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1837 No Stars, Large Date F-101c 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Shattered and Clashed Obverse, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. One of the finest known F-101c examples with bold clash marks on both sides and prominent obverse die cracks providing evidence of excessive die over usage. A gem example with intense frosted luster and spinning cartwheels. Exceptional eye appeal with hints of gold and copper over largely untuned surfaces. Pristine fields provide for unencumbered study of the extensive die clashing. Conservatively graded against present day standards with upgrade potential. Utilized as the F-101c plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference and listed as entry #1 in the Top 100 Varieties set. The CAC price guide is \$9,400, but we expected a much higher winning bid for this Fortin favorite. Ex. Palakika Collection, Heritage Auctions, 2007 St. Louis Missouri CSNS Sale, Lot #279. Currently housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) Gold Shield holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4561.



1837 No Stars, Small Date F-103 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Simpson. An exceptionally preserved gem with both sides fully struck with complete hair and leaf details. The surfaces are entirely pristine without a single tick or anomaly. Frosted ivory luster is predominant along with splashes of russet, blue, and iridescent toning. The Large Date variety can be identified by a flat top 7 digit. F-103 with the 7 digit pointing between two denticles. The PCGS Coin Facts plate coin and finest graded. The CAC price guide ranges from \$16,200 (MS66) to \$50,400 (MS67) as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. Noteworthy pedigrees include Jim O'Neil and Bob Simpson Collections, and GFRC's Woodlands and Newtown clients. PCGS #4562.



1837 No Stars, Small Date F-104 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An extraordinary gem in all regards as both sides are draped in warm frosted luster with rose-red and sea-green toning. The surfaces are fully pristine other than a single tick to the left of the clasp. The reverse was previously clashed with a Large Date obverse and presents die clash marks below DI(ME) and across the ribbons and stems. The Small Date punch can be easily distinguished by a round top 7 digit. The Small Date is the better of the two 1837 date punch varieties with the CAC census reported at 59 examples with only five finer. The CDN CAC guide is presently \$11,900 as reference. Heritage Auctions, 2003 Long Beach Sale, Lot #330. Housed in original PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4562.

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1838-O No Stars F-101a 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Repunched Mintmark, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Gardner. A lightly toned, sharply struck Gem formerly in the Eugene Garner collection. Consistent with the Fortin 101a listing with rim cud at 2, 4, 8, and 9 o'clock on the obverse and a repunched mintmark on the reverse. An important later die state example with die rust in the lower left wreath and a die crack from the rim to and on top of the U in UNITED and then on to the bases of the rest of those letters. This gem presents superb eye appeal with bold design definition and an uninterrupted smoothness of the fields with vertical die polish lines on the reverse. Bright light cartwheels are vibrant and incrementally pleasing. The CAC price guide is \$25,200. Ex. Eugene Gardner Collection, Heritage Auction, October 2014, Lot #98238 followed by the Newtown Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4564.



1838 No Drapery, Small Stars F-101a 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Granular textured mint bloom covers both sides of this meticulous preserved Small Stars gem. Sharply struck with a faint patina on both sides. Under a bright light, the eye appeal is notable with frosted radiance and vibrant cartwheels. The Small Stars variety is the result of a Mint employee who mistakenly used the half dime star punch rather than the dime punch. F-101a, a later die state with die crack through the left stars and extending into the date. Utilized as the F-101a plate coin at *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. A challenging variety, when CAC approved with a population of only 30 in total and a single example finer. The CAC price guide stands at \$52,50 as reference. Heritage Auctions, August 2024 ANA Sale, Lot 352. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) Gold Shield holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4569.

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1838 No Drapery, Large Stars F-104 10C, PCGS MS65 Gold CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. This 1838 Large Stars lot initiates the release of Gold CAC approved dimes within the Fortin Collection. Though overshadowed by three significantly shattered obverse dies, the F-104 obverse is also a compelling study with bold die cracks through the rock and shield coupled with another through star 9 and into the right field. This example radiates frosted luster from undisturbed surfaces with pastel sea-green and golden toning on the obverse and sky-blue hues on the reverse. Cartwheels are equally impressive. This dime has claims to condition census status as the CAC population is seven at the combined MS66 and MS67 grades. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) Gold Shield holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4568.



1838 Partial Drapery F-108a 10C, NGC MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1838 Partial Drapery is the result of a clashed die event with the E in DIME being boldly transferred to the obverse die and listed as F-108a in the Fortin Seated Dime reference. The obverse die is later paired with another reverse die that lacks clashing but is often attributed as the Partial Drapery variant. My belief is that F-108a, with both dies clashed, is necessary for this designation. Under a bright light, the olive and golden-gray patina mutes a portion of the frosted luster, especially on the reverse. The overall strike is complete. This is the only MS65 lot approved within the CAC census with four finer. The CDN CAC price guide is \$4,500 as reference. Bowers & Merena, November 2002, Logan and Steinberg Sale, Lot #1212. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert and CAC approval. The label reads as TOP 100 F-108a, RPD & REVERSE DIE CLASH. PCGS #4570.



