



# The E-Gobrecht

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## Bob Hammond 1942 – 2013, RIP

With sadness, see page 3.

**We Made It!**  
**This is the 100th Issue!**  
**With the efforts of many, the**  
**E-Gobrecht is a success!**

See story on page 4.

### Members met at the Central States Show

The LSCC met at the Central States show in Schaumburg, IL, on Friday, April 26. About 20 members were in attendance. Len Augsburger chaired the meeting in the absence of John McCloskey. Following member introductions, a sympathy card for Shirley Hammond was signed by all and will be forwarded. A summary of the club medal program was presented and the medal dies were on display for examination. An example of the uniface club medal, which will be presented in conjunction with club awards, was also on display. A call for material was made for two upcoming milestone publications, *E-Gobrecht* #100 (May, 2013), as well as the 40th anniversary number of the *Gobrecht Journal* (July, 2013). Attending dealer members Rich Uhrich and Brian Greer were recognized. After the meeting, a club member exhibited a trio of rare Carson City quarters, all raw, in high circulated grades.

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## Auction News

### by Jim Gray, LSCC #664

The **Heritage** CSNS April Sale contained a number of choice Liberty Seated coins for sale. An 1838-O half dime in AU50 sold for \$3,055 and AU50 and AU55 1840-O drapery pieces went for \$1,234 and \$1,912. A splendid MS63 graded 1844-O soared to \$12,338 and a smooth AU50 1846 sold for \$5,346. An 1849-O in AU58 was a bargain at \$1,234 and an AU55 1853-O NA with the usual weak date realized \$3,819.

VF30 1843-O and 1845-O dimes sold for \$1,293 and \$499 and well struck 1858-S graded MS63 rang the bell at \$18,800.

VF 30 1856-S and 1857-S quarters hit \$881 and \$764. Four 1859-S pieces graded VF20, VF25, AU50, and AU50 sold for \$823, \$1,175, \$11,750,

and an amazing \$17,625. A VF25 1866-S sold for \$1,645 and an AU50 1869-S hit \$1,410.

An 1842-O SD half graded AU50 was worth \$8,225 and a blast white MS64 1859-S sold for \$5,581. A VF25 1873 NA open 3, but with BER weak, still sold for \$5,288. A lovely 1874-CC graded AU58 sold for \$11,750 despite a spot above Liberty's head.

An 1836 coin-turn Gobrecht dollar graded PR63 soared to \$30,550 and a PR60 medal-turn piece realized \$17,665. An 1871-CC AU 53 dollar with a number of marks still managed \$19,388 and an 1872-CC graded AU50+ sold for \$12,025. A well struck 1873-CC dollar with smooth surfaces soared to \$55,813. The cost of the three rare Carson City dollars is going out of sight.

## Upcoming LSCC Events

May 5, 2013, **Norwich, CT**, Pawcatuck Valley Coin Show, LSCC/BCCS table by John Frost and rarities display, 8:30 AM to 4 PM, Holiday Inn Motel, 10 Laura Boulevard, Chelsea Room.

May 24, 2013, **deadline for articles** for the 40th Anniversary Issue of the *Gobrecht Journal*. Contact club President John McCloskey for more details (see last page of this issue).

May 29, 2013, **deadline for advertisements** for the 40th Anniversary Issue of the *Gobrecht Journal*. Contact club President John McCloskey for more details (see last page of this issue).

May 30, 2013, **deadline for vote** on the Top 10 Greatest Seated Dollars. See Spring mailer for details and ballot.

June 5, 2013, **deadline for nominations** for LSCC officers for next year. Contact club President John McCloskey for more details (see last page of this issue).

June 6, 2013, **Long Beach, CA**, Rocky Bottom Brewery, LSCC get-together after the Long beach Expo (see next issue for time and more details)

June 21, 2013, **Baltimore, MD**, Whitman Coin and Collectibles Expo, LSCC regional meeting, 9 AM, room 301.



## Bob Hammond 1942 – 2013, RIP

It is with deep sadness, we report the passing of Bob Hammond, age 70, from a massive and sudden heart attack. Bob was a proud member of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and, he and his wife Shirley, made common and pleasant appearances at East Coast coin shows. Bob was always glad to see everyone and show a rare coin that he casually pulled from his pocket. He will be remembered by his LSCC friends as a good friend, for his positive attitude about everything, his broad smile, great laugh and sense of humor, and his knowledge of everything rare.

From the Long Funeral Home website, here is an edited version of Bob's obituary.

