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**1864 Large Motto 2C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original.** A deep chocolate brown patina is readily evident for this 1864 Large Motto two cent piece from an anonymous consignor. Under bright light, the fields are notable, steely and reflective. Strike is bold with unabraded surfaces. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval.



**1879 3CN, NGC PF67CAM CAC, Gem Original, Island Lake Collection.** The three-cent nickel is perhaps the most neglected series in the U.S. catalog, with the pleasant side effect of making example such as this eminently affordable. The low four-figure price point is remarkable, considering that this coin is tied for finest known, albeit with many others. Fully frosted devices complement watery surfaces, with just a touch of champagne patina at the nose. Surfaces are virtually devoid of marks, as expected for the grade. CAC has graded 99 pieces total in Cameo, with 31 examples in PR67 CAM and no pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,350. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval.



**1847 H10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original.** 1847 Seated half dimes have a total CAC population of 52 pieces with four at the offered PCGS grade and eleven higher at MS63 and MS64. This MS62 example is overlaid with a thick coin gray skin on the obverse and incremental speckled toning on the reverse. The strike is hammered with partial wire rims. Please note the elevated gown line and lower leg details. Reserve has been set at the CDN CAC price guide. Worthy of attention and at least one incremental bid. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1863-S V-1 H10C, NGC MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Lakeland Collection.** The first half dime issued at the San Francisco Mint; the 1863-S is a scarce issue with a mintage of exactly 100,000 pieces. Remarkably, the CAC population is half that of the 1863 Philadelphia half dime, even though far fewer pieces (18,000) were struck in Philadelphia. Collectors on the east coast were more active at the time, and San Francisco pieces simply were not saved. This creates an anomaly only recently observed with the advent of the CAC population report. This piece reveals bits of maroon color, especially in the protected areas, with deeper patina evident on the high points of the wreath. V-1, the only variety for this issue. A strong strike brings up virtually complete detail on the wheat stalks. CAC has graded 24 pieces total, with three coins in MS64 and eight examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$2,250. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval.



**1882 Liberty V 5C, PCGS PF67 CAC, Gem Original, Island Lake Collection** Generous frost graces the leaves and shield frame, set apart against jet black fields. Design elements are sharply impressed, with the stars seemingly popping out of the planchet. A light wash of russet patina covers both sides, more so across the shield, and the overall eye appeal is strong. CAC notes 150 pieces total, with six coins at PR67 and no pieces finer. The CAC guide value is \$1470, an attractive value for a finest-known example. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1837** No Stars Small Date F-104 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Woodlands Collection. The No Stars type is a perennial favorite, with an uncluttered obverse the features the figure of Liberty set against plain fields. This example is mark-free for the grade and reveals pleasing gray patina, more heavily on the reverse, as lighter shades hug the protected areas. CAC notes a population of 54 pieces in all grades and assigns a value of \$811 in EF45. F-104, with the 7 positioned between two denticles and a reverse die crack beneath the bow knot. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



**1838** No Drapery, Small Stars F-101 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Woodlands Collection. Rose and steel shades fill both sides of this Small Stars example, framed by scattered bits of slate color at the rims. The star punches, which were manually applied at this time, were apparently intended for half dimes, and thus we have both Large and Small Star varieties this year. F-101, with a die crack connecting stars to the left, while the D is doubled on the reverse. The CAC census includes 29 coins in all grades, with 14 at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$819. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1838** No Drapery, Large Stars F-108 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Pre-Partial Drapery Die State, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. If your preference for early silver type are pieces with brilliant, frosted luster, then this Twin Lakes release is worthy of special consideration. This 1838 F-108 example boldly radiates luster and swirling cartwheels while sitting under my desk lamp. How could I not give this lot a JUST BUY IT NOW recommendation when previously sold during March 2022? Also high on the cool scale is that this piece was struck from the infamous "partial drapery" dies prior to the clashing event. Perfect for inclusion into an advanced collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder.



**1842 F-105 10C, PCGS VF35 Gold CAC, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection.** This 1842 Seated dime was purchased raw from a Seated dime researcher in Maine and subsequently graded and processed through CAC. The Gold bean was certainly a nice surprise. The time has come to release this conversation piece into the market per Tom. A perfectly original F-105 example with old album peripheral toning. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with Gold CAC approval.

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**1844 F-102 10C, PCGS VF35 CAC, Little Orphan Annie, Crusty Surfaces, Choice Original, Cleveland Collection.** Considerable value is at hand given the conservative PCGS grading for this perfectly original 1844 Little Orphan Annie dime. Surfaces are covered with gun metal gray patina. Strike is typical for the date with the outer stars being well defined while the gown line and lower leg are partially impressed. If this piece had a stronger obverse strike, I'm sure PCGS would have assigned an EF grade based on wear. CAC comes to the rescue with green bean approval rewarding the strict originality and conservative grading. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1847 F-103 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Fully Struck, Scarce Grade, Light Copper/Gold Patina, Woodlands Collection.** Bits of rust color decorate the steel-gray surfaces of this early Philadelphia piece. As is typical of Liberty Seated coinage of this era, the relief is high, and the devices rise substantially above the plane. A Mint-made planchet void to the left of Liberty is as-struck. F-103, with a die defect beneath 7, and a die crack through the left ribbon end. CAC notes 31 pieces in all grades, with six coins at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide is \$780. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval.



**1850 F-105 10C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Gem Original, Woodlands Collection.** A well-known connoisseur of Liberty Seated coinage demands that pieces in his collection "dance and sing" every time they are examined, and there is no question that the present example has done its share of performing over the years. A bold crescent of electric blue patina covers the right stars, while russet color fills the rims on both sides. The eye appeal is immediately evident, and this piece will sell at a price well above the guide level. F-105 with a high date, and a die line connecting the right bow and the branch. The CAC population is 40 coins across all grades, and the CAC price guide value is \$250. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.

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**1853** With Arrows 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC OGH, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. This deeply impressed example reveals design devices that rise significantly above the plane of the planchet. Star centers, leaf veins, and the bow knot are all sharply detailed. Light gold patina is evident on both sides. CAC notes 195 coins total, with 117 examples in Mint State grades. The CAC guide value in AU58 is \$367, indicating a slight premium as an example of the three-year (1853-1855) With Arrows design. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1853** With Arrows 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. This is an unquestionably original With Arrows dime with thick crusty gray patina. Sourced from Seated dime research Gerry Fortin during 2000 and subsequently graded. The strike is exceptional at grade as are the pristine surfaces. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder. Please note that the reverse holder is worn with many overlaid lines on the images. This is a fully choice lot.



**1859 F-103 10C, NGC MS65 CAC, Extra 9 in Gown, Gem Original, Cleveland Collection.** The Cleveland Collection is releasing this 1859 F-103 gem Seated Dime that originated from the Fortin core set collection during November 2022. It is an excellent example of a With Stars misplaced date. The bottom loop of the extra 9 digit in the gown was evident in Kam Ahwash's Encyclopedia for 14 years until Fortin discovered its existence during 1991. This is a popular variety that is listed as #46 in the Top 100 Varieties set and also included in the Top 25 Misplaced Date set. Let's get back to the offered example. Crusty coin-gray patina covers both side of this gem along with speckled ebony-gray at the stars and legend. Strike is complete with elevated motifs, especially the reverse wreath leaves. Surfaces are entirely unabraded. Purchased by Fortin during February 2007 from Jason Carter and employed as the F-103 plate coin with The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder with CAC approval.

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**1859 F-103 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Misplaced 9 Digit in Gown, Discovery Coin and Greer Plate Coin, Gem Original, Massachusetts Collection.** Gold and charcoal patina fills the stars, while Liberty is marked by silver color that is lighter at the high points. A tilt of the coin reveals additional shades of rose and blue, while scattered crust is evident on the reverse. Star centers and most of the claw joints are well defined. Briggs 1-A, with a curved, centered date, open claws and reverse die cracks. The quarters of 1838 and 1839 exhibit curved date styles, similar to the 1836 Gobrecht dollar. CAC has certified 44 pieces in all grades and assigns a value of \$1,350 in AU50. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval.



**1867 F-103 10C, PCGS PR64CAM CAC, Near-Gem Original.** Exceptional contrast is the hallmark of this CAC-approved Cameo example, with jet black surfaces underlying the highly frosted devices. An icy figure of Liberty emerges boldly from the deeply toned fields, and the eye appeal is strong. The detail is sharp, and worthy of comparison with business strike pieces that may exhibit softness in one area or another. CAC notes 49 examples of all 1867 proofs, with 25 coins attributed as Cameo. The CAC guide value is \$1,310. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1871 F-109 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Reference Collection.** A marvelous 1871 Seated dime that has been part of the Fortin core collection since February 2004. This gem remains as the F-109 plate coin at The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Frosted luster and fully struck devices are the highlight of the gem original example. A die defect is located at Liberty's neckline. This defect is the primary diagnostic for the F-109 obverse since the date position is similar to several other obverse dies. CAC population for the date is surprisingly low at 21 pieces of which 12 are in MInt State. CAC at approved two at the certified grade. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval.

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**1871 F-102a 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Proof Dies, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection.** Yet another Massachusetts Collection Seated dime that was sourced from a Seated dime researcher in Maine during the late 1990s. Our consignor has had this piece graded and CAC approved. This 1871 F-102s example was struck from dies first employed for proof strikes. The key diagnostic is the reverse die crack connecting the ribbon ends. Strike is bold with partially raised rims along with essentially unabraded surfaces. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



**1871-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Reference Collection.** 1871-S dimes are typically located with weak reverses, usually at the denomination and lower wreath. The F-101 die pairing, during early die states, is the best opportunity to secure a fully defined reverse. The early die state can also be easily attributed by repunching at the top of the 1 and 8 digits. The mintage for the date was 320,000 with few Mint State survivors certified. PCGS survival estimate is 25 in all Mint State grades while the CAC population totals 5 pieces. This lot is being released from the Gerry Fortin Reference Collection and is the F-101 plate coin at The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. It is also listed as part of the Top 100 Varieties sparking further demand. GFRC images accurately display the mixture of darker and lighter gray toning. Strike is deeply impressed and provides detailed insights into the working die and its transferred devices. Purchased December 2003 via a Stack's auction and returning to the marketplace after three decades in my collection. A unique example that is worthy of aggressive bidding. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval.



**1873 With Arrows F-117 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near Gem Original, A Fabulous Type Coin, Woodlands Collection.** The perfect coin for a fall sale, this piece exhibits rich russet and autumn patina, along with occasional bits of blue color at the rims. The addition of arrows this year was not legislated, but instead represented an internal Mint decision to denote the slightly modified weight. F-117, with a high, level date and weakness in the serifs of I and M in DIME. CAC notes 40 coins across all grades, with 18 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$515. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.

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**1876-CC F-131a 10C, CACG AU58, Severely Rusted Dies, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Reference Collection.** Severely rusted dies are readily evident including pimple shaped defects on the obverse. Both obverse and reverse dies are well worn with significant denticle erosion, most notable on the obverse where the tops of (OF AME)RICA are merging into space between letters and denticles. Worthy of a GFRC-Gem quality rating given the spectacular eye appeal and strict originality that provide a keen insight into the severe die gradation. This 1876-CC F-131a dime is the plate coin with The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Housed in new CAC Grading (2023) holder and straight graded consistent with CAC approval standards. CACG population for the 1876-CC in all grades currently stands at 5 pieces.