1839 No Drapery 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Extraordinary eye appeal is the hallmark of this 1839 Seated dime. Sparkling frosted luster and spinning cartwheels are decorated by pastel rose, gold, and aquamarine shades on the obverse with copper rose-gold throughout the reverse. Entirely unabraded surfaces further enhance the bright light viewing experience. The strike is complete with fully detailed motifs and bold repunching at the base of the 8 and 9 digits consistent with the F-101 attribution. PCGS has certified 20 at the offered grade with this gem surely being at the top of the population as CAC has only approved 8 from both services. A premium example that was purchased during August 2008 and utilized as the F-101 plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for the Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collector* online reference. The CDN CAC guide is \$3,150 but this lot will certainly see aggressive bidding for its upgrade potential. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) Gold Shield holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4571

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1839-O No Drapery F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 Gold CAC, Exceptional Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An exceptional 1839 New Orleans strike with needle-sharp motifs. Every nuance of Liberty's head, the stars, and all obverse devices are crisp and pronounced. On the reverse, every leaf, letter, and berry are bold. Both sides are toned a sunset-gold color at the periphery, with lighter centers. Abundant frosted radiance further enhances the eye appeal as illustrated. Undoubtedly, the fields and devices are free of marks, as expected from this superb gem as validated at CAC. A foremost condition rarity that deserved its Gold bean since being conservatively graded. F-101 with Small O mintmark and R4 rarity rating. The reserve is set between the CDN CAC MS66 and MS67 levels as reference. Worthy of close scrutiny and aggressive bidding by those that wish to own the finest survivors. Heritage Auctions, August 2006, Denver Signature Sale, Lot #414. Currently housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) Gold Shield holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4572.



1840 No Drapery F-107 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1840 brought a much-maligned transition from the artistically captivating Christian Gobrecht obverse design to one influenced by Robert Hughes. This final No Drapery issue is yet another superb gem that has stood the test of time in the Fortin Collection. Steely-frosted luster radiates consistent from both sides with swirling cartwheels enhancing the viewing enjoyment. Copper-gold peripheral toning gives way to darker blues on the reverse. Intricately defined devices are presented in a slightly shallower relief which is typical for the design hub's final year. F-107 with star 8 repunched. The plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. Purchased at the 2009 Orlando FUN show when certified NGC MS66 and promptly crossed into a PCGS holder. Currently housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. The CAC census stands at 53 approved with six finer. The CDN CAC price guide at \$3,750 is understated for this date and low population in gem. PCGS #4573.

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1840 With Drapery F-101 10C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1840 With Drapery issue, during the latter part of that year, continues to be underrated and very challenging to locate with problem free surfaces. Only three Mint State examples have been approved at CAC with collectors settling for AUs as the best that can be acquired. This noteworthy 1840 Drapery dime was acquired as one of the first Liberty Seated dime purchases during April 1988 during early stages of a renewed numismatic career. The venue was a Lewiston-Auburn, Maine coin club meeting with a local dealer touting the importance of the date. The strike is complete while the bright light eye appeal is truly compelling. A single line in the right obverse field is noted for accuracy. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval during 2014. The CAC guide suggests \$2,700 as fair value but auctions records are above that level PCGS #4578.



1840-O No Drapery F-103 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Liberty Seated dime enthusiasts are aware of the 1840 New Orleans date status as a rarity in Mint State. As a student of the series as far back as 1990, I made a point of locating a Mint State example as a top priority and experienced one of those memorable purchasing opportunities in a long numismatic career. This steely-frosted example, with copper-gold patina, was purchased during July 1993 via a mailed paper price list from Tom Becker and Joe Kuehnert. This dime has been a prized resident of the collection given its complete strike and essentially unabraded surfaces. F-103, a die pairing R6 rarity with a Small O mintmark from 1939. This dime is also the plate coin within the Fortin Seated Dime online reference with no auction records. The CAC price guide suggests \$11,200 as fair value. Housed in its original PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval.



1841 F-104 10C, PCGS MS65 Gold CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A richly and colorfully toned dime that is a condition rarity with a strike that is complete. It is important to note that strike variations often plagued the With Stars design. The eye appeal is exceptional with a partially mirrored obverse and frosted reverse. Apricot-gray, blue, and golden-orange shades decorate the obverse while slate-gray gives way to orange-tinged borders on the reverse. The surfaces are entirely unabraded and a joy during 10x inspection. The repunching below the 184 digits is boldly defined while the reverse die is pristine prior to becoming excessively rusted during later usage. Heritage Auctions, November 2002, Santa Clara CA Sale, Lot #6048. Housed in its original PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4579.

