



Auction News August 2021

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Major Auction Results in July 2021

Heritage Summer FUN Auction #1332, July 13-15, Dallas

As with the other auctions this month there was only a limited number of Liberty Seated coins were available. A weakly struck 1840-O dime with about five letters of LIBERTY visible was sold in an AU58 slab. If memory serves me correctly, this dime was in an ANACS XF40 holder a few years ago! Images of this weakly struck and/or extra fine coin are shown below. It should be noted that the upper part of the shield and the O in ONE can be weakly struck for this die marriage. Is it wear, a weak strike, or both?



This auction also included one of the major rarities of United States coinage: An 1884 proof Trade dollar. Unlike the clandestinely issued 1885 proof Trade dollar, the 1884 was officially issued by the US Mint. Apparently 264 coins were minted, but in early 1885 the Treasury Department ordered the Mint to destroy the remaining 254 coins in its possession resulting in the oft-published “mintage” of 10 coins.

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1840-O	dime	NGC	AU58	\$3,240	F-106 medium O
1874-CC	dime	NGC	G4	\$9,600	F-101
1842-O	half dollar	PCGS CAC	MS62	\$3,120	WB-8
1844	Seated dollar	NGC	MS63	\$8,400	OC-1
1844	Seated dollar	PCGS	AU58	\$3,120	
1848	Seated dollar	PCGS	AU58	\$4,200	
1884	Trade dollar	PCGS	PR63	\$396,000	Ex: Norweb collection

Legend Regency Auction 46, July 15, Las Vegas

Unlike the previous two Regency auctions, which included hundreds of Liberty Seated coins, this one only had a few examples of higher-grade, more common dates. However, an 1838-O dime in a PCGS MS65 holder with a CAC sticker, previously from the Gardner collection, brought \$24,675.

Scotsman Midwest Summer Sale, July 23, St. Louis

A few Liberty Seated coins were in this auction, but most were relatively common dates. A couple of better dates are listed below.

1861-S	half dollar	NGC	MS64	\$4,720	
1844	Seated dollar	PCGS	AU53	\$1,505	OC-1

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