

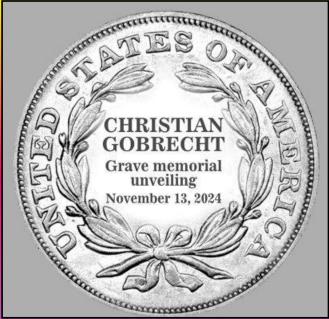
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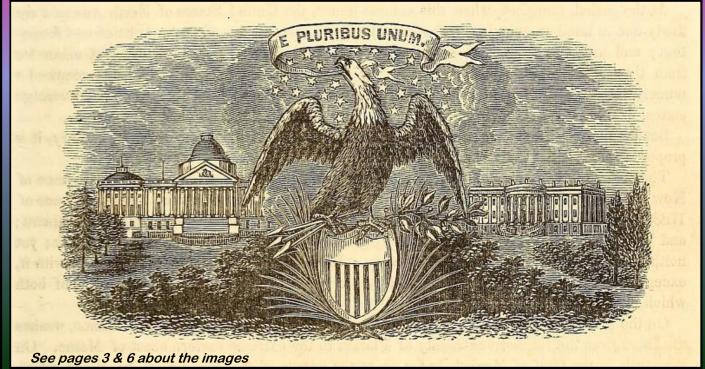
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Uniting collectors of Liberty Seated coinage since 1973

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

Andy Kowal

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#### **Important Announcement**

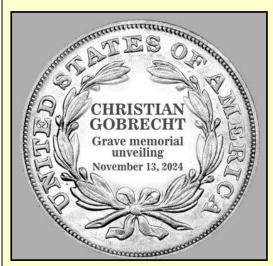
#### My fellow LSCC members:

On Wednesday, November 13 at 1 pm, the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) will be holding a graveside memorial ceremony at Lawnview Cemetery, 500 Huntington Pike, Rockledge, PA, to unveil the new grave marker procured by the Club honoring Christian Gobrecht.

Many dignitaries from the U.S. Mint will be in attendance including Mint Director Ventris Gibson and Chief Engraver Joseph Menna. Also attending is ANA President Tom Uram who has taken the important initiative to produce 50 exclusive <u>medals</u> recognizing this important event. To get one of these medals, you <u>must</u> be in attendance at the ceremony! Please make the effort to support the Club in this event.

We anticipate newspaper reporters (both numismatic and local) and the local news media being there, so a strong showing of Club members is important!

Dennis Fortier LSCC Vice-President



Note: Local club members please bring chairs as cemetery can only supply 10 chairs.







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## President's Message

Welcome to our November issue, and as always a big thanks to our Editor Paul Kluth is in order. November brings the regular fall Baltimore show, and this issue will include further coverage of the Gobrecht headstone unveiling that will occur November 13 in Rockledge, PA. The U.S. Mint will have a number of officials in attendance and we invite you to attend as well.

...Len Augsburger

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### Editor's View From the Rim

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies

To the oceans white with foam

God bless America, my home sweet home

LIBERTY In God We Trust



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In November, 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 near Philadelphia. Furthers details are provided on page 3, 7 & 8. Several dignitaries from the U.S. Mint, Gobrecht descendants, the press and individuals from all over the numismatic hobby are expected to attend. 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.



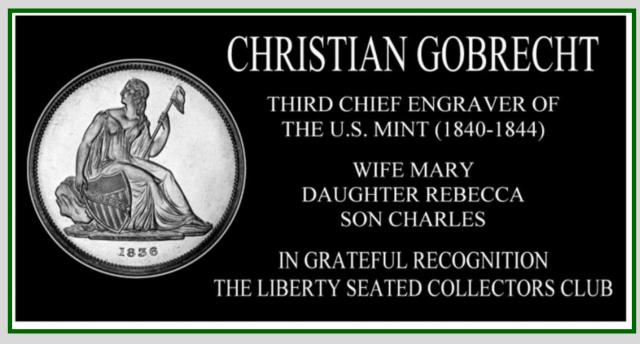
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## **Christian Gobrecht Grave Marker Unveiling**

Wednesday November 13, 2024, 1 PM
Lawnview Cemetery
500 Huntington Pike
Rockledge, PA
Lot 136, Section B, Grave 97

The Liberty Seated Collectors Club Leadership Team encourages all of our members and friends to join us in honoring Christian Gobrecht at the unveiling of this new grave marker recognizing his contributions to American coinage.