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1841-o F-115 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Gem New Orleans dimes struck during the early 1840s are consistently rare as the mintages were released directly into local commerce. During that period, New Orleans was the largest southern city and third largest in the nation. Few Seated dimes were saved leading to their current Mint State rarity and one of the challenges when assembling the Fortin Collection. Light mottled orange-rose and ebony are overlaid across the surfaces of this near-gem survivor. A fully executed strike is noted and differentiates this lot. Soft granular frosted luster is prevalent on both sides. Several well-hidden luster breaks in the upper right obverse field preclude a GFRC-Gem quality rating. Purchased September 2004 from Pinnacle Rarities and utilized as F-115 plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. CAC has approved 4 at the certified grade with three finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$6,750 as fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval.



1842 F-105 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Luster bomb" best describes the 1842 entry in the Fortin Collection as granular mint frost is pervasive on both sides. Under a bright light, the frosted radiance is intense and thoroughly satisfying. Consistent with the Fortin requirements, the strike is deeply impressed with a complete head, elevated scroll edges, and fully detailed wreath leaves. Faint gold is noted within the obverse center and is amplified by photography. The CAC census is reported at 36 total with four approved at the certified grade and none finer. The CAC price guide stands at \$5,850 as a bidding reference. Privately acquired from the Newtown Collection during early 2023. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4581.



1842-O F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. O'Donnell. Consistent with other early New Orleans issues, the 1842-O date is exigent in Choice Mint State with a heightened degree of difficulty if a complete strike is imperative. Much of this issue is found with weak head details or low relief reverse motifs due to die lapping. This dime offers an opportunity to acquire an essentially complete strike with well-preserved surfaces. Note the sharp stars, elevated scroll edges, and elaborately detailed wreath leaves. Under a bright light, surfaces project a granular frosted radiance with vibrant cartwheels. A splash of copper-gold is noted at obverse 3:00. F-105 with a die gouge at the index finger and die defect in the right field. Acquired via Jim O'Donnell April 2003. PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder. The CAC price guide value is \$7900. Two finer are CAC approved. PCGS #4582.

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1843 F-105a 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Creamy frosted luster and a totally complete strike are the highlights of the 1843 Philadelphia strike. All device details are deeply impressed. Well preserved surfaces are basically unabraded with no anomalies requiring mention. Utilized as the F-105a plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference*. The CAC census is 37 approved with 5 finer. Fair value is listed as \$1950 per CAC price guide. Heritage Auctions, Bowers & Merena June 2010 Baltimore Sale, Lot #1795. Housed in its original PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4583.



1844 F-102 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Steely, frosted luster reflects silver-gray center surfaces and copper-gold at the periphery. Deeper shades are noted on the reverse. F-102, the business strike die pair. CAC has approved 68 pieces in all grades, with only four coins at the Mint State level. The 1844 dime is perhaps the most notorious issue in the series and has been subject to speculation since the 1930s. Frank C. Ross, Hobbies Magazine columnist, promoted the so-called "Little Orphan Annie" throughout the numismatic media until his passing in 1955. Later, the collector Terry Brand built a hoard of over 600 pieces, which was ultimately dispersed by Heritage Auctions over time. Today, prices have stabilized, with AU and Mint States being recognized for their inherent rarity. The CAC guide value is \$4,200 with the next available being a lone MS63 example. Acquired January 2010 via Bill Nagel. A desirable AU58 offering that should garner aggressive bidding considering the current market attention to Everyman sets. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4585.



1845 F-110 10C, PCGS MS64+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A colorful 1845 F-110 specimen that is the sole MS64+ example certified. The GFRC-Gem quality rating is appropriate for this well-balanced offering. Steely-frosted radiance is showcased by light copper gold and sea-green on the obverse rims. The sea-green toning extends to the reverse with deeper copper-gold throughout. As with nearly all Fortin lots, the strike is complete with strong stars, head details, and complete wreath leaves. F-110, a third die marriage of Obverse 1 with a reverse die that exhibits deep die lines through AM(ER)ICA. Utilized as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference*. Nine are CAC approved at the offered grade with four finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2011-2013) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4586.

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1843-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Third Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A key New Orleans date that is prohibitively rare in Choice AU or better with the Fortin specimen being the third finest CAC approved. Struck from a single die pair with a reported mintage of 150,000. Astute students of the Liberty Seated dime series have been aware of this date's rarity since the 1980s along with difficulties in locating a fully struck specimen as strike variability is a constant issue for the date. The reverse die shows progressive die cracks at STA(T)ES and A(M)ERIC(A) to rim. Die rust is evident within the central portion of the wreath leaves and around the bow knot. This magnificent survivor retains its steely-frosted luster. A bluish-gray and rose patina coats both sides. The surfaces are nearly unabraded with a single obverse tick immediately right of the horizontal shield lines and a second on a wreath leaf near STA(T)ES. Acquired via private treaty during April 2003 along with the Pittman 1845-O dime during the intense research period that led to the Liberty Seated die variety online reference. Housed in its original PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4584.