**1876-S Type 1 Reverse F-118 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** Steel-gray patina covers both sides, with deeper color at the obverse rims, while reverse high points are marked by slate shade. Strike is typical, with elements of the wreath blending together. Production this year was among the highest for Seated dimes, putting this near-Mint State example within the reach of most collectors. CAC notes 37 pieces in all grades, with 28 examples in the Mint State band. The CAC price guide value is \$187. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1886 F-103 10C, PCGS PR64CAM CAC, Near-Gem Proof, Cameo Designation.** The mintage for the 1886 proof Seated dime date is quite easy to remember at 886 pieces. How clever huh? Seriously, this former Gerry Fortin reference collection dime was purchased at the 2004 August ANA show and subsequently CAC approved. This is a near-gem example with sharp reflective mirrors and light gold toning. Fields are hairline free which is the basis for the green bean sticker. This lot remains as the 1886 F-103 proof strike plate coin at The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval.

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**1887 Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original.** Pleasing pastel patina fills both sides of this late date Philadelphia example, with russet shade at the rims leading toward gold and aqua hue in the fields. This is a high-mintage year, and varieties are legion, with 17 reported in the Fortin online reference. This unlisted piece exhibits reverse die cracks that will serve as an aid to additional study. The head is a touch soft, but the controlling factor here is the attractive color and overall eye appeal. CAC has graded 113 pieces total, with 34 coins at the MS65 level and 28 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$749. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. The holder is quite old with some plastic haze on the lower reverse that is impacting the viewing of the device details.



**1888-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection.** This plainly original piece retains significant Mint bloom, most apparent in the protected areas, while high points are more deeply shaded. Maroon color is evident on both sides, more so on the reverse. The bow knot is cleanly split, while a few of the spikes in the wheat stalks blend together. F-101, with a low date, and a reverse die crack at the left rim. CAC has certified only 23 coins total, a remarkably low number, with two pieces at MS62 and 16 examples finer. The CAC guide value is \$624. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC into the Massachusetts Collection September 2017.



**1889 F-101 10C, PCGS PR65CAM CAC, Gem Original.** This Gem Cameo piece exhibits light golden patina atop icy design elements. The mirrors are strong, and the contrast with the frosty figures is compelling. Cameos for this date are surprisingly challenging, with 50 pieces total in the CAC census, as compared to only 13 Cameo examples. The date slopes downward, as on all proofs of this year. The CAC price guide value is \$1,350. Liberty Seated collectors tend to prefer either business strike pieces or proof examples, with seemingly little crossover between the two pursuits. A run of cameo proofs, with examples such as the present coin, might convince a business strike aficionado that these pieces also merit substantial collector attention. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval.

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**1889 Doubled Die Reverse#1 F-104 10C, CACG MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, CAC Grading Top 100 Variety Label, Gerry Fortin Reference Collection.** Yet another low-CAC population coin from the Springfield collection, this frosty piece exhibits even gray-mauve patina with additional A near-gem 1889 F-104 example that has been hiding in my bank box for several decades. Just submitted to CACG for their Top 100 Variety label attribution. Brilliant, frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels add incremental charm to the presentation of a Top 100 Variety in Mint State. Coloration is accurately captured by the images. Certain to please the winning bidder as undoubtedly a die variety specialist. Housed in new CAC Grading (2023) holder and straight graded consistent with CAC approval standards. The label documents the Doubled Die Reverse #1 F-104 attribution indicating inclusion in the Liberty Seated Dime Top 100 Varieties set.



**1890-S F-112 10C, PCGS VG10 CAC, Obverse Die Gouge, Natural Coin Gray, Choice Original, Cleveland Collection.** One of the more difficult Liberty Seated dime die varieties to locate is the F-112 with a bold die gouge directly about the shield. An occasional example will appear every few years, but many have problems. The Cleveland Collection, a die variety specialist, is releasing this worn but strictly original example back into the marketplace. Surfaces are toned a natural coin gray and extremely well preserved given the time in circulation. The webbook R7 rarity rating is for examples grading at least VF20 but should exemplify the challenge with locating this variety. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder.



**1876 BF-1 20C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** An even gray and mauve patina covers both sides of this Centennial-dated twenty-cent piece, and the in-hand appeal is strong. The 1876 Philadelphia issue is the rarest of the double-dime business strikes, with a production of 14,750 pieces. Most collectors pursue twenty-cent pieces as type coins, making the rare-date premium lower than it might be in a longer series. CAC has graded 101 coins total, with nine pieces in AU58 and 53 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$1,250. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1831 Small Letters B-4 25C, PCGS EF40 CAC, Gem Original.** The GFRC-rated Gem example is virtually perfect for the grade, with smooth surfaces and toned fields set back against coin-gray devices. Rich gold and blue-green patina surround the central figures, which exhibit lighter color at the high points. B-4, with the left edge of the curl over the right side of 1 and a square-base 2. CAC has certified 141 examples total, with 24 coins in EF, 48 examples in AU, and 45 pieces in Mint State. The CAC price guide value in EF40 is \$484, and we expect competitive bidding for this premium, eye-appealing lot. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1840-O No Drapery Briggs 2-B 25C, PCGS VF30 CAC, Choice Original.** A classic No Drapery type piece with moderate wear. Natural coin gray patina is a function of the originality. The surfaces are unabraded and worthy of a GFRC-Choice quality rating. Briggs 2-B with a center reverse mintmark and repunched o in the date. CAC population is a meager 25 piece approved with only two at the offered grade. The CDN CAC price guide stands at \$445. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



**1842-O Small Date Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS VG08 CAC, Small Date, Choice Original, Cleveland Collection.** The growing popularity of the 1842-O Small Date quarter can be directly tied to its inclusion in the Top 25 Variety set as published by Greg Johnson in the LSSC's Gobrecht Journal. That set was added to www.seateddimevarieties.com for simplistic referencing including a pricing guide. The Cleveland duplicate is fully choice with natural olive-gray patina. This is a premium example with honest wear and moderate circulated cameo eye appeal. CAC total population is 34 approved. An excellent entry point for this four figure die variety. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder.



**1848 Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Compass Point Reverse, Near Gem Original.** Tan, gray, and chestnut patina intermix on both sides, with the obverse marked by generous crust in the recessed areas, while the reverse exhibits underlying steel-gray color. Nicely struck, with defined star points and clean separation in the claw joints. Briggs 1-A, with doubling in the date and a compass point reverse. The CAC census notes 35 coins total, with five pieces at AU58 and five examples in Mint State. The AU58 value in the CAC price guide is \$1,150. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1854** With Arrows **25C**, PCGS AU**58** CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. The 1854 and 1855 With Arrows quarters are ever popular as a two-year design and are pursued by both type collectors and Seated quarter specialists. This piece reveals lightly toned surfaces with maroon patina more evident at the rims. Residual luster quickly activates as the coin is flipped, and the strike fully impresses the head and eagle claws. CAC notes 114 coins in all grades, with 16 examples in AU**58** and 47 pieces in Mint State. The CAC price guide value is \$686. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1857 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Woodbridge Collection.** Lustrous, silver color on both sides hosts scattered tan patina, most prominently to the left of Liberty. A few stars to the right are softly impressed, which is often seen on quarters of this date, while the claw joints exhibit strong definition. The 1857 mintage was ample, making coins of this issue optimal candidates for inclusion in type sets. CAC has certified 109 coins total, with 60 pieces at Mint State levels. The CAC price guide value is \$406. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



**1857-O Briggs 2-B 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Woodbridge Collection.** Rich tan color washes over both sides, most intensely in the centers, with deep evergreen patina additionally evident in the upper portion of Liberty. Briggs notes soft strikes for this issue, and this piece is typical with flat stars to the right, while the reverse is more sharply detailed. CAC notes 38 pieces total, with 6 coins at AU58 and five examples at the Mint State level. As often happens with branch Mint Seated quarters, the CAC census totals are on the low end, and the market has not yet fully appreciated the challenge of locating original pieces. The CAC guide value is \$946. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1859-S Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS VG10 CAC, Choice Original, Iowa Collection.** A near-perfect collector grade example, this 1859-S quarter reveals pleasing gray color in the fields and protected areas, while the central devices are uniformly lighter, with faint hints of rose patina throughout. The "circulated cameo" appearance is consistent with an original, circulated coin – frequent handling leads to high point wear, exposing the silver metal beneath, while dirt migrates to protected, lower points of the coin. Assuming any subsequent "conservation" efforts do not overly disturb the surfaces, CAC certification becomes a possibility. A diagonal line across the reverse shied is noted for accuracy, but make no mistake, this is an exceptional example. Briggs 1-A, the only die pair for this issue. CAC has approved only 20 examples across all grades and assigns a value of \$960 in VG10. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



**1861 II/II 25C, NGC MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Quito Collection.** The original silver patina hosts virtually untoned surfaces, with the near complete Mint frost intact. Type II/II, with shield verticals above E and a convex eagle eye. Nicely struck, with distinct star points and most of the claw joints cleanly defined. An old line extending from the left wing is noted. CAC reports 119 pieces in all grades, with 18 pieces finer. The CAC guide value is \$1,280 in MS64. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval.

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**1866 With Motto Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Woodbridge Collection.** Russet patina generously fills the protected areas of this key-date Seated quarter, surrounding reflective silver fields. Weakness in the reverse center confirms the all-important business strike status. Along with the 1853 No Arrows, 1867, and 1886 issues, this is one of the most challenging Philadelphia coins in the Seated quarter series. CAC notes 27 pieces in all grades, with 13 coins in Mint State. Struck during a "hard money" era, this issue did not circulate widely, making higher grade pieces (relatively) more available today. Business strikes are more challenging than Proofs of this date, of which CAC has certified 49 examples. The CAC price guide value in AU55 is \$2,400. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1877 25C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Quito Collection.** A bold crescent of electric blue and violet patina fills the right stars, sharply contrasting with the silver color to the left. The ice-white eagle is highly frosted, approaching a Cameo designation were this a proof example. The strike is sharp throughout and delivers full detail, not a trivial matter as quarters from the 1870s exhibit lower relief overall than earlier coins in the series. The CAC census notes 99 coins total, with 28 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$2,750 in MS66. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1877-S 25C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Quito Collection.** This richly toned, condition census example exhibits intermixed shades of aqua, navy, and maroon patina, and the visual appeal is immediately evident. Ample luster easily penetrates the thick skin, and the cartwheels are especially active. CAC notes 57 coins across all grades, with six pieces at MS66, two coins at MS67, and none higher. Given the original mintage, nearly nine million coins, the CAC population is remarkably low, an anomaly that the market has not yet fully appreciated. The CAC price guide value is \$3,300 in MS66, advancing to \$12,000 in MS67. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1877-S Briggs 4-D 25C**, PCGS MS63 CAC, S/Horizontal S, Near-Gem Original, Quito Collection. The 1877-S/S is a popular variety within the quarter series, listed in the Guide Book and readily attributable with the naked eye. Per the PCGS census, about one of every seven examples of the 1877-S exhibits a doubly punched mintmark. This is an untoned piece, with substantial frost remaining in the central devices. Steel color marks high points, while the reverse hosts bits of navy patina in the protected areas to the southeast. CAC notes 20 coins total, with two pieces at MS64 and a single example at MS66. The CAC price guide value is \$1,950 in MS63. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1877-S Briggs 4-D 25C**, **PCGS MS50 CAC**, **S/Horizontal S**, **Choice Original.** Pleasing antique skin covers this highly original example, exhibiting tan, gold, and slate patina. Original Mint bloom remains in the protected areas, most notably around the obverse stars. Telltale stray detail is plainly evident to either side of the large mintmark, revealing the horizontal S initially punched beneath the eagle. This is a widely recognized variety and is listed in virtually all price guides, in addition to the major grading services. CAC has certified 20 examples, with six coins in AU and ten pieces in Mint State. The CAC guide value in AU50 is \$702. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1879 Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Woodbridge Collection.** Exceptionally frosty services lead to reflective fields, and the contrast is pleasing. The strike is hammered, with sharp star centers and well-separated claw joints. The low-mintage quarters of the 1880s were highly promoted during the coin investment craze of the 1970s, as huckster salesmen pumped the minimal mintage (13,600 pieces in this case) and high technical grades of most surviving coins. Today, the grading service censes reflect a more nuanced situation – the coins are indeed scarce, but they survived in relatively higher proportions than earlier quarters. CAC has certified 72 coins total with 53 coins finer. The CAC price guide value is \$998. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder with CAC approval.

