

Liberty Seated Half Dime Survey Results - 1994

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The 1994 Half Dime Survey represents the collective efforts of 84 respondents, and is the result of a significant amount of work by those individuals who completed the survey forms. They are to be congratulated for their dedication in producing the data that has allowed us to prepare these survey results. The 1994 survey results have been presented in a different format from the one used in the 1987 half dime survey. The current survey results present a tabulation for each variety by grade. They do not include a summary by grade for each date in the series. The results also include information on many new varieties not listed in the 1987 survey.

It is appropriate at this time to comment on the form used in this survey. I am well aware that any format that is used will not meet everyone's needs. The half dime variety specialist will want more varieties listed in detail. The average collector will find it too difficult to identify many of the varieties with limited identification information. Our main concern in presenting the form used was to have one that would meet the needs of the majority of the members, and there are far more individuals who collect by date and mintmark than by variety. However, in defense of the variety collector, I believe that the rare varieties have been identified by this form even if all of the pieces in the listing may not have been properly identified. I would like to suggest that a follow-up inquiry could be made to those individuals who claim to have examples of what are thought to be rare varieties. A letter could provide explicit information on proper identification and ask the member to verify that the piece is indeed an example of the rare variety as claimed.

As indicated in the earlier survey, this new survey should not be interpreted as a random sampling of available half dimes. It is biased by LSCC member goals and their buying habits. Also, it should not be considered as an accurate reflection of half dime total holdings by members as some may have elected not to participate for reasons of their own.

The biases commented on by those who analyzed the results of the 1987 survey still hold true and are briefly restated as follows:

1. **One Collector, One Coin** — Generally, most collectors will not purchase coins in proportion to the number available. Once the collector has an example of a given date or variety, the individual will seldom buy another, except in those cases where the date is thought to be rare.
2. **Upgrading** — Typically, collectors will purchase the rarer dates in lower grades and upgrade these coins when they can, retaining the lower grade coin.
3. **Varieties** — For certain dates, collectors may have an example of each variety where there are multiple varieties known for that date. A collector may have only a single example of a date without varieties. By comparison, dates with more than one known variety may appear to be more common than they really are.
4. **Hoarding** — For reasons of their own, some members reported large holdings of particular dates.
5. **Limited Sampling** — The coins represented in the survey reflect only a very small percentage of the total number of Seated half dimes in existence.

Numbers reported for scarce and rare dates may appear high as LSCC members probably control a higher percentage of the available pieces of these dates. Thus, despite the reporting of 26 examples of the 1865 and 39 examples of the 1852-O, both of these dates are still considered tough to find.

6. **Attribution Errors** — Improper identification of some varieties may occur as a result of the lack of diagnostic information, the lack of an actual example for comparative purposes, or the use of incomplete diagnostic information. An example of a variety in the series that may fall victim to this is the 1838 Small Stars variety. The total of 55 pieces reported for this variety may be high because of incorrect attribution. It is also possible that some examples of the 1853 Blundered Date may have been misattributed. Owners of the nine other examples should compare them to pictures of the discovery specimen that were presented in Issue #60 of the journal.

Survey Results

A total of 4,292 coins were reported by 84 respondents in this survey. This is a decrease of 18 respondents and 937 coins from the figures reported in the 1987 survey. Speculation as to why there were fewer respondents and coins reported would include: 1) some members may no longer be actively involved in the collecting of the series, 2) some members may have decided it was too time consuming or too difficult to properly identify the many varieties, and 3) others may have decided not to participate for personal or proprietary reasons. Nonetheless, the results from the current survey have provided significant additional insight and a continuing extension of information for the half dime series.

LIBERTY SEATED HALF DIMES BY FREQUENCY AND GRADE

Date, Variety	Total	AG-G	VG-F	VF	EF	AU	MS	Proof
		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1837 Large Date	48	4	10	14	5	12	3	-
1837 Small Date	56	12	12	11	10	8	3	-
1838-O V-1	36	8	11	8	7	2	-	-
1838-O V-2	19	5	5	4	1	2	2	-
1838 Large Stars	70	9	14	8	22	14	3	-
1838 Small Stars V-1	42	2	5	27	2	4	2	-
1838 Small Stars V-2	13	2	2	4	4	-	1	-
1839 V-1	30	5	5	8	6	4	2	-
1839 V-2 Repunched 39	18	-	2	2	6	6	2	-
1839-O V-1 Large O	11	2	1	2	2	4	-	-
1839-O V-2,3,6 Small o	43	5	8	12	12	6	-	-
1839-O V-4,5 Medium O	19	4	3	1	6	5	-	-
1840 ND V-1 to V-6	65	4	15	12	20	11	3	-
1840-O ND V-1 Large O	13	1	3	2	4	-	3	-
1840-O ND V-8 Lg O, Rev. of 1839-O	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
1840-O ND V-2 Med. O	19	2	3	6	5	3	-	-