**Grave Marker Proof** 

**Special Note:** It is advised to not leave coins in your vehicle when coming to the grave site.

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#### Liberty Seated Collectors Club to Unveil Christian Gobrecht Grave Marker

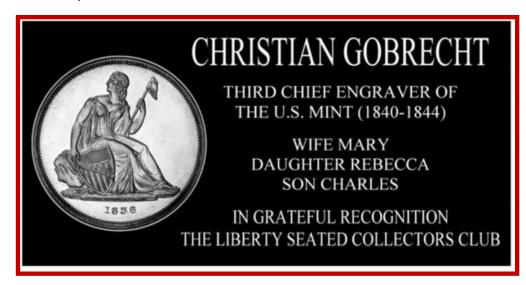
In conjunction with the Whitman Baltimore November show, the Liberty Seated Collectors Club will unveil a new headstone for the Christian Gobrecht family on November 13, 2024, at Lawnview Memorial Park in Rockledge, PA on November 13 at 1 P.M.

Although most often associated with Liberty Seated coinage, Christian Gobrecht (1785-1844) reworked the entire series of U.S. coinage during his brief tenure with the Mint, notably beginning with the Gobrecht dollar with 1836. Gobrecht further contributed the long-running Classic Head gold designs, in addition to the Braided Hair series of copper cents and half cents.

Originally interred at Philadelphia's Monument Cemetery in north central Philadelphia, the remains of Gobrecht and his family were moved in 1956, when the Monument Cemetery property was ceded by the city of Philadelphia to Temple University. Bill Bugert, writing in the July 2008 Gobrecht Journal, detailed his investigation into the location of the Gobrecht plot. The documentary trail, beginning with Monument Cemetery, eventually led to Bugert to Lawnview Memorial Park in Rockledge, PA.

There, Bugert discovered that the original Gobrecht family headstone had been discarded during the 1956 move of remains from Philadelphia to Rockledge, PA. A marker reading simply "GOBRECHT" now marked the family plot, hardly a fitting tribute to the third Engraver of the U.S. Mint.

Accordingly, The Liberty Seated Collectors Club, collectors of Gobrecht's Liberty Seated coinage, has sponsored a new, black granite marker for the Gobrecht family grave, and an unveiling ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 13, at 1 P.M., just prior to the Whitman Baltimore coin show. For further information, contact Dennis Fortier (ricajun@msn.com), Vice-President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club.



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#### **LSCC Officer Elections**

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

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

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

President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are now closed.



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 Christian Gobrecht Grave Marker Unveiling is a Highlight for November

A significant event will occur at <u>1 PM on Wednesday</u>, November 13, 2024 at the <u>Lawnview Cemetery</u>, 500 Huntington Pike, Rockledge, PA (Lot 136, Section 3, Grave 97). The LSCC will be honoring <u>Christian Gobrecht</u>, the third engraver of the U.S. Mint (1840-1844), by placing a new grave marker on his grave. All members, and interested historians and numismatists are encouraged to attend the unveiling of the marker.

The Regional team will participate in the <u>Coin-X Coin Show on October 31 – November 2 at the Embassy Suites St. Charles</u>, 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 also 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, Joe Casazza, Ken Otto, and likely other members. There will be a Club dinner on Thursday evening (RSVP at the Club table) and a Club meeting at 9 AM on Friday morning.

<u>2025</u>: The Regional team will be at the <u>Winter FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL to be held January 9-12 at the Orange County Convention Center, North/South Bldg., Hall NB, Orlando, FL. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Len Augsburger, Ken Otto, Carl Feldman, John Lundsten and Joe Casazza. There will be a Club dinner and a Club meeting during the event.</u>

The LSCC team will participate at the <u>Houston Money Show to be held January</u> 17-18 at the Lone Star Convention Center, 9055 Airport Road at FM 3083, Conroe, TX. The Club table will be hosted by John Frost and Ken Otto.

Past show activities in November are reported on next page...

## Regional News cont.

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<u>November LSCC Events</u>: The LSCC team participated in the <u>Denver Coin Expo</u> which was held on October 10-12 at the National Western Complex in Denver, CO. Keith Poole and Ken Otto hosted the Club table. This was the first time that LSCC had hosted a table at this important regional event. Keith displayed his Liberty Seated type set collection and Ken displayed his Liberty Seated dollar collection. The show was well-attended and two LSCC members (one new and one returning member) were signed up. Keith Poole is talking with a new member in the photo below:



A display of Keith's type set of Liberty Seated coins was displayed at the Club table at the Denver Expo in the following photo:

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## Regional News cont.

The regional team participated in the fall <u>Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) coin show which was held on October 16-19 at the Monroeville Convention Center in Monroeville, PA</u> (near Pittsburgh). The LSCC has had a major presence at the fall PAN show for many years. John Frost's report on the PAN show follows:

"October 16-19 found us in Monroeville, PA at the fall PAN show. Greg Johnson and John Frost staffed the club table. Traffic was brisk and constant. Exhibits included type Liberty Seated coins from half dimes through Trade dollars. The educational programs were well attended, with about a dozen in attendance, which was not bad for Friday at 3:00 p.m. The show feedback was extremely positive, from dealers to collectors alike."