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**1879 Briggs 1-A 25C**, **PCGS F12 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Iowa Collection**. The 1879-1889 run of Seated quarters is an interesting "set within set," all low mintage issues that circulated little at the time. Today, higher grade examples are easier to locate, an unusual situation for those of us who collected Lincoln cents out of circulation and always found that, among the oldest pieces, low grades were the rule. The late date Seated quarters were quickly recognized as scarce, with dealers paying premiums over face value nearly from the time of issue. Today, CAC has graded 72 pieces total, with only ten examples in grades below EF40, and this is characteristic for all 1880s Philadelphia quarters. This coin exhibits pleasing gray and silver color, with heavier concentrations of patina within Liberty and the left stars. The CAC guide value in F12 is \$351, and this coin will likely sell for more. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



**1880 Briggs 1-A 25c, PCGS MS67 CAC, Gem Original, Quito Collection.** This wonder coin is a lustrous headlight, with ice-white surfaces framed by deep maroon patina at the rims. Frost drips from the central devices, extending even to the scroll and stars. The strike is fully impressed and brings up even the normally pesky claw joints. Briggs 1-A, the business strike dies, with a die lump on the left of o in the date. CAC notes 56 pieces across all grades, with eleven coins tied for finest known at MS67. The CAC price guide value is \$7,880 in MS67. This is not an inexpensive coin, but given the combination of low mintage, lofty technical grade, and exceptional eye appeal, the value becomes undeniable. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



**1881 Briggs 2-B 25C**, PCGS PR66+CAM CAC, Gem Original, Island Lake Collection. This PR66+ Cameo example presents exceptional contrast between the ice-white devices and the surrounding mirror-like fields. Stars to the left exhibit light russet patina, with similar hints above the reverse scroll. When evaluating toned examples, the grading services tend to be stingy with the Cameo designation, but the thick, heavy frost is undeniable in this case. CAC notes 76 pieces total, with 11 coins in PR66 CAM and three examples finer. The CAC price guide is \$3,750 in PR66 CAM, and \$5,500 in PR67 CAM. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1889 Brigga 1-A 25C, NGC VF35 CAC, Choice Original, Iowa Collection.** Gray color underlays faint maroon shades on the obverse, while the reverse reveals russet hue to either side of the eagle. The protected areas of the stars and arrows attract light crust, precisely where one would expect to find it on an original piece. This year represents the last emission of the low mintage, 1879-1889 run, with only 12,000 pieces struck. This run is particularly challenging in lower grades, as CAC has graded 58 coins total, but notes only 13 pieces below EF40. The CAC guide value is \$468 in VF35. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval. The special label captures the John McCloskey Collection pedigree.



**1891-S 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Quito Collection.** Uniform silver color blankets both sides of this nearly untoned piece, accompanied by the barest hints of champagne patina on both sides. Sharply struck, with deeply impressed stars and defined claw joints. A die crack connects stars 6-8, above the head. The CAC census is 38 coins in all grades, a low total for a high-mintage issue. CAC notes nine pieces in MS64 and 11 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,080 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1891-S 25C, PCGS MS62 CAC Rattler, Near-Gem Original, Woodbridge Collection.** Silver surfaces admit light gold patina, decorated by smoky gray color in the protected areas, around the stars and date. This placement is a key to detecting originality, as deeper colors tend to migrate into areas where circulation dirt can most easily accumulate. This is a nicely struck example, with clean separation in the claw joints. CAC has certified 38 pieces total, with 22 examples finer, and assigns a value of \$562 in MS62. Housed in PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) Ratter holder with CAC approval.



**1892 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** The first year of issue of Barber quarters was clearly saved in large numbers, as CAC has graded 278 pieces total, vs. 58 examples for the 1893, despite the two mintages being relatively close. This has the pleasant result that nicely detailed examples remain eminently affordable. This piece exhibits medium russet color on both sides, accompanied by powder blue halos around the reverse stars. Crusty bits surround the reverse legend, and the originality is obvious. The CAC guide value is \$257. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1892-O 25c**, PCGS MS63 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection. Vivid russet patina blankets both sides, with deeper shades at the rims. Centers reveal aqua hues in the protected areas, and the residual luster highlights the colorful surfaces. The overall eye appeal is strong, consistent with the GFRC Gem rating. CAC has graded 99 coins total, with 38 pieces finer. The CAC guide value is \$624. This is a lot of coin for the money – the CAC population is less than a hundred pieces, and the aesthetic appeal is exceptional. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1893 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Although struck in large quantities, uncirculated 1893 quarters are substantially scarce than their 1892 counterparts, which were likely saved as examples of the newly introduced Barber design. Even as an 1893 quarter, this piece is well within the upper range of uncirculated pieces, and PCGS has certified only 42 coins numerically finer, with a lone MS67 at the top. The lustrous obverse of this coin is encircled by a light ring of burgundy, while the reverse is fully brilliant. The strike is needlesharp with completely delineated obverse stars and strong detail in the usually troublesome area below the reverse shield. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC during the September 2019 Labelman87 sale.



**1893-O 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** This piece is largely brilliant, with russet mixed into the legends and reverse fields. Wear is consistent with the AU grade, with only rub on the high points of Liberty's chin, nose, and ear. A few obverse hairlines are consistent with the technical grade, but the overall effect is wholesome, and CAC is in agreement on this point. The mintmark position is best described as awkward, with the O sandwiched between the D and the tail. Subsequent issues in the series are generally better executed, with the Mint engraver more effectively utilizing the space between the R and D. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.6 (2012-2014) holder. Previously sold by GFRC during the September 2019 Labelman87 sale.



**1894-O 25C**, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. Gold and grey fields host central devices that are somewhat lighter, with original mint bloom evident in the protected areas. The shading of this well-detailed example is even with no obtrusive spots or stains. The CAC population is 35 coins across all grades. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 Dupont hologram holder (2014-2015) with CAC approval. Last sold November 2020 as part of the GFRC Online Auctions early E-Bid sales.



**1894-S 25C**, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. The AU58 grade is popular for a reason, as pieces at this level will exhibit significant luster with only a touch of wear at the high points. This frosty example reveals silver-gray devices set atop mottled blue-green patina in the fields. CAC has approved only 32 pieces in all grades, with 18 of these at the Mint State level. Remarkably, CAC notes only a single piece between AU58 and MS64, making this coin among the nicest examples that can be had without a significant price jump, advancing from \$328 in AU58 to \$1,020 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1895 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Generous amounts of navy, blue-green, and rose patina intermix on both sides of this early Philadelphia Barber quarter. Frosty luster easily penetrates the medium skin, and the in-hand appeal is wholesome. Having four quarters of this date is not quite as good as having an 1895 dollar, but this remains a pleasing piece! CAC has graded 46 pieces in all grades combined, with seven examples at MS64 and 21 coins finer. The CAC price guide value is \$682 in MS64 and sharply jumps to \$1,650 in MS65, making this an optimal collecting grade. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1895-O 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** The thick obverse skin of this GFRC-rated Gem example reveals navy color at the rim, leading toward chestnut and tan patina at the center. The reverse is more lightly toned, with bits of russet hue in the legend and aqua shade in the fields. The CAC population is remarkably low, 37 pieces total, with seven coins at MS64 and only six examples finer. The CAC price guide is \$1,580 in MS64, an attractive value given that this piece represents a near-condition census example. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



**1896 25C, PCGS AU55, CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Metallic light blue and gold coloring are especially attractive on this 1896 Philadelphia struck Barber quarter. Strike is hammered including minute details for the lower right facing claws and grasped arrows. Satiny luster and cartwheels are pleasing during bright light inspection. Conservatively graded with just light rub on Liberty's cheek. A near-gem specimen that is housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005 -2011) holder with fresh CAC approval. Definitely not your typical white frosty Barber quarter and worth a small premium for overall eye appeal and CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC during October 2019.



**1896-O 25C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Medium skin reveals coin-gray surfaces, with a fine mist of charcoal patina evident on both sides. The stars and legend host deeper slate color, and the overall eye appeal is wholesome. This is a low-mintage issue, 60,000 pieces, struck prior to the reception of the With Motto dies at the San Francisco Mint. While obviously not at the level of the 1878-S, this issue remains one of the keys to the San Francisco Seated half set. Previously from the GFRC Quito Collection sale, where it realized \$3,606. CAC has approved 37 pieces total and assigns a value of \$2,750. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. Note, haze marks are on the holder.



**1896-S 25C**, PCGS VF20 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. One of the "big three" in the Barber quarter series, along with the 1901-S and 1913-S, this coin always draws immediate interest when examining a set. Coin gray patina covers the field of this original example, highlighted by subtle blue-green shading at the lower points. The stars and legend host deeper color, with teal and charcoal patina neatly surrounding the stars. This piece is remarkably advanced in the condition census. While the CAC census notes 225 pieces in all grades, only 26 coins are graded finer. Clearly these pieces circulated extensively, and most survivors are apt to be found in lower grades. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$4,350 in VF20. While not inexpensive, this coin will draw significant collector interest should the next owner wish to "trade up" at some future point. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1897 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Nearly untoned surfaces host exhibit faint hints of gold and russet patina at the rims, while frosty cartwheels quickly activate as the coin is tilted. CAC has graded 43 pieces total, with 11 coins in MS64 and 15 examples in higher grades. The CAC guide value is \$520 in MS64, with MS65 pieces valued at \$1,020. The foundational value is significant – this is a near-Gem uncirculated 19th century type coin with a low CAC population, an attractive offering at a mid-three figure price point. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1897-O 25C**, PCGS EF40 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. 1897 New Orleans strikes amounted to slightly above one million. The story is the same as with most Barber quarters. The denomination was a commerce workhorse and circulated heavily throughout the United States well into the Depression Era. Present day survival and certification rates are remarkably low for the mintage. In EF or better, CAC approval rates are notably low with 14 approved in all grades spanning EF40 to AU58. Steely surfaces exhibit mild reflectance during bright light inspection. Choice gray surfaces are fully unabraded. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 holder with CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC during July 2020.