CWO3 Robert J. Hammond, 70, of Emmaus, passed away suddenly, on Monday, April 22, 2013, in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest. He was the husband of Shirley E. (Remaley) Hammond. They celebrated 34 years of marriage in October 2012.

Born in Fountain Hill, he was the son of the late Milton T. and Kathryn D. (Gaal) Hammond. Bob graduated from Liberty High School in 1960 and Moravian College in 1969. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for 30 years both Active and Reserve Duty, retiring as CWO3. Bob worked for Bethlehem Steel, Acme Markets, and most recently for 22 years in the bulk mailing department at the U.S. Postal Service in Hanover Township. He attended Lehigh Valley Baptist Church in Emmaus, PA. He was a member of Navy Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA) of Lehigh Valley and many Historical Societies in Eastern PA. Bob had an interest in History and Genealogy and was involved in Scouting.

Survivors: in addition to his loving wife Shirley; are sons, Jack Hammond and his wife, Kim of Breinigsville; Thomas Hammond and his wife, Sarah of Catasauqua; Philip Hammond and his wife, Ann of



Shirley and Bob Hammond at a recent Baltimore Show

Bethlehem Twp; daughters, Sherri Hammond and her companion, Brian Wachter of Emmaus; Mary Clouse and her husband, Ken of Havertown; Jean Deubler and her husband, Jamey of Winter Haven, FL.; Anne Williams and her husband, Nathaniel of Emmaus; brothers, Rev. Donald Hammond and his wife, Nancy of Kimberly, Idaho; Rev. Gary Hammond of Bethlehem; sister, Jean Rothert (widow of Robert) of Charlotte, NC; 11 grandsons, Tyler, Jamey Jr., Trevor, Bailey, Andrew, Ethan, Alexander, William, Michael, Paul and Joshua; 3 granddaughters, Tiana, Briana and Adrienne and another baby due in September.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, April 27, in the Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem, PA. A memory tribute may be placed at [www.longfuneralhome.com](http://www.longfuneralhome.com). Contributions may be made to NERA of Lehigh Valley, P.O. Box 4265, Bethlehem 18018.

We will miss you, Bob. Rest in Peace!



# Memories from the First 100 E-Gobrecht issues

## by Bill Bugert, LSCC #455

As the first and only editor of the first 100 issues of the *E-Gobrecht*, I thought it is appropriate to document the background, status, and possible future for the LSCC electronic newsletter, *The E-Gobrecht*.

Club member Michael Fey actually was the first to suggest the idea for an electronic club newsletter to LSCC President John McCloskey after the club's annual meeting at the 2004 Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money. Both John and Michael approached me, stated a club newsletter was a good idea, and asked if I knew anyone who would be interested in taking on that task. After some discussion, I agreed to organize the effort and to be the editor for a periodic electronic newsletter that would not compete with the *Gobrecht Journal*. In the following months, I studied other club electronic newsletters and opted for a monthly version. Not knowing how well it would be received, I started accumulating email addresses from a variety of sources for a mailing list. I decided on the name, *The E-Gobrecht*, in honor our coinage's designer.

January 2005 was the first issue. Struggling with contributions, I wrote a lot of those first issues and even missed a few monthly issues for lack of content. The *E-Gobrecht* had the physical appearance of a university newspaper for the first two years but its content, appearance, and appeal gradually improved as I learned. I started getting more requests from subscribers and I tried to convince anyone I thought might be able to help me make it successful.

In May 2006, Jim Gray graciously agreed to help me with his "Auction News" column and it has been tremendously well received. He also fielded Liberty Seated questions. His column is one of the most popular and continues today.

Facing problems with subscriber complaints about being able to open the Microsoft Word file, in March 2006 I changed to a Adobe pdf file format which allowed for simplified inclusion of jpeg images; most subscribers find this accommodating. In September 2007, I changed from a Microsoft Word format to a Microsoft Publisher design and changed the appearance to a magazine style format. That format has continued today (although I have experimented with many designs over the years!). In the early years, I am very thankful for the support of repeat authors Jim Gray and Len Augsburger. They bore the brunt of the published articles and laid the groundwork for more content.

Much to my surprise and to the credit of all the contributors, the *E-Gobrecht* won the 2006 ANA's Outstanding Electronic Numismatic Publication Award (I still don't know who nominated it!) and again in 2008.

Then, public access to all past issues was made possible when Gerry Fortin posted all past issues on his seated dime varieties website; they are now on the club website.