1845-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU55 Gold CAC, Exceptional Gem, Condition Census, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Pittman. An exceptional gem and third finest per CAC records. Partially mirrored fields amplify the colorful toning with incredible bullseye reverse eye appeal. Perfectly struck with obverse die rust throughout Liberty's hair curls and gown folds along with die chips surrounding stars 3 through 6. Repunching is noted below the 4 digit crossbar and die lines behind UNITED. As with earlier 1840s New Orleans issues, few Mint State survivors are known. CAC has recorded only three Mint State examples which does not include the Eliasberg specimen certified as PCGS MS69. Acquired via private treaty during April 2003 along with the 1843-O during an intense research period that led to the Liberty Seated die variety online reference. The only available auction records are David Akers, October 1997 John Jay Pittman I Sale and 1957 Kelly Sale. Near the top of the list of my most cherished Liberty Seated dime acquisitions and deserving of a new home in an advanced New Orleans centric collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4587.

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1846 F-101 10C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A prohibitively rare key With Stars date with two Mint State example certified by PCGS and single approved at CAC. Only 31,300 were struck that year as the United States declared war on Mexico. Collectors who pursue the series must therefore settle for a circulated specimen with two AU58 candidates extant. The Fortin Collection housed one of the two upon a September 2005 acquisition. I distinctly remember seeing the posting by Rare Coins of New Hampshire and executing the purchase from the United Airlines Red Carpet lounge prior to a departing flight for Asia. This lot is incredibly well struck with all motifs being in high relief and no traces of weakness. Accurately graded with a hint of rub on the highest wear point and in the right field. Steely fields provide ample reflectance under angled lighting while the surfaces are pristine. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder. PCGS #4588.



1846 F-101 10C, PCGS AU50 CAC, CAC Condition Census Rarity, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1846 issue is well recognized as being the key date for the With Stars design hub. Mintage is a meager 31,300 with the date becoming rare at the choice AU grade level and prohibitively rare in Mint State. This dime is one of only two CAC approved across all AU grades with a single MS63 finer. A condition census example with choice original surfaces layered with natural crusty gray patina. Under a bright light, rose-gold hues are evident. Strike is complete with distinctly defined center motif, rounded stars, and full definition of the veins in the wreath leaves. The CAC price guide indicates \$9000 as fair market value. Acquired from the Woodlands Collection, a GFRC client, during February 2018. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4588.

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1847 F-102 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, CAC Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1847 Philadelphia issue is the Rodney Dangerfield of the Liberty Seated dime series and remains unable to garner any respect. Mintage is 245,000 with few specimens saved during the Panic of 1847. The PCGS Mint State certified total is 16 with two at MS64 and a lone MS66. The CAC tally is bleaker with three tied at MS63 and none finer. The CAC guide suggests a fair market value for the MS63's to be \$4,050. Steely mirrored fields are toned a dusty olive rose-gray on the obverse while the reverse harbors embedded blues with a thicker crust. The strike is hammered with entirely detailed head and reverse wreath leaves. Die chips are noted at stars 3 through 6. Under a bright light, the obverse luster is reflective but muted on the reverse due to the crusty patina. F-102 with a cutout base. Acquired March 2002 from David Olmstead at Alpine Numismatics. A momentous opportunity for the passionate Liberty Seated dime enthusiast. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4589.



1848 F-104 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Fortin's passion for full strikes is on display with this 1848 dime. Every device detail is illustrated in high relief including the die chips surrounding stars 3 through 6 on the left obverse. Steely luster is readily apparent regardless of the overlaid olive-gold obverse patina. The reverse center is toned with purple-rose along with a color extension from the obverse. Mintage increased to 451,500 for the year with nine CAC approved Mint State examples. Five at the offered grade with just two finer. The CAC price guide sees a substantial increase at MS65 with this lot being a borderline specimen. Purchased during 2019 via Harry Laibstain and a fitting inclusion into the Fortin Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4590.



1849 F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Though having a reported mintage of 839,000, double that of the prior year, 1848 and 1849 Philadelphia strikes have an essentially identical CAC approved populations. This is an example of price guides exhibiting a mintage bias rather than focusing on certified availability. Acquired from Jason Carter (Heritage) during August 2000 without a compelling upgrade opportunity across several decades. This example presents a dual sided die finish with partially mirrored obverse and granular frosted reverse. Blast white radiance is equally captivating on both sides. Strike is close to complete with the upper left wreath leaves lacking complete definition. The F-105 Seated Dime reference plate coin with die crack through ST(A)TES to wreath, a leftover die from 1848. CAC census is 25 with two finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4591.