**1897-S 25C**, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. The 1897-S is a better date among San Francisco Barber quarters, with a mintage just over half a million pieces. While not enjoying the status of the "big three" San Francisco quarters, the price profile of the 1897-S rises significantly above the type-coin level. This is a pleasing example, with a silver-gray portrait surrounded by colorful toning in the fields and stars. The reverse is more lightly toned with a base of rose-gray patina highlighted by aqua color in the legend. CAC has certified 51 pieces in all grades, with two coins in AU and 14 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$1,150 in EF45. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder with CAC approval.



**1898 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** The eye appeal of this exceptional AU58 example is obvious at a glance, with frosty centers framed by intense maroon and evergreen patina. The contrast of silver Mint bloom and sharp color is especially prized in today's market, where overall aesthetic appeal plays a stronger role than in previous generations. CAC has graded 65 examples total with over half of these coins at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide is \$257 in AU58, and GFRC expects that this coin will sell for more. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



**1898-O 25C, PCGS VF25 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** This affordable New Orleans piece exhibits coin-grey surfaces with crusty outlines of the design devices. High points are lighter, and the contrast between the central figures and fields is pleasing. One need not be a millionaire to be a numismatic connoisseur – within any grade level there are exceptional examples, and then there is everything else. This piece clearly qualifies as the former. The CAC census notes 46 coins in all grades and assigns a value of \$218 in VF25. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1898-S 25C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** The CAC populations for certain issues in the Barber quarter series are not yet fully appreciated, and, in this case, CAC has graded only 23 coins in all grades. While the coin market has fully embraced the concept of absolute rarity, it has not yet completely understood that many issues are scarce when located with original surfaces. Once this piece is acquired, finding another CAC-approved example for sale will not be a trivial exercise. This coin reveals uniform silver-gray surfaces with a light mist of coffee patina atop the obverse, while residual luster is easily evident in the protected areas. The CAC price guide value is \$608 in AU53. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1899 25C**, **PCGS MS62 CAC**, **Near-Gem Original**, **Island City Collection**. This MS62 Barber quarter is an instructive example of the difference between MS and AU pieces - the toning on the obverse high points is completely uniform, while on AU pieces one often sees lighter shades on the cheek, nose, neck, and cap. This piece is silver-toned with varied hints of gray on the reverse, and the smooth surfaces are nearly mark-free. Ample luster enhances the appeal, and the coin is approved by CAC. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. Previously sold by GFRC during March 2021 and as part of the Labelman87 Collection Sale during September 2019.



**1899-O 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** This 1899-O quarter was offered as part of the Labelman87 Collection Sale during September 2019 and listed as a JUST BUY IT NOW lot. Blue-green encircles the gold-toned obverse, while a brilliant reverse center gives way to lilac and plum shades at the rim. This is an eye-popping headlight, one that will draw attention when shown around at a coin show or club meeting, and there is no surprise that it bears CAC certification. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder.



**1899-S 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Silver surfaces host light crust in the protected areas around the stars, legend, arrow, and shield, while a light mist of charcoal patina covers the lower portion of Liberty. Ample luster is evident around the stars and within the recessed facial features. The San Francisco Mint struck less than a million pieces in this year, and the 1899-S is valued well above type-coin examples. CAC has approved 32 coins total, a low level within the Barber quarter series, with ten pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$1,200 in AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



1900 25C, PCGS MS63 CAC OGH, Choice Original, Island City Collection. Smooth, frosty surfaces exhibit steel and gray patina along with hints of champagne color. Design elements emerge boldly from the planchet, revealing an effective strike. A growing collector base set aside business strikes at the time of issue, and today both the PCGS and CAC census indicate that over half the certified examples reside at the Mint State level. The relatively ample supply means that well-detailed, lustrous examples can today be acquired at affordable levels. CAC has certified 46 pieces overall with 26 examples finer. The CAC guide value is \$413. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1900-O 25C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Gold-russet color builds in intensity across the surfaces of this coin, with the deepest shades to the right of the central devices. Ample luster complements the thick patina, and the overall eye appeal is pleasing. Stars to the left are softly impressed, as are the lower leaves in the laureate wreath. The CAC census includes 31 pieces in all grades, with 19 coins in Mint State, and assigns a value of \$558 in AU53. With most Mint State pieces priced at four figures and up, this represents an ideal collector grade that combines attractive toning with a good measure of remaining luster. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



1900-S 25C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. A top shelf 1900 San Francisco struck Barber quarter that is sure to please the winning bidder. Steely fields retain considerable radiance and cartwheels during bright light inspection. Overall toning is light gray with golden highlights. Strike is fully executed with minimal wear at the assigned grade. A premium example that easily warranted CAC approval. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with that much sought after CAC green bean. Total CAC population is a lowly 39 pieces as a much better date. Previously sold by GFRC as part of the Iowa Collection during May 2018 and again during September 2020.



**1901 25C**, **PCGS MS62 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Island City Collection**. Smoky gray patina fills both sides, with heavier splashes of color evident in the stars and legend. The medium skin is unquestionably original, as hairline-free fields reveal antique surfaces imparted only by the hands of time. This is not a rare date, making high-grade examples more affordable, with a CAC-assigned value of \$406. CAC has approved only 46 pieces in all grades, with 29 coins finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1901-O 25C**, PCGS EF45 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. The 1901-O is a tougher issue among Barber quarters, and the Guide Book prices examples 5x-10x higher than common-date pieces in the series. This coin exhibits copper patina in the protected areas, while the figure of Liberty is graced by subtle shades of blue-green and gold. The reverse toning is more intense overall, with the deepest color at the rim. A few of the obverse stars are softly impressed. CAC notes 57 pieces across all grades, with five coins in AU and 11 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide value in EF45 is \$1,110, a reasonable level for a pleasing example of a more challenging issue. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1902 25C**, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. Nearly untoned silver-gray surfaces host bits of dirt in the protected areas, most noticeably in the date and stars. A healthy strike delivers sharply defined stars, while the residual luster is ample for the assigned grade level. A decent piece overall and an ideal candidate for an AU type or quarter set. CAC has graded 50 examples total, with 33 coins at the Mint State level. The CAC-assigned price in AU58 is \$257. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1902-O 25C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Island Collection.** Thick steel and rose patina blankets both sides, with bits of faded slate color scattered across obverse and reverse surfaces. The originality factor is strong, and the skin is clearly undisturbed. A few of the obverse stars are soft. CAC notes 48 coins across all grades, with 20 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value in AU53 is an affordable \$351. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



1902-S 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. Deep mirrors nearly suggest Proof status, and this no doubt represents an early emission from polished dies. The strike is hammered, with strong stars and pinpoint detail in the eagle feathers. Combined with the flashy appearance, the CAC certification is more than justified. Equally attractive survivors at higher grade levels are rare, and CACG has certified just 15 Mint State pieces overall. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.6 (2012-2014) holder. Previously sold by GFRC as part of the Labelman87 Collection Sale, September 2019.



**1903 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Rich shades of blue-green and russet patina rest in the fields, while the central devices exhibit mixed tan and silver color. High points of the coin are more lightly toned and contrast nicely with the surrounding thick skin. Star and feather detail is distinct. CAC has graded 36 coins total, with 11 pieces at MS64 and seven examples finer. The PCGS price guide value in MS64 is \$858. With a jump to \$2,100 in MS65, this example represents an optimal collector grade, reasonably advanced in the condition census but available at a much more attractive price point. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1903 25C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** This exceptional 1903 Barber quarter has the hallmarks of being conservatively graded as a starting point. Rotating this lovely gem under a bright light exposes center sky blues surrounded by peripheral gold. Previously sold with a JUST BUY IT NOW recommendation October 2021. Well preserved surfaces and delicate details combine for the signature CAC eye appeal. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2021) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Running Boar Collection.

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**1903-O 25C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Frosty silver devices contrast with richly toned fields, as the untoned central figures rise above a base of tan and chocolate patina. The star centers are well defined, and the eagle feathers reveal strong detail. CAC notes 42 pieces total, with 13 coins finder. The CAC guide value is \$1,190. The Barber quarter series numbers 74 pieces total, not an insignificant commitment, but one might also consider collecting a limited portion of the set, such as the 18 New Orleans pieces, which were struck each year from 1892 until 1909. In either case, the current offering of Island Lake Barber quarters presents an excellent opportunity to begin such a collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1904 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island Lake Collection. The GFRC Labelman87 Collection Sale, held during 2019, brought an extraordinary group of original Barber quarters, not necessarily high-priced, but difficult to locate in choice preservations. This piece boasts a high degree of originality with hairline-free fields and medium toning contrasted with light dirt in the legends. The even shading is predominantly gray with occasional hues of gold, rose, and blue-green. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1904-O 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Light gold, rose, and blue shades create an antique finish on this original 1904-O quarter, while the stars and legends exhibit a touch of crust. This is one of the scarcer New Orleans issues in the Barber quarter series, and often comes with some striking weakness, as is seen here with a couple flat stars. A few light, horizontal lines are seen in the portrait, but the luster and toning are attractive, and the eye appeal is strong. CAC has certified five AU58s and just 17 coins in all Mint State grades combined. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. Previously sold by GFRC as part of the Labelman87 Sale held during September 2019.



**1905-O 25C**, **PCGS MS64 CAC**, **Gem Original**, **Island City Collection**. Gold and russet centers lead toward well-defined bands of bluegreen patina at the rims, and the eye appeal is exceptional. A few of the obverse high points are marked by silver color while the reverse is more evenly toned overall. Concentric rings of color are perhaps the most favored scheme among toning enthusiasts, and the aesthetic charm is immediately apparent. Note, a few horizontal lines on the cheek are on the coin, not on the holder. The CAC census notes 43 coins total, with five pieces at MS64 and 12 coins finer. The CAC price guide value is \$3,000 and GFRC expects significant buyer interest at this level. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



1906-D 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection. As with most of the CAC-approved, AU58 pieces in the Island City Barber quarter consignment, the population of CAC-certified Mint state examples is small. This piece is no exception, with 21 coins approved by CAC in all uncirculated grades combined. These will come onto the market only one or two pieces at a time, making opportunity the controlling factor in building a quality set. This brilliant, lustrous example is one such opportunity. A light russet ring graces the obverse rim while the reverse exhibits only hints of toning. The fields are especially mark-free for the grade. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.6 (2012-2014) holder. Previously from the Labelman87 Collection Sale held during September 2019.



1906-O 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island Collection. Rich toning is the hallmark of this 1906-O Barber quarter, with swirling deep blue and gray hues on the obverse, while the reverse hosts lighter shades of maroon and blue-green. Ticks are almost nowhere to be seen and the near-gem luster penetrates even the thick skin. CAC approval attests to the overall eye appeal, which will be especially appreciated by lovers of toned coins. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.6 (2012-2014) holder. Previously from the Labelman87 Collection and sold March 2021 by GFRC.