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Date, Variety	Total	AG-G	VG-F	VF	EF	AU	MS	Proof
		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1840-O ND V-3 Small o	18	3	4	4	6	1	-	-
1840-O ND V-4 Sm. o, Repunched Dt	20	3	3	4	7	3	-	-
1840-O ND V-6 Transitional	8	2	1	2	3	-	-	-
1840-O ND V-9 Small o, V-6 obv	8	-	-	2	4	2	-	-
1840 Drapery V-7	30	3	6	7	8	4	2	-
1840-O Drapery, V-5 Small o	21	5	5	6	3	2	-	-
1840-O Drapery, V-7 Small o	19	3	3	5	6	2	-	-
1841 V-1,2,3	45	5	4	14	12	8	2	-
1841 V-4 Repunched 1	6	-	-	2	3	1	-	-
1841/1841 V-5	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
1841-O V-1,2,5 Small o	32	5	11	5	7	4	-	-
1841-O V-3,4 Medium O	26	6	5	4	7	4	-	-
1841/1841-O V-6	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
1842 V-1 to V-4	35	3	7	9	9	4	3	-
1842 V-1a Die Break	8	-	1	3	2	2	-	-
1842-O V-1,2,3 Small o	37	7	14	8	7	1	-	-
1843 Normal Date	42	8	9	9	10	5	1	-
1843 V-4 Shattered Rev	19	1	1	6	5	6	-	-
1843 N-4 Repunched 1	4	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
1843 V-6a Doubled Date	40	1	7	24	3	4	1	-
1844 V-1,2	21	4	7	2	3	3	2	-
1844 V-3 Repunched Date	41	3	7	8	13	9	1	-
1844-O V-1 Medium O	18	10	4	1	2	1	-	-
1844-O V-2 Sm o Normal Rev	9	3	1	3	1	1	-	-
1844-O V-2 Sm o Upset Rev	14	4	5	1	4	-	-	-
1845 Normal Date	51	3	12	15	9	7	5	-
1845/1845 V-5 Repunched Date	32	2	4	5	14	4	3	-
1846 V-1	38	8	15	8	6	1	-	-
1847 Normal Date V-1 to V-5	62	3	14	13	11	18	3	-
1847 V-1a Repunched 18	14	3	1	4	2	3	1	-
1847 V-1b Repunched 4	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
1847 V-4a Shattered Rev	5	-	-	2	2	1	-	-
1848 V-1 Large Date	29	3	4	7	5	8	2	-
1848 V-1a Large Date 1848/8	12	-	4	3	3	2	-	-
1848 V-2 to V-7	46	7	10	14	12	2	1	-
1848/48 V-8	3	-	-	1	-	2	-	-

