

**Still the Only Affordable Half Dollar Series to Collect**  
**“Gobrecht” Bust Half Dollars #16**  
**Commonly Known as Reeded Edge Half Dollars**  
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Newsletter #64 (December 15, 2024) provided 24 LSCC members with the 2nd Update on Rarity Values for Reeded Edge Half Dollars since Dick Graham wrote his book in 2012. This Update was based on 15 years of recording “Records of Sales” and my 2024 Census for Reeded Edge Half Dollars.

On January 14, 2025, Heritage Auctions offered the Tower Collection which included 617 of the finest ever assembled Lettered Edge Capped Bust Half Dollars and sub-varieties plus 40 Reeded Edge Half die marriages. All Reeded Edge Halves were AU55 and higher with many in the Condition Census. This was the most important sale since Jules Reiver’s Collection by Heritage Auction on January 30, 2006.

I was shocked by the results of the Tower Collection and will provide highlights of the results in my Newsletter #65 on February 15, 2025. Armed with the information learned from the Heritage Auction Tower Collection, Newsletter #65 will provide Reeded Edge Half Collectors with a Price Guide for future use. Currently, collectors are paying too much for “Common” Reeded Edge Halves and not enough for those in the “Top 15 Rarest”.

On March 15, 2025, I will start a monthly email series on all 16 known 1838 die marriages. Currently, only 6 collectors have all 16 die marriages, and all are affordable for the average collector. Besides having updated information on all 16 die marriages, I will also offer 1 specimen of each die marriage for sale each month. Most collectors will be able to find 14 out of the 16 die marriages unattributed, in a relatively short period of time.

Any LSCC member that would like a copy of Newsletter #65 or future Newsletters may send their email address to:

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