	\$21,850	\$33,600	\$43,200
6667	1863 Quarter MS66	\$4,600	\$10,000	\$12,000
6668	1874-S Arrows Quarter MS66	\$8,338	\$4,000	\$5,000
6673	1882 Quarter MS67	\$3,680	\$5,600	\$6,750
6769	1853-O Arrows Rays Half-Dollar MS64	\$6,900	\$13,200	\$15,850
6771	1864 Half-Dollar MS67	\$16,100	\$28,800	\$36,000
6778	1854 Arrows Half-Dollar PF66	\$31,050	\$45,600	\$54,700
6779	1889 Half-Dollar PF67	\$7,130	\$7,200	\$8,450
6828	1836 Gobrecht Dollar J-60 Restrike PF63	\$16,100	\$72,000	\$90,000
6829	1839 Gobrecht Dollar PF64	\$22,425	\$90,000	\$108,000
6833	1863 Dollar MS67	\$50,600	\$151,800	\$182,200
6839	1870 Dollar PF64	\$6,038	\$5,000	\$6,950

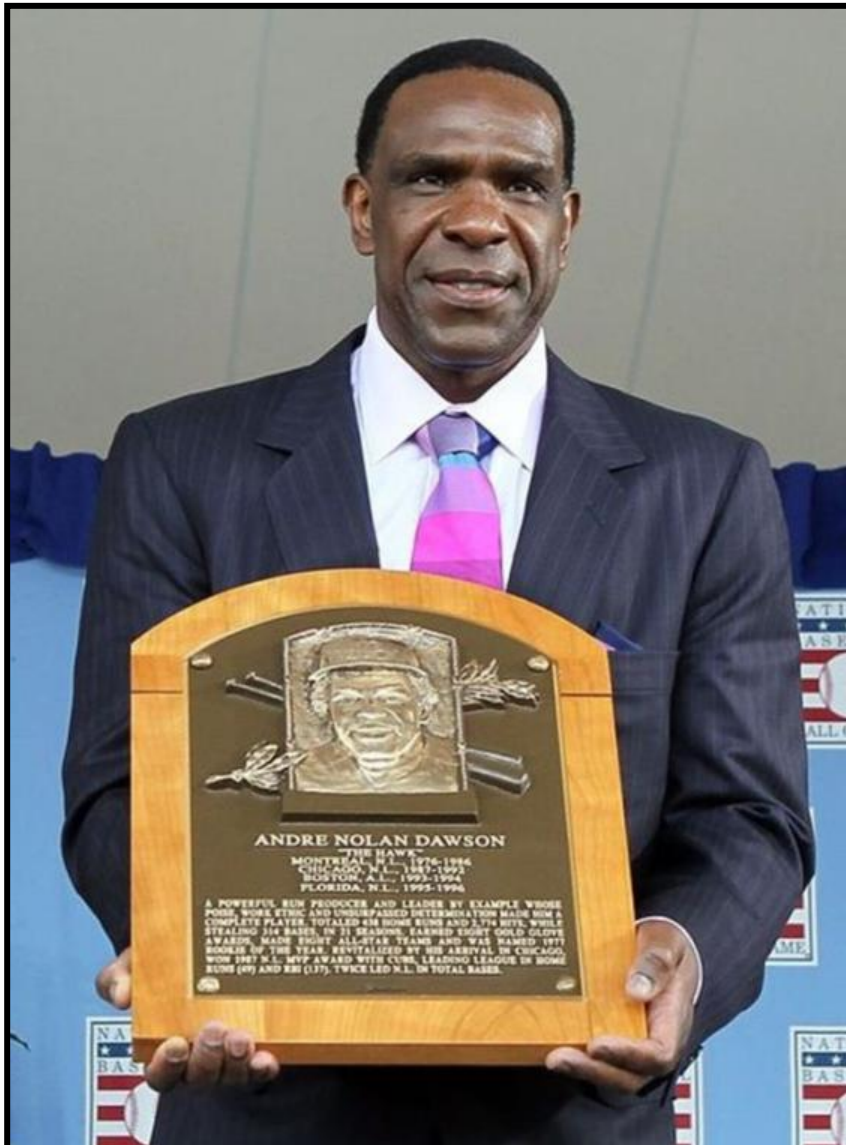
Today, Andre Dawson and wife Vanessa own and operate the Paradise Memorial Funeral Home in Miami, Florida, incorporating a staff of 16. Not only a great outfielder and successful businessman, Dawson distinguished himself as a collecting connoisseur, and in the process gave his coins a very memorable provenance.

Image at top of page 13:

1854 (with Arrows)
Liberty Seated Quarter
MS67 NGC Population 3,
None Finer
Ex. Andre Dawson

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Andre Dawson
Baseball Hall of Fame Induction
July 25, 2010



1869 Liberty Seated Half-Dime
MS68 NGC
Population 1; None Finer

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1863 Liberty Seated Dollar
MS67 NGC
Population 2: None Finer
Ex. Andre Dawson

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Try out the new LSCC Website! by John Lundsten

A new LSCC website is under development. It was demonstrated at the ANA during the Club meeting. The new website can be accessed from the existing LSCC website (Membership/Payments) or <http://lsccltempdevlocation.com>. The new website allows members to verify the expiration date of their LSCC membership, renew your membership, and receive instant verification.

As a LSCC member, you can explore 50% of the LSCC Gobrecht Journal articles that have been published over the last 50 years. The articles are organized by denomination and topic. You can even search for a specific date and mint mark, or varieties, or past collections that have been showcased. LSCC will be rolling this website out before the end of this year.

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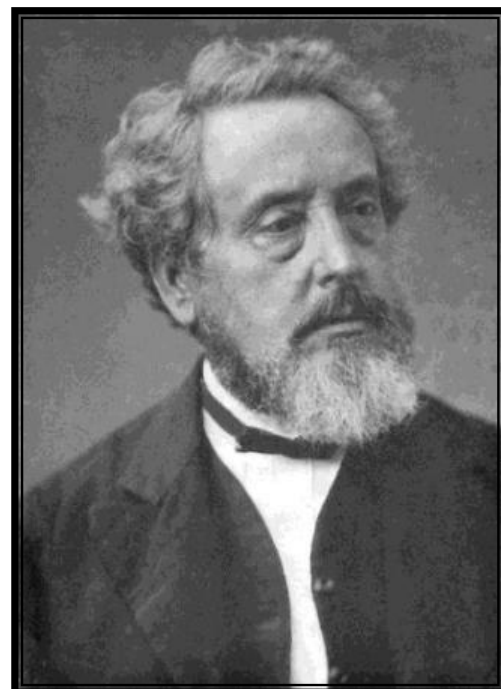
***** (More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report starting on page 7. Also see either or both the LSCC/BCCS websites.)**



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