Greg Johnson and Alex Ash are discussing coins at the LSCC table at the PAN show below:



The LSCC team participated in the <u>South Carolina Numismatic Association</u> annual coin show on October 24-26 at the Greenville Convention Center in Greenville, <u>SC</u>. Ken Otto, John Lundsten and Dan Perkins hosted the Club table. One new member was signed up during the show. Ken reviewed Dan Perkin's ('Catbert' in PCGS Forum) Liberty Seated half dollar collection which qualified him for membership in the "Seated Half Society". John and Dan are shown in the photo on the next page:

## Regional News cont.



The Regional team participated in the <u>New Hampshire Coin and Currency Expo which</u> was held on October 25-26 at the Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel in <u>Manchester, NH</u>. John Frost's report on the Manchester coin show follows:



"The Club table at the NH Coin & Currency Expo was hosted by Joe Casazza, Mark Archambault, Dennis Fortier and John Frost. Dennis was up for the week from the south, and it was good to see him at the show again. Since it was the weekend after PAN, the exhibit at the Club table was the same, and well received by attendees. The joint LSCC-BCCS meeting was attended by about 10 individuals, and educational programs were also appreciated."

Dennis Fortier and Tom Uram, the ANA President, were in attendance at the NH Coin & Currency Expo (photo on the left).



## The Curious Collector by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

**Liberty Seated Collector Acquires Earliest Confederate Note** 

We normally comment on coins in this space, but, as the Liberty Seated series has close ties to the Civil War, we will digress a bit this month. LSCCer Steve Feller reported, in the October 20 E-Sylum, his ownership of an early Confederate note, a Type 3 \$100 CSA example hand-dated April 5, 1861. This note was authorized under the Confederate Act of March 9, 1861, which specified a paper money issue of \$1,000,000, bearing interest of 3.65%. Interestingly, the Confederate Constitution itself, granting the ability to coin or borrow money, was not passed until two days later. Apparently, funding the government was more important than establishing its own controlling documents.

Note that these emissions were interest bearing. In other words, this was not fiat paper money, as we use today. Rather, these notes passed in circulation as what we would think of as bonds. This particular note (or "bond") was signed on April 5, issued on April 20, and redeemed on June 14. A whopping 55c was paid as interest, reflecting the 3.65% annual interest rate, prorated for about two months. Redemption occurred at the New Orleans customs house. The form of redemption isn't clear (at least to me) but the note might have been tendered in payment for duties.

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This particular note was offered by Stack's at the 2016 ANA, lot 10129, and described as:

## T-3. Confederate Currency. 1861 \$100. PCGS Fine 12 Apparent. Repaired Splits, Upper Left Corner Replaced.

No. 6, Plate A. This is the lowest recorded serial number of any T-3 according to the census in "Collecting Confederate Paper Money" by Pierre Fricke. It is also the third lowest serial number of all recorded Montgomerys. This example was issued from New Orleans on April 20th, 1861 by N.J. Delaplaine. The note was later redeemed at the Custom House in New Orleans where the sum of \$100.55, being principal and interest, was paid to the holder as seen by the large stamp on the back. A large stamp cancellation is seen on the face reading "CANCELLED BY F.H. HATCHER, COLLECTOR N. ORLEANS." The green tint remains strong on this note despite the level of circulation and repairs mentioned by the grading service. Bold blue stamped serial number 6s are seen at left and right making this a note worthy yet affordable key note for the Confederate type set. From the Old Virgina Collection.

The auction house writeup is somewhat under-described. While factually correct, it misses a significant point. Further investigation by Feller (published in the November-December 2016 issue of Paper Money) revealed that April 5, 1861 represented the first signing date for Confederate notes, and that 19 \$100 notes and five \$50 notes were signed on that day. This information was documented by Raphael Thian in his 1880 Register of the Confederate Debt (note Thian's description of the word debt, again reinforcing the idea that this paper money represented loans).



We now have "first day of issue" status, but it gets even better. First, none of the five \$50 notes dated April 5, 1861 are known to have survived. Next, Feller notes that Pierre Fricke's 2014 Collecting Confederate Paper Money: Field Edition 2014 indicates that only three examples of the \$100 notes are known, with serial numbers 6, 12, and 16. In other words, this piece represents the earliest known issued example of Confederate paper money. At this point, the condition of the note is almost irrelevant, as the historicity becomes the controlling factor. A leading collector of Confederate paper money commented "I'd say that whatever the author paid for the note at auction,

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it's now worth considerably more. After all, while we buy coins and notes, we're really buying the story." Indeed. You can expect the next time this note appears for sale, it will receive considerably more publicity!