In 2010 and later, the *E-Gobrecht* had a solid foundation with monthly core columns by Jim Gray (Auction News), Len Augsburger (The Budget Collector, now The Curious Collector), Gerry Fortin (Regional News), Greg Johnson (Quarter of the Month), and Paul Kluth (Q&A, Seated Pondering, and Chat Room). All are/were successful although subscriber participation with Paul's attempt to engage members was less than we had hoped.

In 2011, I instituted the *E-Gobrecht* Editor's Award, given at the LSCC annual meeting, to acknowledge prominent supporters to the *E-Gobrecht*. Greg Johnson was my pick for 2011 and Jim Gray for 2012.

To date, many club members have contributed with articles. I am grateful to all but especially the following "top five" individuals (here's an unaudited tally of number of articles by author to appear in the first 100 issues):

Jim Gray - 90 articles  
Gerry Fortin - 81 articles  
Len Augsburger - 76 articles  
Greg Johnson - 37 articles  
Dennis Fortier - 28 articles

We have been hovering around 450 subscribers, plus or minus, for the past few years.

I have always said I don't have a monopoly on good ideas and am open to suggestions, comments, and/or criticisms.

Where are we going now? As I mentioned, I am always open to good ideas. With the advancement of powerful electronic devices such as Tablets and smart phones and the portable benefits they offer, the LSCC may be heading into more digital publishing but paper will likely not go away in the next decade. Digital media is especially attractive especially if we are to maintain a younger membership.

Thanks to all and I look forward to many more years of the *E-Gobrecht*.





## Regional News

### by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

This regional news issue is written with mixed emotions. Earlier in the month, I planned to congratulate Bill Bugert on the 100<sup>th</sup> *E-Gobrecht* issue in this column and cite some of the notable efforts by Bill and his core team of contributors. Then came the news of Bob Hammond's passing on April 23 and the sense of emotions associated with the loss of such a fine individual. This month's column will attempt to do justice to both and still cover upcoming LSCC regional meeting events.

The passing of Bob Hammond is a considerable loss for the LSCC. Bob and his always present wife Shirley, were fixtures at LSCC regional meetings throughout the East coast. Bob and Shirley would drive long distances from their PA home to Baltimore, Boston Manchester and Philadelphia to attend LSCC meetings. Shirley brought the cookies and Bob graced us with his warm charm and personality. Bob was comfortable speaking with anyone whether a new club member or major numismatic personality. He was a lovely man and appreciated seated coins as much as the people in the coin collecting community. I went back to look at the April 2013 *E-Gobrecht* Baltimore meeting cover photo and there was Bob sitting next to me with Shirley right behind him. May God bless Bob's soul as he was THE role model for outstanding human being, husband and LSCC club member.

The May *E-Gobrecht* issue (100<sup>th</sup> issue) is a substantial milestone for the Liberty Seated Collector Club. The first *E-Gobrecht* issue was published in January 2005 and marked the LSCC's transition into electronic publishing. The initial *E-Gobrecht* issues were a labor of love by Bill Bugert with nine issues being published during the initial year. Jim Gray first launched his Auction News column in the April 2006 issue. The publishing format evolved with a

conversion to Adobe PDF format in early 2007 to better deal with embedded images and a revised magazine format by September 2007. During 2010, Len Augsburger, Gerry Fortin and Greg Johnson collaborated and added monthly columns that we still enjoy today. More importantly, the *E-Gobrecht* became the showcase for the LSCC's regional meeting program. Regional meeting group photos have graced the cover of many *E-Gobrecht* issues since 2010. The LSCC is grateful to and appreciates Bill Bugert's vision and persistence in building the *E-Gobrecht* into one of the numismatic industry's leading and award winning digital publications.

Finally, we discuss upcoming regional meetings. There are no regional meetings in May but June starts another exciting month for club members. June kicks off with the Long Beach Coin Expo and the second LSCC regional meeting at the Rocky Bottom Brewery on June 6 evening. The first meeting in February was a great success and Craig Eberhart, West Regional Director, hopes that more club members or interested individuals will assemble for dinner, refreshments and seated coinage discussions. Moving back to the East coast and the LSCC's home base at Baltimore, the club will hold a regional meeting at the Whitman Baltimore show on June 21 at typical 9:00am meeting time. Since Len Augsburger is unable to attend, Bill Bugert and Gerry Fortin will be hosting this meeting and plan a short memorial and moment of silence for Bob Hammond followed by club news and an educational presentation. Finally, the LSCC is monitoring the activities by New England coin show promoter, Ernie Botte for potential late June coin show in Maine. If Ernie can arrange, then Gerry Fortin will host an LSCC club table and probably exhibit a portion of his Liberty Seated dime collection. More on this possibility in the June *E-Gobrecht*.