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1849-O F-101b 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, CAC Tied Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The challenge in locating gem Mint State New Orleans dimes continues with the 1849 date. Of the 300,000 struck, few Mint State survivors are known. The PCGS population stands at eleven certified with four CAC approved. The struggle is further exacerbated by poor mint workmanship, including weak strikes coupled with rusted and lapped dies. This example was acquired during May 2006 via Legend Numismatics. The preservation is exceptional with steely-frosted luster that is consistent on both sides. Natural rose, aquamarine, and blues shades are a testament to the strict originality. F-101 with a Large O mintmark and a die pairing notorious for partial strikes. Though Liberty's head is not fully struck, this example is likely condition census for strike robustness. Tied for finest at CAC with a price guide value listed at \$17,300. Housed in an as acquired PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with 2014 CAC approval. PCGS #4592.



1850 F-103 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Thick mint bloom is layered on both sides of the near-gem 1850 dime. A fully executed strike further enhances the presentation whether under a bright light or via illustration. Note the perfectly detailed hair curls and facial characteristics. Untoned centers are nicely framed by plum-rose shades with deeper blues at the lower right reverse. Accurately graded with a few micro-ticks in the obverse fields. F-103 with 185 digits touching the base and a prominent unfinished die area surrounding the reverse bow. A recent acquisition to the Fortin Collection as a CAC registry set entry, and a fitting example indeed. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4593.



1850 F-103 10C, PCGS MS64 OGH, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Pittman. Steely-frosted radiance is overlaid by intermixed gold, green, and orange shades on the obverse while the reverse exhibits similar luster with copper-gold toning. The strike is deeply impressed with all devices presented in high relief. Diagonal die polishes lines are evident on the reverse when viewed with angled lighting. A superb John Jay Pittman specimen that has been a collection favorite since acquisition by private treaty during August 2003. The lack of CAC approval during the 2014 submission is attributed to a potential wipe on the reverse though the reflectivity matches that of the obverse. F-103 with the date digits touching the base and the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder. The label documents the Pittman pedigree. PCGS #4593.

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1850-O F-103 10C, NGC MS67 Star, Tied Finest Known, Exceptional Gem, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Fortin Collection presents the finest 1850 Small O dime which shares the title with a PCGS certified Large O example. Granular mint frost dominates the obverse while the reverse mint bloom is in the steely realm. Once again, a hammered strike was a purchase imperative. All devices are intricately detailed with sharp hair curls and facial characteristics. The overall eye appeal is exceptional, thus being recognized with an NGC Star designation. Photographing this dime proved to be challenging due to the intense center luster that is framed by darker peripheral copper-gold. F-103, the lone Small O die pair of that year. Greer indicates that the Small O is the scarcest of the three mintmark sizes followed by the Medium O, and finally the Large O. Acquired August 2004 via Carter Numismatics as a present to me upon releasing *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference at that summer ANA event, A well-hidden break in the right obverse field luster precluded CAC approval. Housed in NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #4594.



1850-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An eye-catching New Orleans Large O mintmark dime with both sides exhibiting near-complete reflective luster with only a trace of light friction. Bold-to-sharp in strike with fully impressed motifs. Under a bright light, the fields present a lightly mirrored appearance with neither toning nor individually mentionable abrasions to report. F-101 with a very high date that has a downward slope. The reverse exhibits rust damage throughout the wreath, and especially within the bow knot. Utilized as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. The CAC census is 28 with four finer and price guide valuation at \$2,100, a number that is surprisingly low for the few choice survivors extant. Bowers & Merena, June 2010 Baltimore Auction, Lot #1801. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4594.

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1851 F-102 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. This near-gem 1851 Philadelphia strike exhibits steely reflectance with consistent silver-gray toning with sea-green accents at the borders. The reverse is brighter in overall appearance with frosty luster being noted. As with nearly all Fortin dimes, this piece is sharply defined, including full stars, strong head details, and bold branches. A delightful and elusive lot at an affordable price point. 32 total are noted in the CAC census with only three finer. This date is underrated in Gem Mint State. Heritage Auctions, February 2008 Long Beach Signature Sale, Lot #100. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4595.