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Date, Variety	Total	AG-G	VG-F	VF	EF	AU	MS	Proof
		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1848 V-9 Far Right Date	4	-	2	-	1	-	1	-
1848/7/6 V-10	14	1	2	6	3	2	-	-
1848/8/7 V-11	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
1848-O V-1,3,6,7 Large O	39	9	9	9	4	4	4	-
1848-O V-2,8 Medium O	24	4	5	2	6	5	2	-
1848-O V-4,5 Small o	15	1	4	3	3	2	2	-
1849 Normal Date V-3,6,7	32	4	7	7	6	7	1	-
1849 V-8 Mule with V-6 Rev	4	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
1849/1849 V-9	11	-	4	5	1	1	-	-
1849/8 V-1	10	1	3	1	2	2	1	-
1849/8 V-4	25	4	4	5	6	5	1	-
1849/8 V-5	9	2	3	2	1	1	-	-
1849/6 V-2	34	5	6	8	8	7	-	-
1849/6/8	7	2	-	1	2	2	-	-
1849-O V-1 Large O	33	8	9	9	5	2	-	-
1849-O V-2 Lg.O Heavy Date	10	2	7	-	1	-	-	-
1850 V-1 to V-5	51	2	7	13	12	14	3	-
1850 V-6, V-1 obv & V-2 rev	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1850 V-7, V-5 obv, new rev	5	-	1	2	1	-	1	-
1850-O V-1 Large O	29	3	7	9	5	5	-	-
1850-O V-2 Large Fat O	22	5	4	8	4	1	-	-
1850-O V-3 Medium O	6	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
1850-O V-4 Small o	7	1	4	1	1	-	-	-
1851 V-1 High Date	25	1	8	5	7	2	2	-
1851 V-2 Low Date	16	-	6	5	2	2	1	-
1851 V-3 Uphill Date	6	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
1851-O V-1 Lg O, 51 touches base	24	2	4	9	5	3	1	-
1851-O V-2 Lg O, 151 touches base	24	2	5	7	7	2	1	-
1852 V-1 Compact High Date	16	3	3	3	3	-	4	-
1852 V-2 Open High Date	18	1	7	2	6	1	1	-
1852 V-3 Compact Date, Heavy 1	10	-	2	2	6	-	-	-
1852 V-4 Open High Date, Light 1	10	1	1	1	5	2	-	-
1852-O V-1 Large O	39	8	9	9	6	6	1	-
1853 NA V-1	33	2	12	9	5	2	3	-
1853 NA V-1a	5	-	1	1	-	3	-	-
1853-O NA V-1 Large O	38	8	13	6	5	3	3	-
1853 Arrows Normal Date	113	22	21	27	22	14	7	-

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		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1853 Arrows Blundered Date	10	1	2	2	3	2	-	-
1853-O Arrows Normal Date	61	6	19	18	12	4	2	-
1853/3-O Arrows V-6	5	1	2	1	1	-	-	-
1853/1853-O Arrows N-6	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
1854 Normal Date	70	8	26	16	10	5	5	-
1854 V-1 Date Overlaps Base	26	5	9	7	2	1	2	-
1854 V-3 Repunched 1	11	-	2	1	6	1	1	-
1854/1854 V-7	7	1	-	3	2	1	-	-
1854-O Normal Date V-1 to V-4	42	6	8	15	11	2	-	-
1854-O V-5 Incomplete Mintmark	5	1	-	1	2	1	-	-
1854-O V-6 Obv Die Scratch	13	2	2	4	3	1	1	-
1855 Normal Date V-1 to V-6	58	15	10	9	12	9	1	2
1855 Doubled Die Obv	9	-	1	2	5	1	-	-
1855-O V-1	27	2	9	5	5	4	2	-
1855-O V-1a, late die state	20	2	5	3	7	3	-	-
1856 Normal Date V-1 to V-8	83	5	23	16	25	11	3	-
1856/4 V-9	5	-	-	3	2	-	-	-
1856-O Normal Date V-1 to V-5	47	3	11	9	16	7	1	-
1856-O V-6, V-4 obv & V-1 rev	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1856-O V-7 Repunched Date	5	-	-	3	1	1	-	-
1856-O V-8, V-4 obv & V-3 rev	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
1857 Normal Date V-1 to V-9	104	16	20	22	26	10	10	-
1857 V-10 Upset Rev	8	-	1	4	3	-	-	-
1857-O V-1,2,3,5,6 Large O	55	3	10	20	14	7	1	-
1857-O V-4 Medium O	10	1	1	2	5	1	-	-
1858 Normal Date V-1 to V-8	62	5	12	20	15	7	2	1
1858 V-5 Short Pole	20	1	5	8	4	2	-	-
1858/18 V-9	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1858 Over Inverted Date	32	7	8	9	3	4	1	-
1858 Doubled Date	12	2	-	3	4	3	-	-
1858-O V-1 High Date	10	2	-	6	2	-	-	-
1858-O V-2,3 Medium Date	42	4	12	9	10	5	2	-
1858-O V-4 Low Date	12	2	6	-	-	3	1	-
1858-O V-5 High Date	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
1858-O V-6, short pole, huge cud	8	2	1	2	1	2	-	-
1859 V-1 Repunched 1 & 9	5	-	-	1	3	1	-	-
1859 V-2 Normal Date	33	2	11	6	4	4	6	-
1859 V-3 Repunched 1 & 59	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
1859/1859 V-4	5	-	1	-	3	1	-	-
1859-O Normal Date V-1 to V-3	39	5	12	6	8	6	2	-