# The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

A Liberty Seated cent? Yes, Virginia, there is such a thing. In 1853, the Mint got the idea that different compositions might be used for large cents,

and that perhaps the large, heavy coppers could be replaced with something more manageable. The Mint began experimenting with German silver, a combination of copper, nickel, and zinc. The alloy has a passable resemblance to silver, but in reality contains no silver at all. Pattern cents were produced in 1853 and 1854 with varying percentages of copper, nickel and zinc. The 1854 edition is the one of interest to Liberty Seated collectors. The obverse for this pattern was created by reducing an 1854 seated dollar via portrait lathe.

The portrait lathe traced the 1854 dollar with a stylus moving in a circular fashion around the coin. This design was then transferred onto the pattern cent die, with the circular lathe lines imparted as well. In practice, the lathe lines would be polished out on the die, leaving no trace of the reproduction. In this particular case, the Mint was more

interested in trying out different alloys, and in haste neglected the polishing. Even on modern coinage, lathe lines are sometimes seen - I have a 1996-D Lincoln cent pulled out of circulation which demonstrates the effect, although to be sure it is much less pronounced than on the 1854 cent pattern. Among Liberty Seated coinage, the Scott Confederate half dollar restrikes (executed in 1879 using 1861 half dollars) frequently come with evidence of lathe lines, although this is thought to have occurred when Scott ground off the reverses of the coins before restriking them with his own reverse (which was a reproduction of the Confederate half dollar).

The Liberty Seated cent has always intrigued me, and when the opportunity presented itself to purchase an example in the recent Heritage Newman sale, I could not resist. As many are aware, Eric P. Newman is a 101-year old St. Louis collector and numismatic scholar. Portions of the Newman collection are to be auctioned off in a series of sales, the first of which was held by Heritage at the recent Central States show in Schaumburg, IL. Newman's exploits are far too extensive to summarize here, but for starters I will mention that he







## Quarter of the Month

### by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

The 1854-O Huge O is probably the most obvious, and one of the most popular, Liberty Seated Quarter varieties. Long recognized and listed in the Redbook, it has been assigned PCGS Coin

#5434. The extremely large and misshapen mint-mark makes the 1854-O Huge O, a “naked eye” variety with a unique appearance that has undoubtedly contributed to its popularity, even amongst those who don’t consider themselves quarter collectors. At current price levels examples are continuously available in the market place in grades from VG to VF; examples better than VF appear infrequently.

The 1854-O Huge O is very scarce, but not rare by seated quarter standards. A total of 12 examples were reported in the 1993 LSCC survey, 14 in the 2007 survey, and 32 in the 2013 Top 25 Seated Quarter Variety Survey (expected to be published in the Fall *Gobrecht Journal*). The recognition and popularity of the variety makes it possible to look at some history of pricing, with the help of Bob Foster, who published rarity analyses of the seated quarters in the *Gobrecht Journal* in 2000 (Issue #78), 2005 (Issue #93), and 2007 (Issue #100). He specifically focused on the issue and commented regarding its pricing in the first two articles. Mr. Foster ranked the 1854-O Huge O as the third most underrated seated quarter in 2000 with *Coin World Trends* prices of \$90 in Good, \$350 in VF, and \$750 in XF. Five years later those prices had increased to \$600 in Good, \$3,000 in VF, and \$5,000 in XF. Today’s (2013) prices are \$900 in Good \$4,500 in VF, and \$7,500 in XF.

It is also interesting to look at recent certification history. There were 41 pieces certified in all grades by PCGS and NGC combined in 2007, that number had increased to 77 (43 at PCGS and 34 at NGC) by 2011, and now stands at 108 (67 at PCGS and 41 at NGC). Approximately one new example per month has been certified at PCGS over the past

two years. The large majority of certified examples are in lower grades, with only 9 of the 67 PCGS coins in XF, 2 in AU, and still no mint state examples known.

Photo Courtesy of Heritage.