1851-O F-101 10C, NGC MS63, Exceptionally Difficult in Mint State, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Fortin Collection auction arrives at the 1851 New Orleans issue, a date that is more challenging in Mint State than its earlier 1843-O and 1845-O counterparts. Since the mid-1990s, a search for an originally toned and fully struck specimen has proven unsuccessful. This leads to a conclusion that the 1851-O issue is the key New Orleans Mint State date. The CAC census validates this determination as a single MS61 example has been approved. This dime was struck from early die state rusted dies yielding a bold definition of the lightly frosted motifs. The bright light eye appeal, for the issue, is noteworthy including light rose-gold toning across the lower reverse. I have examined several of the PCGS MS62 and MS63 survivors and noted an uncharacteristic cloth toning pattern with vivid colors outside the realm of natural toning that was not suitable for inclusion in the Fortin Collection. This offering best suited my collecting criteria given its overall presentation. Acquired via private treaty during August 2002. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder. PCGS #4596.



1852 F-108 10C, PCGS MS65+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A truly impressive 1852 issue that presents a totally detailed strike coupled with steely-frosted luster under angled lighting. Minute speckled gray is more prevalent on the obverse with peach-gold peripheral shades on both sides. This date is available at the MS64 grade but becomes quite scarce at the gem level. This offering is the lone PCGS MS65+ certified example which increases its desirability. F-108 with an oblique punched date. The epitome of originality and acquired during 2022 via the Newtown Collection release. The CAC census stands at 39 with seven finer. \$2,400 is the current price guide value for an MS65 certified example. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown Collection. PCGS #4597.

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1852 F-117 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A superbly preserved 1852 F-117 dime struck with Obverse 4, the base of the 52 digits being repunched and paired with a second reverse die that exhibits die defects at (S)TATES and AME(R)ICA. Steely-frosted luster is consistent on both sides as is the golden-gray coloration. Elaborately detailed devices are deeply impressed with a host of stars exhibiting die chips, and boldly defined repunched under the date digits. Pristine surfaces are entirely unabraded. A tad more luster would perhaps warrant a Gem certification. Utilized as the Liberty Seated dime die variety reference plate coin. 39 pieces are reported in the CAC census with ten finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$1,050 as fair value. Heritage Auctions, May 2005 St. Louis CSNS Sale, Lot#372. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4597.



1852-O F-101 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. "Finest known" is the ultimate qualifier when describing a coin, and this piece reigns supremely as the sole, highest-graded example in both the PCGS and CAC population reports. Brilliant, frosted radiance and vibrant cartwheels provide a thoroughly pleasing visual experience. Speckled copper-gold and gray toning decorated the obverse while the reverse features darker mottled gray. This superb gem possesses entirely pristine surfaces and a needle-sharp strike that will delight the most advanced collector of the series. The CAC price guide has set \$23,000 as its initial value assessment but how does one price the finest known? Acquired February 2005 via Carter Numismatics and recently crossed into the current PCGS holder at the 2024 Chicago ANA. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4598.

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1853 No Arrows F-101a 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC OGH, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. As the gold: silver ratio became imbalanced due to newly discovered California gold deposits, the price of silver bullion rose above face value for half dimes through half dollars. Silver arbitrage resulted in a silver weight reduction for those denominations. Early in 1853, the Philadelphia Mint produced 95,000 Dimes under the old weight standard of 2.67 grams. Afterwards, the weight of the dime was reduced to 2.49 grams with arrows added to the date for differentiating the lighter planchet. Two pairs of dies were employed for the No Arrows dimes at the old standard. This specimen exhibits brilliant, frosted luster and pristine surfaces overlaid with a uniform gold patina. One can only marvel at the preservation that enables outstanding eye appeal. A fully executed strike is equally impressive 38 examples are reported in the CAC census with three finer. Fair value is listed at \$6,750 in the CAC price guide. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown Collection. PCGS #4599.



1853 With Arrows 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Pittman. A marvelous gem 1853 With Arrows dime that offers exceptional eye appeal. For several decades, I patiently waited to locate the perfect example to upgrade this common date. During 2022, this John Jay Pittman specimen appeared in a New England dealer's inventory and promptly found a home in the Fortin Collection. The strike is needle sharp with exceptional frost that radiates under a bright light. A host of circular toning shades are accurately illustrated and will provide years of visual enjoyment. \$3,150 is the MS66 CAC price guide value with this lot being certified as (+) with superb eye appeal, Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Pittman pedigree. PCGS #4603.



1853-O With Arrows F-103 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC OGH, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Eliasberg. Scattered shades of charcoal gray patina overlay richly frosted rose-blue surfaces that yield abundant luster consistent with the technical grade. All 1853 New Orleans dimes were struck on reduced silver planchets of 2.49 grams using dies with hubbed arrows and date. In contrast to notably common Philadelphia strikes, the New Orleans issue is rare in Mint State. CAC notes 28 in all grades with Mint State examples limited to five pieces, four at the MS63 level and a single finer. F-103 as struck with worn Obverse 1 and Reverse C dies and likely the finest extant specimen of the die pairing. Previously from the famed Eliasberg Collection. Superior Auctions September 2008 Pre-Long Beach Sale, Lot #153. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Eliasberg pedigree. PCGS #4604.