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1907 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. Antique silver surfaces host bits of tan and charcoal patina at the rims, while the reverse reveals light maroon color in the lower portion. Residual luster is readily apparent in the protected areas, particularly within the wreath and recessed portions of the face. CAC has graded 71 examples total, with 48 coins at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$257 in AU58, an affordable level for a well-detailed, original type coin from the early 20th century. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1907-D 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. A wonderful 1907-D Barber quarter ideal for AU centric date and mintmark sets. CAC approval rewards the first-rate eye appeal and accurate grading. Both sides feature brilliant frosty centers surrounded by peripheral copper-gold shades. The obverse also has some embedded aquamarine coloring. Surfaces are essentially unabraded. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC during September 2020 with all our past sales stories available in the Sales Archive.



**1907-O 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** With 74 issues in the Barber quarter series, set builders will do well to carefully allocate funds across a large number of coins. The present piece is particularly affordable, with a CAC value of \$211. Moreover, of the 50 reported coins at CAC, 44 pieces are at higher levels, meaning that an opportunity to acquire a lower priced CAC-approved example may not soon be repeated. This lustrous example exhibits scattered russet and maroon color at the rims. Marks are minimal as expected for the grade and the eye appeal is wholesome. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1908 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Steel and silver surfaces host light notes of maroon color on the obverse, while the reverse exhibits heavier rust shades to the southeast. Star centers are well-defined, as is the reverse feather detail. Of the four Mints that produced Barber quarters, Philadelphia was the only Mint to do so for each year of the series, producing 25 issues total from 1892-1916. CAC notes 51 coins in all grades, with 39 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$257. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1908-D 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. Thick patina blankets both sides of this Denver piece, with liberal amounts of tan and charcoal color evident throughout. Bits of silver shade peak out from the protected areas, more so on the obverse. This year represents one of three in the Barber quarter series (including 1907 and 1909) during which all four Mints produced quarters. The CAC census includes 51 coins total, of which 32 pieces are at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$211 in AU55. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1908-O 25C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** This GFRC-rated Gem example exhibits original silver color on both sides, decorated by bits of electric blue and russet patina in the obverse stars, date, and legend. Exceptional luster is consistent with the assigned grade and imparts active cartwheels as the piece is tilted. Most of the star centers are evident. CAC notes 46 coins in all grades, with eight pieces at MS65 and only six finer, all at MS66. The CAC guide value is \$1,090, a most reasonable price point given the overall eye appeal and near-finest known status. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval.



1908-S 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. The 1908-S is a better issue within the Barber quarter series, with less than a million pieces struck. Even low-grade examples are priced at levels significantly above type-coin status, and the pricing widens as grade increases. This example exhibits silver central devices set atop rich ebony and tan fields. Toning migrates to the rim on the obverse while the reverse patination is scattered throughout. The CAC population is 50 coins total, with 23 of these at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$1,190. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1909 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Original, antique silver surfaces reveal tiny bits of crust in the protected areas, accompanied by faint hints of maroon color. Mint bloom remains in the recessed points, around the stars and reverse legend. The Mint was more focused on redesign of the copper and gold coinage during this period, and the Barber coinage was not reworked until 1916. CAC notes 76 pieces total, with 58 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$257. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1909-D 25C**, **PCGS AU55 CAC**, **Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Yet another nicely toned Barber quarter lot that has the noteworthy Labelman87 Collection pedigree. This AU55 example offers peripheral rose and gold centers with thicker russet tones at the rim. Marks are consistent with the certified grade, and the overall eye appeal is inviting. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.5 (2011-2013) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold by GFRC during September 2019 into the Island City Collection.



1909-O 25C, PCGS F12 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. The New Orleans Mint struck less than a million pieces in their final year of production, the lowest total for any New Orleans issue within the Barber quarter series. Although the "big three" San Francisco issues within this series are rightfully accorded first honors for rarity, the 1909-O quarter remains challenging in its own right. This example reveals a base of coin-gray patina with additional shades of deep gold and olive evident to the right of Liberty, while the reverse offers pleasing cameo contrast between the silver devices and gray fields. Surfaces are smooth for the grade with no distracting marks. CAC has graded 66 pieces total and assigns a value of \$718 in F12. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the Joseph J. Haney Collection pedigree.



1909-S 25C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection. Frosty, untoned centers lead toward thin bands of intense russet, maroon, and blue patina at the rims, and the eye appeal is exceptional. While silver coins across all grades may exhibit varying degrees of color, the addition of original Mint bloom serves to highlight the vibrant toning even further. GFRC expects strong bidder activity on this noteworthy example. CAC notes 32 pieces total, with six coins at MS63 and 17 examples finer. The MS63 value in the CAC price guide is \$998. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1911 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island Collection. Frosty silver surfaces admit a fine mist of slate patina, particularly on the reverse. Ample flash quickly activates under a light, consistent with the assigned grade. The stars are fully struck with defined centers, typical for this series, which in general exhibits strikes superior to Liberty Seated coinage, no surprise as coining technology advanced considerably since the 1830s. The CAC census includes 66 coins overall, with 14 pieces at MS64 and 24 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$455. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1911-D 25C, PCGS AU50 CAC OGH, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** The 1911-D is a better date in the Barber quarter series, with less than a million pieces struck, and represents the lowest mintage total among the ten Denver issues within this 25-year series. This example reveals copper and gray patina throughout, with lighter colors covering the central devices. Deeper shades huddle in the protected areas, with charcoal bits evident in the stars and legend. The eye appeal is pleasing, and combined with the low CAC population, this coin offers considerable foundational value. CAC notes 26 pieces in all grades combined, with ten coins finer. The CAC guide value is \$819. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1911-S 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** The 1911 San Francisco date sports a mintage of slightly under one million pieces. In recognition of the heavy circulation of small denomination coinage during the Great Depression, few survived choice. PCGS has only certified 19 examples at the AU58 grade level while the CAC approved total is a scant four pieces. That is s a miniscule fraction of the mintage. This specimen is 100% original with speckled olive-gold patina on the obverse and creamy light gold on the reverse. Reverse luster is particularly strong with vibrant cartwheels. Strike is complete with entirely unabraded surfaces. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Twin Lakes Collection and previously sold by GFRC during March 2020.



**1912 25C**, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection. A base of light gold toning throughout hosts numerous crusty bits in the protected areas, most notably above the central devices. CAC has certified 76 pieces in all grades, including 58 examples at the Mint State level. This top-heavy pattern is typical within the Barber quarter series – collectors clearly preserved a good number of pieces at the time of issue, represented by MS examples in the census, while the rest of the emission entered circulation and experienced varying degrees of wear. The upside is that AU examples such as the present coin are within the budget of many collectors. The CAC price guide value is \$257. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1913 25C**, PCGS AU55 CAC Rattler, Choice Original, Island Collection. The year 1913 brought the lowest Barber quarter mintage among all Philadelphia issues for the Barber quarter series, a situation echoed with the half dollars where the 1913 is a semi-key emission. This CAC-approved example exhibits light golden toning on both sides with hints of rose here and there. A few ticks are present, most notably in the right obverse field near stars 7 and 8. CAC certification is elusive for this issue with just 9 pieces in AU58 and 25 Mint State coins so recognized. Housed in a PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) rattler holder with CAC approval.



**1913-D 25C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Even, light gold and rose patina covers both sides of this latedate Barber quarter. Original Mint bloom resides in the protected areas, most notably around the obverse stars. This is a nicely balanced piece with near-complete detail, attractive color, and a good degree of remaining luster. CAC notes 36 coins total, with 31 examples finer, and assigns a value of \$242 in AU53. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the Joseph J. Haney Collection pedigree.



1913-S 25C, PCGS VG10 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. The 1896, 1901, and 1913 San Francisco issues are well-known as the keys to the Barber quarter set, with the 1913-S placed firmly in the middle of the group in terms of rarity. The present coin is near-perfect for the grade, with smooth surfaces and even color. High points exhibit coin-grey patina while the fields and recessed points reveal deeper slate shades. The figure of Liberty is neatly outlined, and the overall eye appeal is strong for a VG example. CAC has approved 269 pieces total, of which 194 examples are at VG8 or less. For the most part, Barber quarters were either quickly saved or quickly spent, with the result that CAC has not certified even a single piece in the EF or AU range. The CAC price guide value is \$3,980 in VG10 and advances to \$6,000 in F12. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



1914 25C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. Gold and gray patina intermixes on the obverse, while the reverse is more heavily shaded in auburn and chestnut shades throughout. The convincing in-hand flash easily merits the GFRC near-Gem rating, and a sharp strike brings up detail even on the eagle claws. CAC has certified 120 coins in all grades, with 31 pieces at MS64 and 50 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$455, and the "luster per dollar" ratio is considerable. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1914-D 25C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Medium gold toning frames the central devices on both sides, with more intense shades approaching the rim. The obverse exhibits the barest touch of wear on the high points of the chin, nose, cap, and neck. The fields are only lightly abraded, consistent with the AU58 classification, and the overall appearance is aesthetic appealing. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold during the Labelman87 Collection Sale held September 2019.



1914-S 25C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. Although not as rare as the 1913-S quarter, the 1914-S still enjoys a minimal mintage of 264,000 pieces, the lowest total for any San Francisco Barber quarter outside of the "big three." The Guide Book assigns a multiplier of approximately 10x above type-coin value, and examples in all grades are prized. This piece exhibits a thick skin of steel patina, with occasional hints of emerald and rose color. Surfaces are unquestionably original, and the CAC certification is easily warranted. The CAC census notes 223 coins total, with 22 pieces finer, and assigns a value of \$1,470. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1915 25C**, PCGS MS64 CAC OGH, Gem Original, Island City Collection. Even rose-gold patina blankets the obverse, while the reverse exhibits a mist of champagne color at the rim, with heavier shades evident in the lower legend. The light toning allows the exceptional luster to quickly rotate as the coin is tilted, and the overall eye appeal is strong. CAC has certified 81 pieces in all grades, with 25 coins at MS64 and 33 examples finer. The CAC guide value in MS64 is \$455, and a higher bid for this GFRC-rated Gem example would not be a surprise. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1915-D 25C**, **PCGS MS64 CAC**, **Gem Original**, **Island City Collection**. Even gold toning covers both sides, with scattered crust evident at the rims. Hints of rose patina are apparent here and there and the aesthetic appeal is wholesome. Barber coinage offers opportunities for collectors to pursue near-Gem uncirculated examples at affordable levels, in this case a piece that is nearly as-struck for a mid-three figure price. CAC notes 97 coins in all grades, with 11 pieces in MS64 and 14 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$455. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



**1915-S 25C**, **PCGS AU58 CAC**, **Near-Gem Original**, **Island City Collection**. This is a slightly better-date San Francisco piece, not as scarce as the 1914-S but still more desirable than a common date example. Steely luster is absolutely brilliant during bright light inspection. Cartwheel action is rather intense. A mostly untoned example with hints of peripheral gold. A choice offering with unabraded surfaces and complete strike. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2011-2013) holder with CAC approval. Previously from the Twin Lakes collection and sold by GFRC during March 2020.



