



**Liberty Seated Dollar News and Information**  
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*1872 (and 1873) Doubled Reverse Proofs*



We don't often think of proofs as a source of major die varieties, but a surprising number of proof varieties exist in the Liberty Seated Dollar series. One of the most obvious occurred on the reverse die used to strike proofs in 1872 and 1873, our 1872 PA reverse. This die is strongly doubled. It was used to create #30 in our list of the Top-30 Seated Dollar die varieties.

The figure below depicts this die. Note the obvious doubling on IN GOD WE. Compared to many of the modern doubled die varieties that excite variety collectors, this doubling is MAJOR! The spread is about the same as the spread seen on the famous 1955 doubled die cent. It's an eyeball variety. You don't need a glass to see the doubling.

**Liberty Seated Dollar reverse die 1872 PA**



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This was the only reverse die used to strike proofs during the final two years of the Seated Dollar series, so finding an example is relatively easy. They won't be cheap (no seated dollars are), but they can be found at almost any major coin show. A very nice lightly circulated example can be found in the \$1200-\$1800 price range. Low-end uncirculated examples are a little easier to find, and price in the \$2000-\$2750 range.

The photos that lead this article are courtesy of Heritage Auctions. They picture a PR66 Cameo example that is the second finest graded by PCGS. The photo of the reverse motto detail is a PCGS PR61 coin from our reference collection.

**Comments or suggestions for future articles are always welcomed.**

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