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Date, Variety	Total	AG-G	VG-F	VF	EF	AU	MS	Proof
		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1859-O V-4 Closed 5 & 9	6	-	2	-	2	2	-	-
1859 Transitional	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1860 Transitional	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
1860 Normal Date V-1 to V-3	44	5	6	7	17	5	4	-
1860 V-3a Doubled Obv	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
1860 V-3b 1860/1860	10	-	1	-	4	3	2	-
1860 V-3c Repunched 1	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
1860-O Normal Date V-1 to V-5	44	6	11	6	12	5	4	-
1860-O V-6, Severely Clashed Obv	9	1	-	2	1	4	1	-
1861 Normal Date V-1 to V-3	59	3	13	15	11	10	6	1
1861/0 V-4	15	1	2	3	5	4	-	-
1861/0/1 V-5	9	-	-	1	4	2	2	-
1861/0 V-6 Doubled Obv	5	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
1861/1 V-7	6	-	-	1	1	2	2	-
1862 Normal Date V-1 to V-3	48	5	12	5	7	7	9	3
1862 V-4 Uphill Date	8	-	-	1	3	1	3	-
1862 V-5 Doubled Date	6	-	-	1	3	1	1	-
1862 V-6 Doubled Date, Doubled Obv	5	-	1	-	-	1	3	-
1862 V-7, V-3 obv & V-6 rev	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
1863 V-1 Repunched 18	24	5	7	3	3	2	2	2
1863-S V-1	37	3	14	4	9	7	-	-
1864 V-1	35	2	8	5	3	2	7	8
1864-S V-1 Repunched 1	33	8	6	8	6	3	2	-
1865 V-1 Repunched 1	26	5	6	3	1	3	4	4
1865-S Normal Date V-1 to V-3	24	5	6	5	6	1	1	-
1865-S V-4 Repunched Date	15	3	4	2	3	2	1	-
1865-S V-5 Repunched Date	6	-	1	1	3	1	-	-
1866 V-1 Repunched 18	21	5	-	1	5	4	1	5
1866-S V-1 Blundered Obv	31	3	5	4	13	6	-	-
1867 V-1	18	3	3	5	4	1	1	1
1867 V-2	8	-	1	-	2	1	2	2
1867-S Normal Date V-1	24	3	7	6	6	2	-	-
1867-S V-1a Repunched 1	16	3	3	4	3	2	1	-
1868 V-1	15	-	1	2	5	3	1	3
1868 V-2	22	3	6	5	2	3	3	-
1868-S V-1	45	6	2	13	8	10	6	-

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Date, Variety	Total	AG-G	VG-F	VF	EF	AU	MS	Proof
		2-7	8-19	20-39	40-49	50-59	60-63+	60+
1869 Normal Date V-1 to V-4	33	3	5	6	12	4	3	-
1869 V-2 Repunched Date	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
1869-S Normal Date V-1,2	23	4	6	7	4	1	1	-
1869-S V-3 Repunched 18	12	-	3	3	3	3	-	-
1869-S V-4 Doubled Die Obv	10	-	2	1	3	2	2	-
1870 Normal Date V-1 to V-6	94	2	11	8	55	10	7	1
1870 V-7 Repunched 1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
1870-S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1871 Normal Date V-1 to V-5	53	7	12	7	17	3	5	2
1871 V-6, V-2 obv & V-5 rev	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1871-S V-1	35	2	7	8	10	4	4	-
1871-S V-1a Repunched 1	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
1872 Normal Date V-1 to V-5	61	13	12	9	9	11	5	2
1872 V-6 Doubled Die Obv	21	2	3	3	8	3	2	-
1872 V-7 Doubled Die Obv	8	-	-	2	3	3	-	-
1872 V-8 Repunched 1	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1872-S V-1 MM above bow	33	1	3	3	14	11	1	-
1872-S V-2 MM above bow	11	-	1	1	6	3	-	-
1872-S V-3 MM below bow	22	1	2	3	5	7	4	-
1872-S V-4 MM below bow	15	4	-	3	1	6	1	-
1872-S V-5 Blundered obv	7	-	1	1	2	2	1	-
1873 V-1	27	4	3	5	9	5	1	-
1873 V-2	19	2	4	2	3	3	3	2
1873-S V-1	33	2	2	4	11	11	3	-
1873-S V-2	5	1	1	1	1	1	-	-



As with the first survey in 1987, we have included updated tables for each mint, ranking the date by total number of coins reported and giving the median grade for each date. Ties in rank are broken by assigning a higher rank to the date with the lower median grade. In addition, a comparison of the ranking of the date to the last survey is included. The median grade is the grade of the middle coin for that date when the coins are ranked in increasing numerical grade. A mathematical formula is used to obtain the numerical value for the median grade when multiple examples of a date are reported in the same grade. Some collectors may want to know how their examples of a date rank against the typical example for each date. The median grade will be helpful in providing collectors with a snapshot of their chances of putting together a half dime set in a uniform grade.