**1854-O Huge O Quarter Dollar**



# 40th Anniversary Update

by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

Fellow members, our task is complete. The LSCC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medals have been distributed to all who ordered one. It was a long haul to the finish line but well worth it. I want to thank my fellow members of the 40th Anniversary committee (Len Aug-

burger, Bill Bugert, and Gerry Fortin) for all their hard work and dedication. Now what remains is the 40th Anniversary edition of the *Gobrecht Journal*. Please help make it a memorable one and submit a story or an article for members to enjoy.



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owned all five 1913 nickels at one time, and it was fitting that during the first Newman sale, one of the 1913 nickels, the George O. Walton example, was on display in the auction room. The Walton coin was sold in the Heritage Platinum night session immediately following the sale of the Newman coins. Representatives of the Walton family were in attendance, and everything was brought full circle when a Walton family member bid on, and won, one of the Newman coins (an 1883 pattern nickel). If there was any anxiety about settling the auction bill, it quickly became a non-issue as minutes later the 1913 sold for a strong \$3,172,500!

Back to the 1854 cent, these of course never caught on, and the Mint decided that a smaller for-

mat piece in copper would work just as well, and so the 1856 flying eagle cents were born shortly thereafter. To be sure, the coinage was debased, with a smaller amount of metal representing the same face value - governments are good at such things - the Liberty Seated silver coinage, in 1853, had of course also been reduced in weight. Nevertheless, the German silver experiments of 1853 and 1854 leave us with a curiosity in the Liberty Seated series, a coin that tells a story about the technical production of the Mint in mid-19th century.





## May Website News at [www.SeatedDimeVarieties.com](http://www.SeatedDimeVarieties.com) by Gerry Fortin, LSCC #1054

Due to a consulting business trip to China during April, there has been considerable evening time to add new modules to my website including more content for the Liberty Seated dime varieties web-book. In this *E-Gobrecht* article, I discuss a recent set building accomplishment and introduce two new website modules; [Basic Varieties Comparison](#) and [Top 25 Misplaced Date Varieties](#) modules developed in the past 30 days

### Seated Dime Set Building Recognition

Before we start the new module discussion, April 2013 saw an important milestone for Liberty Seated dime variety collecting. Dr. Tim Cook, an advanced Liberty Seated dime variety specialist, completed his Top 25 Shattered Dies set via the addition of three missing listings. Most important among the three is Tim's ability to locate an 1852 F-110a example in EF45 grade. The 1852 F-110a variety from the web-book is shown below. The obverse die is severely cracked at the bottom of the date. The metal area between the bottom of date digits and denticles is raised and elevated as compared to remainder of field surface. The right side of die is also badly cracked. A significant die crack starts at Liberty's head, then down through Star 8, the cap and remainder of stars into the rim. Can you imagine how spectacular an EF45 example would appear? Congratulations to Dr. Tim Cook on locating a high grade 1852 F-110a example and completing the Top 25 Shattered Dies set.

### 1852 F-110a Shattered Die Variety



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### Basic Varieties Comparison Module

During early 2013, I received correspondence from San Francisco area collector, Tony Barreca, suggesting that I add a new link to the Seated dime website that illustrated basic varieties that were often misattributed on eBay. After studying Liberty Seated dime listings on eBay for the past year, Tony noted a general lack of seller experience with certain varieties resulting in a fair number of erroneous listings that could deceive novice collectors. In exchange for creating an illustrated guide for basic varieties, Tony promised to steer these inexperienced sellers to my website for guidance. After a few email exchanges to reach consensus on the variety list and illustration format, the Basic Varieties Comparison module was constructed. This module can be viewed at [http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/Basic\\_Varieties.htm](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/Basic_Varieties.htm). The module provides side by side comparisons of the featured variety against the more common counterpart. For example, eBay sellers still have difficult with 1838 Large and Small Stars listings. To help those individuals, the Basic Varieties Comparison link provides large obverse images of 1838 Large Stars and 1838 Small Stars dimes along with macro images of the star punches. Shown below is another typical problem area; the 1873 No Arrows Closed 3 versus Open 3 varieties and the illustration format employed.

#### 1873 No Arrows

#### Closed vs. Open 3 Obverse

Closed 3 Obverse



Open 3 Obverse



Closed 3 Date Punch



Open 3 Date Punch

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### Top 25 Seated Dime Misplaced Dates Varieties Set

After releasing the Seated Dime web-book in 2004, I defined the Top 100 Varieties set followed by the Ultimate set. Both are significant variety collecting challenges and presently being pursued by seated dime collectors who wish to go beyond a traditional date and mintmark set. Next came the Top 25 Shattered Dies and Top 25 Cud Dies set which assembled a listing of the most spectacular cracked dies across the series. The latter set is extremely challenging as locating Liberty Seated dimes with cuds is a low probability pursuit in present online and large show markets and the higher level of dealer awareness.

