

Attribution Exercise – Care to Try Your Hand?

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A collector forwarded two images of this well-detailed 1861-O half dollar for variety attribution. Len Augsburger offered an opinion, which PCGS disagreed with. Can you settle the matter?

There are at least two important resources online that may prove useful in this endeavor:

- Randy Wiley's attribution guide for the 1861-O half dollar, published in *Gobrecht Journal* #94, ac-

cessible via: <https://archive.org/details/gobrecht-journalfn094libe/page/2/mode/2up>

- Bill Bugert's guide, published in the *Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollars Varieties*, Volume 4, and available here: <https://archive.org/details/LSHD-Vol4NOpart2/page/456/mode/2up>

We'll publish the PCGS variety attribution next month!



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