**1916 25C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** One of the highlights of the Island City Barber quarter collection, this GFRC-rated Gem example exhibits pleasing shades of rose, emerald, and sky blue throughout, decorated with a fine spray of charcoal color on the obverse Pastel hues intermix on both sides, and the eye appeal is strong. CAC has certified 65 pieces total, with 18 coins at MS65 and 11 examples finer. The CAC guide value is \$793, and we expect competition for this piece to be hotly contested. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1916-D 25C**, PCGS AU**58** CAC OGH, Gem Original, Island City Collection. Silver-gray surfaces reveal deeper color in the fields, with tan-chestnut color evident at the lower reverse. Residual luster flows from the protected areas, including the stars on both sides. The CAC census notes 325 coins total, of which 289 examples are at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$257, an eminently affordable price for a near-MS example. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1825 O-102 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Gem Original.** This perfect collector example exhibits untoned centers surrounded by pleasing rings of russet and vivid blue patina. The eye appeal is compelling, and competition for this piece will be enthusiastic. O-102, with an evenly spaced date and extra lines to the left, at the bases of shield verticals sets 3-5. CAC notes 325 coins in all grades and assigns a value of \$585 in AU55, but we expect at least one bid above the guide value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.

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**1832 Small Letters O-106 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Woodlands Collection.** Gray and mauve patina fills the obverse fields, while the high points in the curls and cheek are marked by lighter silver color. The reverse exhibits light olive shade in the fields, surrounded by ebon hue at the rim. O-106, with recutting on star 1 and a die defect at the low point of the shield. Varieties of Bust half dollars of are legion, with 23 die marriages reported for this year. The CAC census includes 480 coins in all grades, with a price guide value of \$960. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



**1842 Medium Date WB-8 5oC, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** A pleasing silver skin blankets both sides of this early date Seated half, a clearly original piece without the washed out look typically seen on lesser examples. Luster is frosty white, with moderate cartwheel effect when rotated. Minimal, light crust is evident in the protected areas, including both shields and the stars. Scattered ticks are consistent with the technical grade. Well-struck, with only a few claw joints blending together. WB-8 with a die line in the obverse shield, while light reverse die cracks in the legend indicate an early die state. The medium date is denoted by the serif in the 4 (this is also true for New Orleans strikes of this year). CAC has certified 61 pieces in all grades, with 18 at the Mint State level. This piece represents a lot of coin for the money, featuring a classic 19th century design and a high degree of originality. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2013) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Cumberland County Collection, via GFRC Online Auctions. The label captures the WB-8 attribution.



**1844 WB-13 50C, PCGS MS60 Gold CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection.** Stone original surfaces host smoky gray color with a crescent of deeper patina at the left stars. The surfaces are smooth for the grade and the eye appeal is exceptional. While the Gold sticker is certainly a plus, this is a coin that needs to be appreciated for its natural skin and hairline-free fields. WB-13, with an upward sloping date and die lines above the left wing. The stars all exhibit defined centers, and only a few claws to the left blend together. CAC has approved 58 coins total, with 13 pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$1,080 in MS60, \$1,200 in MS61, and GFRC expects bidding to exceed the published guide levels. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with Gold CAC approval.

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**1846-O Medium Date WB-4 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** Nearly untoned surfaces exhibit a few hints of smoky patina, while ample Mint bloom is evident in the protected areas. The No Motto Seated design is preferred by many, being more uncluttered and closer to the original engraver's intentions. WB-4, with repunching in the date and a mintmark tilting slightly to the left. Most star centers are present, while some of the feathers to the left blend together. CAC notes 36 pieces in all grades, with 11 coins in Mint State, and assigns a value of \$1,800 in AU58. This coin escalates rapidly in value when approaching Mint State, with CAC advancing from \$624 in AU50 to \$2,400 in MS60, while PCGS jumps from \$650 to \$2,500 across the same grades. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the WB-4 attribution.



**1848-O WB-5 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** A wonderful release from the Twin Lakes Collection that previously originated from both the Seal Beach and Newtown Collections. Frosty cartwheel luster is eye catching on this well preserved 1848 New Orleans strike. The surfaces are covered with a transparent layer of teal, rose and golden patina that was readily captured by GFRC photography but is light during in hand or bright light viewing. The WB-5 die pairing features an obverse die that is rusted with micro pitting throughout Liberty's gown folds and in the right field. Strike is nearly complete but a few stars lacking fully defined center points. Accurately graded and housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) holder with Dupont hologram. A superb offering with a great string of pedigrees to consider.



**1849 WB-12 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** The Twin Lakes consignor is an avid enthusiast of CAC-approved, AU58 pieces, and examples such as the present coin readily illustrate the attraction. Strong luster, full detail, and original surfaces highlight a classic 19th century coin design to full effect. A sharp strike completes the package and imparts full lines between the eagle's claws. CAC has certified 51 coins total, with 19 pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$1,080 in AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1850 WB-1 50C, PCGS EF40 CAC, Choice Original, Newtown Collection.** Maroon color covers the obverse with the deepest patina evident in the protected areas, while the high points exhibit lighter hue. The reverse is less toned overall, with a few concentrations present in the legend. WB-1, with a repunched o in the date. CAC has certified 26 coins total, with seven pieces in EF, nine coins in AU, and six examples in Mint State. The CAC guide value is \$1,230. While not as rare as the 1851 Philadelphia issue, this is still a much better date, as silver deposits decreased following the onset of the Gold Rush. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1853** Arrows & Rays 5oC, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. The 1853 Arrows & Rays Seated half is a perennial favorite among type coins and always draws attention as a one-year design. This frosty example exhibits pleasing splashes of russet and evergreen color at the rims, and the eye appeal is consistent with the GFRC-Near Gem rating. Most star centers are present. CAC notes 221 coins total, with 59 at the Mint State level. The CAC guide value is \$1,380, advancing to \$1,800 in MS60, making this an optimal grade that retains substantial appeal at a healthy discount off the Mint State price. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1853 Arrows & Rays 50C**, **PCGS AU53 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Island City Collection**. This semi-crusty example exhibits antique silver surfaces marked by bits of dirt in the protected areas, most notably within the shields. The medium skin reveals hairline-free, original fields, and the eye appeal is wholesome. This is a popular one-year type, and the addition of rays to the reverse was an artful way to signify the weight change mandated by the 1853 Coinage Act. CAC has graded 221 pieces in all grades, with 112 coins finer, and assigns a value of \$811 in AU53. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder with CAC approval.



**1855-O Arrows & Rays 50C**, **PCGS AU58 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Twin Lakes Collection**. Frosty silver surfaces reveal maroon, russet, and gray shades in the protected areas, gathering around the stars, legend, and within the eagle. The strike is healthy, and most of the claw joints are well-separated. Among the With Arrows New Orleans half dollars, the mintage for the 1855-O is somewhat lower than the 1854-O, yet the price profiles are identical in the Guide Book. Such opportunities arise frequently within Liberty Seated coinage. CAC notes 104 pieces total, with 44 coins in Mint State, and assigns a value of \$530 in AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1856 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Oregon Beaver Collection.** Luster booms from the surfaces of this Philadelphia piece, easily penetrating the medium skin. Speckled tan, ocean green, and slate patina blanket the obverse, while smoky gray hue more evenly covers the reverse, along with olive shades in the protected areas. The luster is not fully conveyed by the images, and the next owner of this GFRC-rated Gem example will be pleased. Strike is typical, with softness in the right stars. The Gardner coin, graded PCGS MS66 CAC and arguably the finest known, exhibits similar striking characteristics. CAC notes 39 examples total, with two coins at MS65 and a single piece finer, in MS66. The PCGS census counts six examples at MS65 and just two coins at MS66. The CAC price guide value is \$7,500 in MS65. Quality is never cheap, and this represents a fair price for a near-finest known example. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1856-O Double Date WB-9 5oC, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** Brilliant frosted radiance and swirling cartwheels radiate from the surfaces of this GFRC-Gem quality rated Seated half. This lot, with the notable Seal Beach pedigree, would grade much higher were it not for light rub on the high points of the knee and breast. A light skin of silver and grey helps accentuate the Mint bloom even more, and the minimal surface marks are well distributed. This example is well-struck apart from stars 12-13, with a distinctly detailed head of Liberty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. Now returning to the marketplace via the Twin Lakes collection.



**1858 50C**, **PCGS AU58 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Twin Lakes Collection**. Moderate crust fills the protected areas of this CAC-approved example, embedded in the date, stars, and legend. Olive-gray patina covers Liberty and the fields, and the originality is plainly evident. The strike is typical, with a few soft stars to the right. Ample Mint frost remains in the recessed portions. CAC has certified 112 coins, with 32 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$562. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1858 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Gem Original, Steely Reflective Luster.** One of the most eye appealing AU graded 1858 Seated halves that I've had the pleasure of handling. This certified AU55 is an exceptional gem with its sharp steely luster and multi-color toning. First sold by GFRC during September 2020 with a JUST BUY IT NOW recommendation that should be glaringly obvious. Once placing this piece in a collection, the temptations for upgrading should be remote as overall presentation will put many Mint State examples to shame. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 holder with CAC approval.



**1858-O WB-1 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Misplaced Date, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** This GFRC-rated Gem example from the Twin Lakes consignor reveals pleasing luster for the grade that is readily activated under a light. Centers are largely untoned, while deeper maroon and charcoal patina fills the stars and legend. Nicely struck, with most star points evident and individually defined claw joints. WB-1, with an errant 1 in the dentils. CAC notes 103 pieces total, of which 17 are at the Mint State level, and assigns a value of \$562 in AU58. All coins are on a continuum, and even among CAC-approved pieces some will stand out more than others. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the WB-1 MPD attribution.

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**1859 WB-11 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Newtown Collection.** CAC-approved coins generally come nice, although in some cases CAC is more forgiving of overly crusty toning or old marks. This is not the situation here, as the medium skin evenly blankets smooth surfaces, and the overall look is pleasing. A base of maroon and violet patina underlays deeper gold and olive color at the rims. Claws and feathers to the left are soft, while most of the star centers are distinct. WB-11, with the 1 centered above two dentils. CAC has graded 46 pieces total, with 11 coins at all Mint State levels combined. The CAC guide value is \$562, too low in our opinion for this example. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Seal Beach Collection.



**1859-O 5oC**, **PCGS AU58 CAC**, **Near-Gem Original**, **Twin Lakes Collection**. The Twin Lakes consignor, king of the PCGS AU58 CAC kingdom, graces his loyal subjects with this Halloween-themed New Orleans piece. Burnt orange and fire-engine red fills the rims, leading to rich autumn and tan colors in the fields. A quick flip reveals original luster, most apparent in the protected areas. This is a nicely struck piece, with exceptional definition in the eagle claws. The CAC census notes 66 coins total, with 15 pieces in Mint State, and assigns a value of \$686 in AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1860-S WB-1 50C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Near-Gem Original.** Silver-gray color fills both sides of this early San Francisco half, with original Mint bloom evident in the protected areas around the stars and legend. Dusty charcoal patina resides at the peripheries, a touch more so on the reverse. WB-1, with a low date and tiny die lump at the top of 1. The CAC population is 22 coins in all grades and the CAC price guide value is \$624 in AU50, an exceptional value given the scarcity of this coin in original preservation. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.