#### Comment from Steve Feller:

Len: Thank you so much for your very kind piece on my note. I love the history associated with it. It only took me almost 40 years to acquire it after I was the underbidder!

There is even more to its story - printed in New York (!) it managed to get out before federal officials blocked notes from leaving a bit later on. It was signed over a week before Fort Sumter! Thus, there wasn't a civil war yet when it was signed. There was a Confederate States though.

Steve Feller Steven A. Feller, Professor of Physics

#### Letters to the Editor:

#### 2nd Known 1839-O GR-3 and NEW die marriage for 1837 Discovered

#### Dear Editor:

I have announced that advance age and family health issues are causing me to cut back on my Newsletters. As of October 15, 2024, my Newsletters will be emailed every other month rather than each month.

Meanwhile, since finding the 2nd known 1839-O GR-3 in NGC VG10 on June 2, 2024, I have been learning about all kinds of new things including a New Die Marriage of 1837 that I will be reporting in my Newsletter of October 15, 2024.

What is so extraordinary about the NEW die marriage is the fact that a collector (Jonathan) first reported it to me on Sept. 1, 2021 and we could not identify it. Turns out he bought it in a Heritage Auction in 2002 as PCGS AU50. Then on August 16, 2024 another collector who had told me for years that he found a coin in November 1994, finally sent me a photo of his coin on August 16, 2024. I immediately saw that they were a match. Then on October 27, 2024, I found a 3rd specimen on eBay in PCGS AU details (see the TrueView photos on the next page).

At the Long Beach Coin Show on Sept. 5, 2024, I bought only 2 coins, but both were so unusual that I will have to write them up. At that same show, I gave Gary Rosner my 1839-O GR-2 that I found on March 5, 2020 and the (NEW) 1837 half so he could photograph them and return them to me the following week at the Buena Park Coin Show on Sept. 14, 2024. The 1839-O GR-2 photos are now extremely large, and I can now prove my attribution.

However, the 1837 GR-27 photos, although extremely large are not any better than the TrueView photos shown. Just think, I now have the 2nd Known 1839-O GR-2, the 2nd Known 1839-O GR-3 and the 3rd Known 1837 GR-27. That's exciting. Ironically, all 3 die marriages are rarer than the 1853 No Arrows and No Rays half dollar with 4 known, but will never be Red Book listed.

I just don't know when I will be able to write an article for The Gobrecht Journal or the monthly E-Gobrecht newsletter. My first priority is to send out my own Newsletters.

My wife now requires constant attention, and I can only leave her for few hours at a time.

I still believe Bust Half Nuts and Liberty Seated Half Dollar collectors should be collecting Reeded Edge Halves, but I simply don't have the energy to continue to convince them there is a real opportunity here. I have tried to find someone much younger than I am to replace my effort, but no one has stepped up so far. My enthusiasm for Reeded Edge Halves is not for personal profit, but for sharing knowledge, and the excitement of rarity and new finds.

Thank you for your help in the past in getting information in the hands of collectors.

Best Wishes, Jim Koenings





1837 GR-27 PCGS AU details scratch discovered Sept. 7, 2024

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#### Try out the new LSCC Website! by John Lundsten

NEWS BULLETIN: Very soon the current LSCC website will convert to the NEW website and renewals can be paid online, or by mail.

A new LSCC website is going live soon. It was demonstrated at the ANA during the Club meeting. The new website can be accessed from the existing LSCC website (Membership/Payments) or <a href="http://lscc.tempdevlocation.com">http://lscc.tempdevlocation.com</a>. 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 at any point and before the end of this year.

#### **E-Gobrecht** Deadline for Subscriber Submissions

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## **LSCC 2024 Regional Events Calendar**

October 31 - November 2 Coin-X Coin Show, Embassy Suites St. Charles, St. Charles, MO - Club table will be hosted by Ed Terneus and Micah Uptegrove.

November 14-16 Whitman Winter Baltimore Expo, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD - Club meeting on Friday at 9 am, Educational program & Club table by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, John Lundsten and Ken Otto.

January 9-12, 2025 Winter FUN Coin Show, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL, North/South Building, Hall NB - Club meeting and Educational Program, Club dinner and Club table hosted by John Frost, Dennis Fortier, Len Augsburger, Ken Otto, John Lunsten, Carl Feldman, Joe Casazza and others.

\*\*\*(More event details and addresses of show locations are in Ken Otto's Regional Report starting on page 10. Also see either or both the LSCC/BCCS websites.)



Christian Gobrecht







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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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