Philadelphia Mint Issues

Rank	Date	Total Number	Median Grade	Numerical Grade	1987 Rank
1	1866	21	upper XF	47	3
2	1863	24	lower VF	20	7
3	1865	26	middle VF	33	2
4	1867	26	lower XF	40	1
5	1840 WD	30	upper VF	37	10
6	1864	35	upper XF	47	6
7	1869	36	lower XF	40	9
8	1868	37	lower XF	42	4
9	1846	38	middle F	16	5
10	1853 NA	38	middle VF	28	11
11	1842	43	upper VF	37	8
12	1859	45	upper VF	38	15
13	1873	46	lower XF	42	23
14	1851	47	middle VF	33	13
15	1839	48	lower XF	41	16
16	1841	53	lower XF	40	14
17	1852	54	lower XF	40	12
18	1871	54	lower XF	40	27
19	1850	58	lower XF	41	18
20	1860	61	middle XF	45	24
21	1844	62	lower XF	40	21
22	1840 ND	65	lower XF	40	19
23	1855	67	lower VF	24	20
24	1862	70	upper XF	47	26
25	1845	83	lower XF	40	30
26	1847	84	lower XF	40	22
27	1856	88	upper VF	36	28
28	1872	92	lower XF	40	34
29	1861	94	middle XF	44	32
30	1870	96	middle XF	44	17
31	1837	104	middle VF	31	29
32	1843	105	middle VF	32	25
33	1848	111	middle VF	33	33
34	1857	112	upper VF	34	36
35	1854	114	lower VF	24	35
36	1853 WA	123	middle VF	30	37
37	1838	125	upper VF	34	31
38	1858	127	middle VF	31	38
39	1849	132	middle VF	33	39

Philadelphia Half Dimes

In the current survey, the 1866 date had the fewest number of pieces reported. There was a total of only 21 pieces reported for this date in all grades. In general the rarity of the Civil War dates from 1863 to 1868 continue to be reflected by the low number of reported pieces for these dates. The 1846 date still appears to be difficult to purchase in any grade with a low median grade for Philadelphia half dimes. Most of the dates have rarity rankings similar to those recorded in 1987. The dramatic shifts in ranking occur for the late dates in the series. There were considerably fewer 1871 and 1873 pieces reported in this survey giving them higher rarity rankings than in 1987. There was also a marked increase in the number of 1870 pieces reported, providing this date with a lower rarity ranking than in the previous survey. It is not known why these dramatic shifts took place in several of the more common dates in the series.

San Francisco Half Dimes

There were few shifts in rarity ranking for the San Francisco dates from those reported in the earlier survey. Fewer specimens for every date were reported in the 1994 survey. The Civil War dates again ranked high with the exception of the 1867-S and 1865-S issues. The 1865-S now has five Valentine varieties, with the V-5 not even known at the time of the last survey. Also, what had been called the 1865/63-S variety has proven to be an 1865/65-S. Collectors have apparently actively sought these varieties. The 1873-S date moved up to 5th in rarity after finishing last in the previous survey.

San Francisco Mint Issues

Rank	Date	Total Number	Median Grade	Numerical Grade	1987 Rank
1	1866-S	31	lower XF	43	3
2	1864-S	33	lower VF	26	1
3	1863-S	37	middle VF	27	2
4	1871-S	37	lower XF	41	9
5	1873-S	38	upper XF	47	11
6	1867-S	40	middle VF	28	4
7	1872-S AB	44	middle XF	46	6
8	1872-S BB	44	upper XF	48	5
9	1865-S	45	middle VF	28	10
10	1869-S	45	middle VF	33	7
11	1868-S	45	lower XF	42	8



New Orleans Half Dimes

The results for the New Orleans mint half dimes were essentially consistent with the findings of the earlier survey with only a few exceptions. The 1844-O date increased dramatically in rarity for this survey with many fewer pieces being reported. The current ranking of 5th among New Orleans dates appears more in line with its generally perceived rarity.