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**1870 WB-7 50C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Newtown Collection.** Rich color covers both sides of this middle-date Philadelphia piece. Deep tan and chestnut patina underlays both sides, with navy blue highlights present in the left stars and aqua hue evident in the legend and protected areas of the obverse. Stars points are distinct and claw joints are separated, if faintly so. CAC has approved 32 pieces total, with three coins at MS64 and only two examples finer, both at MS65. The CAC guide value is \$3,150 in MS64 and \$10,500 in MS65. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1873-CC** No Arrows WB-2 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. The No Arrows, Close 3 half dollars were struck for only a short period of time at the beginning of 1873, prior to a change in the date punch, intended to make the 3 more readable. These coins circulated widely, and few Mint State pieces are known today. This pleasing AU55 example exhibits even coin-gray patina with light dirt in the protected areas, while the reverse is a touch lighter. Hints of gold, rose, and slate color are additionally evident as the coin is tilted under a light. WB-2, with repunching in the 1. CAC notes 33 pieces total, including three coins at AU55 and just three examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$11,200 in AU55. The low CAC population is telling, and even more so for high-value pieces, where CAC becomes even tighter than their usual strict standards. Carson City pieces are ever popular and capture the flavor of the American West more effectively than San Francisco coinage, which was struck in a dynamic, cosmopolitan city far separated from the dusty outpost in the Sierra Nevada. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge prong insert and CAC approval. Ex. Seal Beach Collection. Previously sold by GFRC in March 2018.



**1874 With Arrows 5oC, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection.** A medium skin of russet and tan shade covers both sides of this With Arrows example, with the center of the eagle retaining its original silver color. Frosty luster is readily apparent, and the overall eye appeal is strong. A healthy strike cleanly separates nearly all of the claw joints, and the head is sharp. The CAC census notes 66 pieces in all grades, with nine coins at MS64 and eight pieces finer. The CAC guide value is \$3,900 in MS64. This two-year With Arrows design is avidly pursued by type collectors, increasing the pricing pressure across all grades. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.

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**1875-S Unlisted 5oC, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Oregon Beaver Collection.** Even coffee patina covers the obverse center of this high-grade San Francisco piece, with original silver color remaining in the protected areas. The reverse reveals intermixed steel, tan, and deep maroon color throughout. A few stars are softly impressed. Despite a mintage of 3.2 million examples, CAC notes 60 coins total, a remarkably low total. The CAC census includes ten pieces in MS66 and just two examples finer, both in MS67. The CAC price guide value is \$6,000. With a price jump to \$21,600 in MS67, this is the finest example one can hope to acquire in the mid-four figure range. Ex. Eric P. Newman (Heritage Auctions, November 16, 2013, lot 33741, there certified NGC MS66, realized \$11,750), previously from the Colonel E. H. R. Green collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) holder with CAC approval. The "Colonel" Green-Newman pedigree is listed on the label.



**1877 50C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** Booming, frosty luster flows from the glass-smooth surfaces of this GFRC-rated Gem example. Centers are untoned and lead toward russet patina that intensifies at the rims. This is the preferred "look" of many collectors, as the brilliant silver color in the central devices contrasts with evolving shades in the fields. The toning scheme on both sides is virtually identical, a characteristic associated with originally preserved pieces. Star centers are well defined, while most of the claws exhibit separation if faintly so. The CAC census includes 75 pieces total, with only three coins finer, all in MS67. PCGS counts but four pieces at the MS67 level, reinforcing the rarity of this issue in the highest grades. The CAC price guide value is \$7,500, while PCGS quotes \$8,000. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**18**77 **50C**, **PCGS AU58 CAC**, **Choice Original**, **Twin Lakes Collection**. Medium skin covers both sides of this late-date Seated half, revealing gold-olive color in the protected areas, while the rims are more deeply toned in shades of russet and gray. Fields are smooth, apart from a couple marks inside star 12, which are consistent with the technical grade. A few feathers to the left of the arrow fletching blend together. The originality is strong, and the overall look is pleasing. The PCGS census notes 75 coins in all grades, with nearly two-thirds of these at the Mint State level. The PCGS price guide value is \$429. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1877-S 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection.** Rich evergreen and rose patina cover both sides of this San Francisco example, but the original luster remains easily apparent as the coin is flipped under a light source. The in-hand eye appeal is strong, consistent with the GRFC Gem rating. The strike is sharp, with delineated star centers and defined claw joints. CAC has certified 117 coins in all grades, with 80 pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$429, an affordable level for an original, well-preserved 19th century type coin. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1887 50C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection.** Maroon and rose patina fill the fields of this late-date Philadelphia half, while blue and charcoal shades flood the rims and protected areas. Design elements all rise above the toning, and the contrast is pleasing. The flash is exceptional, consistent with the technical grade, and showcases the thick color. Indeed, this piece must be seen in-hand to be fully appreciated. Stars to the right are softly impressed, while claw joints exhibit minimal separation. CAC has approved 30 pieces in all grades, with six coins in MS66 and five examples finer, all in MS67. The CAC price guide value in MS66 is \$6,000. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1917-S Mintmark Obverse 5oC, PCGS VF35 CAC, Choice Original.** The 1917-S Mintmark Obverse is a better date within the Walker series, with under a million pieces struck. This original survivor reveals dirt in the protected areas while high-points exhibit uniform coin-gray patina. The stars seemingly flow out of Liberty's right hand, evoking the French figure of the Sower appearing on late 19th century coinage of the at country. CAC has graded 198 examples in all grades and assigns a value of \$998 in VF35. CAC population at grade is 10 piece stickered and holdered. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.

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**1925** Lexington Commemorative **50C**, PCGS MS63 CAC, Near-Gem Original. Golden silver-gray patina is noted on the obverse while the reverse sports speckled rose. The frosted luster glows under angled lighting. A few tiny obverse ticks hold this piece back from a full GFRC-Gem quality rating. A top shelf example that is guaranteed to please the winning bidder. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



1847 \$1, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Light Copper/Gold Patina, Woodlands Collection. Liberty Seated dollars circulated little, and today most survivors are apt to be encountered in higher grades, typically EF and up. This AU example exhibits silver surfaces marked by bits of navy blue and maroon color, more heavily at the rims. CAC has certified 99 coins in all grades, with 14 pieces in Mint State, and assigns a value of \$1,750. While the absolute rarity of Seated dollars as compared to Morgan dollars is well-known, the survival rate is similarly a fraction of that reported for Morgans. PCGS has graded 923 coins total (0.6% of the original mintage), as compared to the 1885-CC Morgan, with a whopping 26,956 examples reported by PCGS, or 11.8% of the original production. Resubmissions no doubt play a role, but the trend is clear – few Seated dollars are today available to collectors, and the supply constricts even further when original preservation is considered. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder with CAC approval.



**1859-O \$1, PCGS EF45 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** This New Orleans piece exhibits a thick skin of gray and rose patina, marked by lighter color at the high points. A few scattered ticks are noted on the figure of Liberty. CAC notes 143 coins total, with 26 examples in AU and 80 pieces in Mint State. These coins circulated little, and the CAC grade distribution is top-heavy, as expected. The CAC guide value is \$1,150 in EF45. Following the Coinage Act of 1853, Seated dollars contained slightly more silver than two half dollars, meaning that most pieces coined were intended for international trade. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1928 \$1, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. The 1928 Peace dollar enjoys the lowest mintage in the series and is highly prized even in the low circulated grades. This example reveals a silver-gray base, complemented by a light wash of champagne color on both sides. Original frost peeks from the protected areas, while portions of the lower reverse are softly impressed, typical for Peace dollars. The CAC price guide value is \$585. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1834-D** \$1, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection. This piece exhibits silver surfaces with scattered, light greengold patina on both sides. Luster is readily evident, and heft of a silver dollar, combined with the in-hand flash, impresses even non-collectors. This year represents the final year of Peace dollar production at the Denver Mint. The CAC price guide in AU58 is \$179. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval.



**1834-S \$1, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** This is a much better date within the Peace dollar series, especially when approaching Mint State condition. Certain issues, typically from the branch Mints, simply were not saved in quantity at the time of issue, and high-grade survivors are strictly a matter of chance. While penny boards were quite popular during the Depression, few could collect silver dollars in the same way. A dusting of tannish color covers both sides of this example, with deeper shades evident at the eagle's feet. The CAC price guide value is \$1,890 in AU58, advancing sharply to \$4,050 in MS60. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1852-O Type 1 Indian Head G\$1, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Honey green-gold coloration is consistent on both sides of this choice \$1 gold piece. New Orleans mintage amounted to 140,000 resulting in the 1852-O being the second rarest for the branch mint. This date is moderately scarce in circulated grade with CAC approved example being difficult to locate. CAC population is 39 in all grades with 5 at the certified grade. The reserve is quite attractive for bidders as below the CAC guide of \$750. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Previously sold May 2023 in a GFRC Online Auction where it realized \$825.



**1853 Type 1 Indian Head G\$1, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Orange-gold surfaces host scattered bits of copper patina, more so on the reverse. CAC has certified 448 coins total, with a strong majority of these pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$476 in AU58. This would be an ideal candidate for a gold type set, an affordable coin with significant remaining luster and original surfaces. Note, reverse marks are on the holder. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1854 Type 1 Indian Head G\$1, NGC MS64 CAC Fatty, Near-Gem Original, Seal Beach Collection.** Vibrant luster radiates from the smooth surfaces of this near-Gem Type I example, highlighting the razor-sharp strike. This issue is a better date, representing the second-lowest Philadelphia production among Type I pieces. The Mint concluded Type I production in this year, moving to a larger planchet size for the Type II pieces. Light die cracks are evident at both rims. The CAC population is 153 coins in all grades, with 24 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,390. Housed in an NGC Gen 4 (1990-1992) no-line brown label Fatty holder with CAC approval.

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**1854 Type 1 Indian Head G\$1, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Yellow-gold luster blankets both sides of this small-format gold coin, with a few hints of copper color evident within the wreath. Dies cracks are present throughout, not unusual for one-dollar gold pieces, which often exhibit clashed dies and other die deterioration. This year represents the final issue of Type I gold pieces, prior to increasing the diameter to 15mm for the Type II design. The CAC census notes 153 coins total, with a strong majority of these at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$476. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1861 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Fiery red color fills the protected areas on both sides, throughout the figure of Liberty, the legend, and the wreath. Toned gold is scarcer than toned silver, and we expect significant collector interest for this eye appealing example that exhibits generous, deep copper patina. CAC has certified 161 coins total, with 18 pieces in AU and 142 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide in AU55 is \$589. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1873 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS AU55 CAC OGH, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Many of the later Philadelphia one-dollar gold coins tend to come in Mint State or not at all, and the 1873 Open 3 issue is typical, with CAC reporting just seven pieces at the AU level and 193 coins at the Mint State level. The advantage to the buyer is a lower price, with the CAC guide value set at \$535 in AU55. This example exhibits deep orange gold patina with copper shades evident in the protected areas. Detail is sharp throughout, with all wreath elements clearly delineated and revealing only minor circulation wear at the high points. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 old green holder with CAC approval.