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1854 With Arrows 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Exceptional frost radiates from the surfaces of this New Orleans piece, showcasing a hammered strike with sharp stars and wreath leaves. The golden color gradient is accurately captured with darker copper hues on the reverse. Vibrant cartwheels appear under angled lighting and are more than consistent with the assigned grade. Acquired June 2004 via private treaty and a perfect inclusion into the Fortin Collection without a subsequent upgrade need. CAC notes 56 pieces in all grades, with five coins in MS65 and four examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,650, and \$3,150 in MS66. The CAC gem approved population is surprisingly low given a mintage of nearly 4.5 million. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval.



1854-O With Arrows F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Fortin Collection. Brilliantly frosty surfaces reveal a strictly original presentation including swirling cartwheels on this GFRC-Gem rated dime. Faint gold patina highlights both sides with darker shades on the reverse, and the overall eye appeal is wholesome. Sharply struck with meticulous definition of facial details and the reverse wreath leaves. F-105 with die crack through the 8 digit and die defects on DI(ME) and (ST)ATES, a die variety that is infrequently seen. Utilized as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. The CAC census reports 35 coins approved with five at the certified grade and five finer. The reserve reflects the conservative grading and an upgrade possibility. Superior Auctions, October 1995 Sale, Lot #294. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4606.



1855 With Arrows F-101a 10C, PCGS MS64, Doubled Die Obverse, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A monumental opportunity for the Liberty Seated dime die variety specialist as the finest known 1855 F-101a Doubled Obverse Die dime returns to the marketplace. All 1855 proof dimes (estimates of 12-15) were struck with a prominent doubling in the date digits, and to a lesser extent within the shield lines and lower gown folds. Starting in 1853 and throughout 1854 and 1855, the date and arrows were placed into the dime master hub to simplify the die preparation process. As a result, one 1855 exhibits distinct doubling to the right of each digit as noted for proof strike and subsequent usage for a limited number of circulation strikes. The strike is needle-shaped in all but one or two isolated areas. This dime is lightly patinated in golden-gray hues. PCGS has certified eight in MS65 or better while CAC reports four from both services. The PCGS price guide value is stated as \$1,250., Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder. Ex. Tim Cook Collection. PCGS #538038.

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1856 Small Date F-103 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Even golden-gray patina covers the obverse while lighter aquamarine-gold decorates the reverse of this Small Date piece, complementing the ample, granular frosty luster under a bright light. An acuminate strike and partial wire rims are incrementally complimentary. Acquired during late 2022 from a New England dealer after a multi-decade search for the perfect Fortin Collection specimen. Incomplete strikes and lack of natural toning led to the rejection of many candidates as most at this grade level are creamy or blast white. F-103, a common die pairing with high level date. In-hand viewing is strongly suggested as the images only hint at the superb gem presentation. No auction records are known and fresh to market when purchased. CAC has certified 46 coins total, including two pieces at MS66 and two examples finer. The CAC price guide indicates a value of \$5,250. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4609.



1856 Large Date F-104 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Fortin's die variety research indicates a 21:4 ratio for the Small versus Large Date dies, which validates the surviving Mint State populations. CAC has approved twenty-five Small Dates in all Mint State grades as compared to six Large Dates, a notably consistent ratio. The CAC price guide ratio is also a fair measure of value for the challenging Large Date. Pewter-gray toning is even on both sides with embedded peach hues. The strike is nearly complete with softness at the lower right stars. A few ancient marks are well hidden. Soft frost is evident under a bright light. F-104 with 85 digits touching the base and employed as the plate coin within the Seated Dime variety reference. The single CAC stickered example at grade with five finer. Acquired in raw condition January 2000 at the Orlando FUN show. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4610.



1856-O F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Jim Gray. A highly attractive example with satiny luster and slight traces of mirrored brightness in the fields. The most significant visual feature is the deniable original toning. Predominately blue gray, with a more vivid reddish orange cast over the left reverse. Boldly impressed without any consequential marks. F-101 with Large O on a polished reverse die and employed as *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* plate coin. CAC census stands at 36 total with three finer. Jim Gray's North Carolina Collection Sale, Baltimore MD July 2004. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4612.

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1856-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS63+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. This condition census lot exhibits pale gold iridescence overlaying satiny mint luster. Sharp struck and well preserved warranting a GFRC-Gem quality rating. The initial year of Seated dime production at the San Francisco Mint with only 70,000 struck. An issue that was not preserved given the demand for small change on the western frontier. Problem free survivors in circulated grades are a challenge for present day collectors let alone a prized example certified as Choice Mint State. Only one of two certified by PCGS at grade and beware of double counting between the MS63/MS63+ populations. CAC has approved 17 coins in total, three pieces in MS63, and two examples finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$17,300 as fair value. Stack's Bowers, March 2014 Baltimore Sale, Lot #4014. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4613.