The Top 25 Misplaced Date set is a new collecting challenge for the Liberty Seated dime varieties specialist that was designed to be *easy* to accomplish. I hope to attract the seasoned specialists and the novice varieties collectors to pursue this set. Misplaced date varieties can be cherry picked in all markets with a little patience and a good memory. Even Stack's Bowers and Heritage are attributing higher grade listings as to the Fortin variety including popular misplaced dates. Many of the Top 25 Misplaced Date listings are already found in the Top 100 and Ultimate sets facilitating a head start towards this new set.

All misplaced dates, by their nature, are located on the obverse. They are found in four primary areas; Liberty's gown, Base area, Shield area and within the Denticles. While building the set, I tried to select a reasonable distribution of misplaced date across the four primary areas as follows; Liberty's Gown – 9; Base below Liberty – 5; Shield area – 5; Denticles – 6.

Misplaced dates are much more prevalent on later dates starting around 1875. In the Top 25 MPD set, 18 of the 25 listings are dated on or after 1875 with three listings for the 1888 date alone. The origins of misplaced date digits have been rigorously debated in prior issues of the Gobrecht Journal without clear consensus on root cause(s). I leave further debate to others and rather enjoy the pursuit of specimens for my personal collection or For Sale list. You are invited to view the Top 25 Misplaced Date set at, [http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/major\\_25\\_mpd\\_table.htm](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/major_25_mpd_table.htm). and to participant in the Open Registry for the set at [http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/registry/dimetop25mpd\\_index.htm](http://www.seateddimevarieties.com/registry/dimetop25mpd_index.htm).

As always, Happy Hunting

#### Jason Feldman writes:

This is a new discovery found at Baltimore, an 1888-S rotated reverse Liberty Seated dime. It is most exciting as it is the first new rotated reverse dime to located as far a I know in over a year. I do not recall seeing any rotated reverse S mint dimes during the 1880's making this find all the more interesting. To my knowledge this is the latest date where an occurrence of a rotated reverse seated dime has surfaced by 12 years. What is interesting



about this coin, the rotation is major enough that it should be obvious to any casual collector or dealer looking at the coin. Fortunately for me, this coin was buried in the large inventory of a wholesale dealer.





## Discovery of New 1875-S Half Dollar Die Marriage by Scott Lingo, LSCC #2194

In January, as I was looking for Liberty Seated half dollars, I went to the J. J. Teaparty website where I found an interesting 1875-S PCGS MS63. I was attracted to the coin because of the reverse which showed part of the scroll on both the left and right missing, several of the letters very weak, and extensive die cracks. Unable to identify the die marriage in Bill Bugert's *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollars, Volume I, San Francisco Branch Mint*, I read the attributed description that indicated the coin had a WB-2 Obverse and WB-21 Reverse. Intrigued by the obverse/reverse description, I contacted Rich Uhrich and asked him to take a look. He, too, was intrigued by the coin and couldn't match it to a single die marriage in Bill's book. After an email exchange, Bill provided some additional background on the coin. He wrote that Liz Coggan from J. J. Teaparty had called him in October with questions on this coin. She, too, was unable to attribute the die marriage to his S-mint book. He talked through it with her and although having not seen the coin, decided from her descriptions that it was an 1875-S obverse 2 paired with reverse O (and therefore the description of WB-2 obverse paired with WB-21 reverse). Bill added that based on photos I provided the coin was definitely a later die state of both dies, hence the extensive die cracks. He added that he would like to see and study the coin before making a final determination but was almost sure it is a new die marriage not included in his book. At the time of this writing this is the only half known with this die marriage.





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**Dr. Eugene Bruder** is constantly updating his website, [www.typecoins.com](http://www.typecoins.com), which features a nice selection of bust and seated material for sale. Pictures are generally available for all coins, and can be obtained if not posted. He will also take consignments for exposure at shows and the website. He attends most major shows, and will try to accommodate want lists. You can reach him at 530-894-0922 or email at: [gene@typecoins.com](mailto:gene@typecoins.com).

**Brian Greer,** well known dealer, collector, and numismatist, has an extensive listing of many new dates and varieties listed on his website. Check them out at: <http://www.briangreerrarecoins.com/>

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