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**1880 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Frosty design elements exhibit cameo contrast with the surrounding fields, and the eye appeal of this GFRC-rated Gem example is strong. One-dollar gold pieces of this era circulated little, and surviving coins cluster at the higher grades. Production was limited to 1,600 pieces, many of which were presented as holidays gifts, a popular custom at the time. CAC has certified 108 pieces in all grades, with 10 coins in MS65 and 91 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$2,480. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1881 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Production of one-dollar gold pieces fell drastically following the onset of the Civil War and never truly recovered. Annual mintages in the thousands are typical, and the Guide Book lists a long string of four-figure production levels. Even though somewhat available given higher than average survival rates, the allure of a low mintage figure remains compelling. This example exhibits frosty yellow-orange color with the lightest patina at the rims. CAC notes 122 pieces total, with 105 coins finer, and assigns a value of \$1,580 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1887 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Island City Collection.** Frosty yellow-gold surfaces reveal hints of rose patina and scattered bits of red-copper color. Most one-dollar pieces of this decade migrated quickly into collector hands, and high-grade survivors are the rule. As a result, highly lustrous and completely detailed examples, such as the present coin, are available to today's collector at reasonable price points. CAC has certified 119 coins total, with 101 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,100 in MS63. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1888 Type 3 Indian Princess G\$1, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection.** Yellow-gold patina hosts copper notes within the date, wreath, and obverse rim. Generous luster, consistent with the assigned grade, activates easily under a light source. Light reverse die cracks are evident. Completion of an entire date and mintmark set of one-dollar gold pieces is out of the reach of most collectors, but a more limited run of the late-date, low mintage Philadelphia pieces might present an achievable challenge for those interested in collecting gold by date. CAC notes 171 coins total, with 99 pieces finer, and assigns a value of \$1,250 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



1903 Louisiana Purchase Exposition G\$1, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island City Collection. This McKinley commemorative piece, issued in conjunction with the St. Louis World's Fair, reveals orange-gold coloration with copper hints evident on the reverse. These coins were produced as collector issues, and most survivors, such as a present example, are apt to be encountered in high grades. The reverse die is shared with the Jefferson obverse that was issued at the same time. CAC notes 604 coins total, with 403 pieces in MS65 and up. The CAC price guide value is \$780. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder with CAC approval.



**1849 Liberty G\$2.5, NGC AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection.** Blazing copper patina is the hallmark of this better date quarter eagle, with fiery red color evident throughout the protected areas. The contrast with the yellow-orange central devices is strong, and the overall eye appeal is exceptional. The Philadelphia Mint struck 23,294 pieces this year, a low total among Philadelphia issues, of which CAC has certified 28 coins in all grades. CAC further notes eight pieces in AU58 and four coins at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$2,400, advancing to \$34750 in MS60. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval.

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**1871 Liberty G\$2.5, NGC AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection.** Orange-gold fields host copper patina in the protected areas, within the date, stars, and legend. This is a better date among quarter eagles, with 5,320 pieces struck this year. The only mark of note is a void between stars 6 and 7. CAC has approved just 14 pieces overall, with 12 coins finer, and assigns a value of \$1,150. Ex. John McCloskey. This piece offers a pleasant combination of aesthetic appeal, rarity in original preservation, accessible price, and the pedigree of the longtime President of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval and special John McCloskey Collection label.



**1895** Liberty G\$2.5, PCGS MS64 CAC, Eye Appeal of Higher Grade, Near-Gem Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Every coin that crosses the GFRC desk has its special characteristics. In the case of this near-gem 1895 \$2.5 quarter eagle, brilliant luster and eye appeal are that of a higher grade. Obverse fields are lightly mirrored and offer reflective radiance. Reverse fields are frosted with corresponding bright light appearance. Overall luster was so intense that the standard contrast application, during GFRC image processing, was dampened to accurate capture visual effects. The assigned MS64 grade is a function of faint obverse chatter in the field and on the cheek. Frankly, the luster far outweighs any contact marks. Limited mintage of 6,000. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1908** Indian G\$2.5, PCGS MS64+ CAC, Gem Original, Island Lake Collection. The Indian \$2.50 set is uncomplicated, consisting of 14 pieces with similar mintages, and a single issue, the 1911-D, above the rest in terms of rarity. A complete set is accessible to many collectors, and GFRC recommends purchasing several of the more common pieces first, in order to acquire an understanding of what to look for when considering the lone "stopper" in the set. The present coin exhibits even yellow-gold surfaces with only a few scattered lines in the fields. The plus designation on this example is significant, as the CAC price guide value advances from \$2,620 in MS64 to \$6,300 in MS65. Whether building a \$2.50 Indian set or simply seeking noteworthy pieces, this is an appealing example that will easily stand above other coins at the MS64 level. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1926 Indian G\$2.5, NGC MS63 CAC Fatty, Choice Original, Seal Beach Collection.** Shimmering satiny luster is quite eye catching when placing this Indian \$2.5 under a bright light. Surfaces are essentially unabraded with a single contact mark on the cheek worthy of mention. This lovely gold piece is housed in a pristine NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line brown label Fatty holder with CAC approval.



**1854 Princess G\$3, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Wisconsin Gold Collection.** Rich orange color blankets the obverse of this first year of issue three, while the reverse exhibits deeper gray patina, with bits of copper shade above the wreath. Fields are smooth for the grade, with surfaces less marky than one might expect for the assigned grade. Production throughout this series was minimal, and even in this year the Mint produced less than 140,000 pieces. CAC notes 352 pieces in all grades, with 63 coins finer. The CAC price guide is \$4,380. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



**1886 Princess G\$3, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Seal Beach Collection.** Copper-red shades neatly outline the devices and legend of this late-date three, and the visual appeal is strong. Mintage was minimal this year, with only a thousand pieces struck. The CAC population is correspondingly low, 22 pieces in all grades, with four coins across all Mint State grades. The CAC price guide value is \$7,650. With a date set of three-dollar gold pieces out of range for many collectors, owning a single condition census example might be a better way to approach the series. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.

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**1847 Liberty G\$5, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Port Matilda Collection.** Green-gold fields lead toward the lustrous stars and legend, while the protected areas reveal light crust. This is an unquestionably original example, with medium skin and hairline-free surfaces. Few numismatists have the wherewithal to build complete date and mintmark sets of Liberty fives, making examples such as this more accessible to type coin collectors. CAC notes 124 coins in all grades, with 34 examples in Mint State. The CAC guide value is \$1,530 in AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval.



**1852-D Liberty G\$5, PCGS MS53 CAC, Choice Original, Wisconsin Gold Collection.** Branch Mint gold is ever popular among U.S. collectors, representing the efforts of remote operations to produce coinage in far from optimal circumstances. The Branch Mints were forced to make do without ready access to the technology of the large cities, and the coins themselves often bear signs of the difficulty with which it was produced. This Dahlonega five, like most Dahlonega pieces, is a low mintage issue, with less than a hundred thousand examples struck. Greengold surfaces host light dirt in the protected areas, and eye appeal is wholesome. CAC has approved 65 coins in all grades, with just three at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$4,940. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1909 Indian G\$5, PCGS MS63+ CAC, Choice Original, Seal Beach Collection. Clean fields are the hallmark of this near-MS64 example, with only minor chatter present. Scattered shades of ebon color frame the central figures, highlighting the bold Indian and defiant eagle. Luster is exceptional for the grade and the plus designation is clearly warranted. CAC notes 397 coins in all grades, with 114 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value in MS63 is \$2,440, advancing to \$4,120 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.

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**1912 Indian G\$5, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Island Lake Collection.** This MS64 example lies surprisingly close to the condition census, with only 11 coins reported finer by CAC, all at the MS65 level. Lustrous, orange-gold color exhibits hints of copper patina throughout. A few ticks above the motto are consistent with the assigned grade. CAC has approved 394 examples total, with 88 coins at the MS64 level. The CAC guide value is \$4,200 in MS64 and advances to \$14,400 in MS65. This example represents an optimal collector grade, separated from finest known by only a point, but at less than one-third of the cost. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1861 Liberty G\$10, NGC AU53 CAC, Choice Original, Island Lake Collection.** Original, green-gold fields highlight this No Motto ten, graced by deeper shades at the high points on each side. Hints of orange and pink color surround protected areas, including the stars and legend. Marks are well distributed, with only a couple lines of note, extending from the bust. All in all, this is a thoroughly pleasing example for the grade level, and the next owner will not be disappointed. CAC has approved 109 pieces total, with 14 coins at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide in AU53 is \$2.620. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval.



1909-S Indian G\$10, PCGS MS63+ CAC, Choice Original, Wisconsin Gold Collection. Per David Akers, "Most of the Uncirculated examples that are known of this issue come from a single hoard discovered in the later 1870s". He continues and opines that 50 to 60 pieces were in the hoard with nearly all MS60 through MS63 level. This near-gem is indicative of the issue with its pleasing honey green-gold coloration and frosted luster that has a light granular texture. Bright light viewing is essentially undisturbed as the surfaces are minimally abraded. Accurately graded and housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 holder with "The Fairmont Collection" pedigree on label along with CAC approval.

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**1912 Indian G\$10, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Wisconsin Gold Collection.** Orange-gold luster booms from the surfaces of this ten-dollar piece, decorated by scattered bits of reddish-copper color. Fields are smooth and only a few lines in the eagle limit the technical grade. CAC has graded 188 pieces total, with only 18 coins finer. Ten-dollar Indians are always in demand, and this coin is not only an aesthetically pleasing example, but one that is surprisingly advanced in the census. The CAC price guide value is \$4,750 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1913 Indian G\$10**, **PCGS MS64 CAC**, **Near-Gem Original**, **Wisconsin Gold Collection**. Deep yellow-orange color blankets both side of this Indian ten, with additional hints of red patina evident in the central figures. This is an exceptionally pleasing design, and one can only wish that current Mint product might be competitive in this regard. CAC has graded 197 pieces overall, with 25 coins finer. The CAC guide value is \$3,190 in MS64. The present sale offers several opportunities to acquire a coin in the Indian ten series, and bidders will do well to examine the various pieces offered. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



**1857-S Liberty G\$20, PCGS MS64+ CAC, Gem Original, Wisconsin Gold Collection.** The S.S. Central America recovery is the stuff of legend, perhaps best told in Gary Kinder's book, Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea, an engaging narrative that completely details the challenges of this deep-sea salvage operation. This continues to be an evolving story, with the discoverer Tommy Thompson currently in prison on contempt charges, as he refuses to divulge the whereabouts of certain parts of this fabled treasure. Among the thousands of pieces recovered is this exceptionally flashy 1857-S double eagle, which exhibits only scattered ticks and near-full Mint bloom throughout. Sharply struck with defined star centers and defined curls throughout. CAC has certified 729 pieces total, with 301 coins at MS65 or finer. Housed in special PCGS S.S. Central America holder and "Ship of Gold" packaging with CAC approval. The holder also contains a circular holder with "One Pinch" of tiny gold nuggets from the S.S. Central America.

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**1908** St Gaudens G\$20, PCGS MS64 CAC Rattler, Gem Original, Seal Beach Collection. Although not a rare coin, there is no arguing with an orange-gold headlight backed by nearly a full troy ounce of precious yellow metal. The heft of a double eagle is immediately noticed upon in-hand inspection, and even numismatic novices can't help but be impressed by the large, flashy format. This example is markfree for the grade, noticeably at the high point of the right knee, which typically comes with distracting chatter. CAC reports a population of 3,420 pieces and assigns a value of \$2,840 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) Ratter holder with CAC approval.