The only other surprise in the New Orleans listings would appear to be the large number of 1848-O and 1840-O ND coins reported in this survey. This is undoubtedly due to the publicity that these dates have received through definitive articles on these dates that have appeared in the journal. It is likely that some collectors have been actively searching for the varieties of these dates that have been so clearly described in recent issues of the journal.

Those New Orleans dates that rank from 1 to 6 in the 1994 survey are still considered tough dates to purchase for the interested collector. Once again the median grades calculated for the New Orleans issues are generally well below the median grades calculated for the issues from the other two mints.

New Orleans Mint Issues

Rank	Date	Total Number	Median Grade	Numerical Grade	1987 Rank
1	1842-O	37	upper F	17	3
2	1853-O NA	38	upper F	18	1
3	1852-O	39	lower VF	25	6
4	1840-O WD	40	middle VF	28	9
5	1844-O	41	lower F	12	17
6	1849-O	43	upper F	16	4
7	1859-O	45	middle VF	31	5
8	1855-O	47	middle VF	33	2
9	1851-O	48	upper VF	34	8
10	1860-O	53	lower XF	40	12
11	1838-O	55	upper F	18	7
12	1841-O	58	middle VF	28	13
13	1856-O	58	upper VF	37	11
14	1854-O	60	lower VF	26	16
15	1850-O	64	lower VF	23	10
16	1857-O	65	upper VF	36	19
17	1853-O WA	68	lower VF	25	18
18	1839-O	73	upper VF	38	21
19	1858-O	75	middle VF	29	20
20	1848-O	78	middle VF	30	14
21	1840-O ND	90	upper VF	37	15

Discussion on New Half Dime Varieties

There have been a significant number of new half dime varieties discovered since 1987. A summary of the majority of these varieties seems appropriate at this point. Members who have a copy of my half dime book are aware that I have chosen to continue the use of Valentine numbers by assigning new numbers to varieties as they have been discovered. A listing of the newly identified Valentine varieties is given below.

Newly Identified Valentine Varieties

Date	Number	Description	Comments
1839-O	V-7	Significant die crack from elbow to date.	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1840-O ND	V-8	Large O	Formally V-7 and corrected as a result of Harmon article.
1840-O ND	V-9	1840/1840-O Small o	Flat head. Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1841	V-5	1841/1841	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1841-O	V-6	1841/1841-O	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1842	V-1a	Retained die break on reverse.	Not listed in 1992 half dime book
1847	V-1a	Repunched 18	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1847	V-1b	Repunched 4	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1848/7/6	V-9	Overdate	Previously not assigned Valentine number.
1848/8/7	V-10	Overdate	Previously not assigned Valentine number.
1848-O	V-1,3,6,7	Large O	Valentine numbers clarified by Harmon
1848-O	V-2,8	Medium O	Valentine numbers clarified by Harmon
1848-O	V-4,5	Small o	Valentine numbers clarified by Harmon
1849	V-10	Double punched 1 & 4, triple 9	Previously not assigned Valentine number.
1851-O	V-3	No digits touch base; similar to V-2	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1854	V-7	1854/1854	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1855	V-8	Double die obverse, different from V-7	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1856-O	V-8	V-4 obverse; V-3 reverse	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1858	V-11	Over Inverted Date	Previously not assigned Valentine number.
1858	V-12	Doubled Date	Previously not assigned Valentine number.

Newly Identified Valentine Varieties

Date	Number	Description	Comments
1858	V-10	Dot 8, discovered by Fivaz	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1858-O	V-7	Missing drapery, discovered by Fivaz	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1860-O	V-6	Severely clashed obverse die	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1862	V-7	V-3 obverse;V-6 reverse	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1865-S	V-5	1865/1865-S, Reed Hawn discovery coin	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.
1872-S	V-6	Micro s, triple 1, fourth 1 in skirt, discovered by Fivaz	Not listed in 1992 half dime book.

The new variety listing amply demonstrates that new varieties continue to be discovered. Collectors and researchers within LSCC have the unique opportunity to present new finds through articles in the Gobrecht Journal. Members who think that they might own an unlisted variety, but who are not inclined to write an article, are certainly encouraged to bring their discovery to the attention of an LSCC member specialist. It can then be researched and proper attribution recognition given to that member who first identified it, should the variety turn out to be a previously unknown variety in the series.

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