

St. Patrick's Day Luck - Stories of Lucky Coin Purchases by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

A Lucky Club Table Meeting

I've been saying for years that representing the Club by working the Club table is a fun and advantageous experience. Recently we were at the ANA winter show in Atlanta, GA. I was supposed to leave the show on Friday for a family commitment. That family commitment was canceled, and I stayed at the show manning the table.

As often happens, a gentleman comes up to the table with coins to sell. His list consisted mostly of Barber half dollars, but at the bottom there was a short list of Liberty Seated halves. Four or five of them were dates I needed in grades I wanted. Needing just eleven coins to complete my collection makes the search slow and laborious. Finding someone with several of the dates I need was about as lucky as you can get. I look forward to seeing the coins in the near future so I can hopefully purchase some or all to help finish my collection.

Information Wanted!

I am currently compiling information on examples of the 1849 WB-6 Dramatically Doubled Date and the 1873 No Arrows Open 3 (both varieties) half dollars, and am **seeking your assistance!**

If you own either of these varieties and wish information on them included in my to-be-published Registers (similar to my 1878-S Register), please contact me at wb8cpy@earthlink.net. I am specifically looking for pedigree information, prices paid, and photographs. Please help!

To-date and considering possible duplicate entries, I can account for approximately 38 different 1849 DDDs and 66 different 1873 NAOP3 half dollars. I believe there are others.

Date photos of these two major varieties are depicted below and detailed information is included in my books. Thanks! Bill Bugert



1849 WB-6 Dramatically Doubled Date 50¢



1873 No Arrows Open 3 50¢

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The Luckiest Coin Won in an Auction

The luckiest coin that I won in an auction is an 1878-S half dollar.

I waited until the last second while the price was still considerably under wholesale pricing, so I put in a cut bid (which almost never works) and won the coin. Even today, I can't believe I own the coin and the combination of events that occurred.

It is the only MS62 in existence, the 10th finest, and formerly owned by the Daniel Boone family.

I feel extremely fortunate and blessed to be a caretaker for this very important and historical coin.

“Independence Hall in Philadelphia” painting by Ferdinand Richardt (1858-63)