1857 F-106 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Collection. The Fortin complete strike requirement is once again on display for this GFRC-Gem rated 1857 Philadelphia dime. All devices are boldly impressed with deep star points, full head, and elaborately detailed wreath leaves. Speckled copper-rose highlights the frosted radiance on the obverse while the reverse is more lightly toned with peripheral yellow and copper-gold. The overall visual presentation screams originality. F-106 with no discernable diagnostics other than date position and die chips surrounding stars 3 through 6 and 12 and 13. As with most Fortin Seated Dimes, the images are employed as plate coins within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. Acquired January 2008 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4614.

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1857-O F-101a 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Swirling cartwheels and shimmering steely-frosted luster couple with a hammered strike for exceptional bright light eye appeal. A hammered strike with elevated motifs is further riveting. This GFRC-Gem rated specimen is an upgrade candidate as the surfaces are unabraded. Die chips surround stars 2 through 6 and 11 through 13. The reverse is typically weak at the lower wreath as confirmed by the Kamal Ahwash and earlier Fortin Liberty Seated dime reference plate coins. The example offered exhibited a fully struck wreath with the same die markers that include a die defect on the C in AMERICA. An incredible example that should easily (+) if not better. CAC has approved 54 in all grades with ten at MS65 and eight finer. The MS65 fair value (\$2,400) jumps to \$4,050 at the next grade. Auction lot viewing is recommended to appreciate the premium status. American Numismatic Rarities, August 2006 Old West \$ Franklinton Collections Sale, Lot #312. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4615.



1858 F-110 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The lowest certified grade for the "common date" With Stars design group, but what eye appeal! Steely reflectance is beautifully framed on the obverse with deep blues and a trace of copper-gold while the reverse has light peripheral gold. Strike is nearly complete with weakness on the reverse bow knot. This lot served as a "date filler" in my collection until a fully impressed superb gem could be attained. However, the 1858 Philadelphia strikes are notorious for strike variability, thus the upgrade challenge was unsuccessful. F-110 with both dies lightly clashed and a lovely Fortin reference plate coin for the variety. Acquired March 2006 as a direct purchase with American Numismatic Rarities. The CAC census is a surprisingly low 30 coins approved with eleven finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$725 as fair value. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4616.



1858-O F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC Rattler, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Yet another dime that deserves its story told. Purchased via private treaty from a GFRC client during April 2018 with no auction records. Our consignor was emptying a bank box replete with Seated proofs and gem \$20 Saints. Among those holdings was this 1858-O dime as purchased during the early days of TPG grading. This lot never saw the light of day until offered to GFRC. This amazing gem bellows originality with richly toned golden-green shades and glowing satiny luster. Spinning cartwheels are a joy under angled lighting. Worthy of its certified grade and potentially the finest of the three CAC approved MS65s with a lone MS66 finer. The CAC price guide lists \$10,500 as fair value. Housed in PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) holder with CAC approval.

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1858-S F-103 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Second CAC Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 60,000 1858 dated dimes struck in San Francisco circulated extensively due to the demand for small change in western frontier commerce. Few Mint State survivors are known with the CAC approved population limited to this MS63 lot and a single MS66 finer. A medley of crusty bluish-gray, golden-orange, russet, and apricot patination adheres to both sides of this GFRC-Gem rated example. All design elements are fully struck with exacting detail throughout the head, stars, and reverse leaves. There are no detected abrasions whatsoever. The thick skin partially mutes the obverse luster while the reverse presents a steely golden glow under angled lighting. F-103 with a medium downward sloping date. The CAC price guide advises \$20,200 as fair market value. Purchased October 2022 via the Newtown Collection with a prior Heritage Auctions offering April 2018 at the Chicago IL CSNS Sale. There is personal knowledge of this being a Tom Bender duplicate release at that sale. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4618.



1859 F-107 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Worthy of the "luster bomb" designation as exceptional silky frost radiates from the surfaces of this amazingly preserved superb gem. The hammered strike is equally extraordinary with every minute die detail sharply transferred and defined. The 1859 Philadelphia issue is well known among type collectors as a source for high grade Mint State superb gems. An opinion further validated by a CAC approved total of ten in MS67 with a single example finer. F-107, a die pairing that is frequently encountered for ultra-high-grade survivors. Acquired October 22 courtesy of the Newtown Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4619.



1859-O F-103 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Brilliant, frosted luster is not hampered by a nearly transparent golden patina that screams originality on this gem 1859 New Orleans dime. A fully executed strike and pristine surfaces round out the positive attributes. Let's remember that the Fortin criteria is a combination of strict originality, a complete strike, and old time eye appeal. This lot is an exemplary example. F-103 with medium O mintmark and light die clashing behind DIME. The CAC census reports 33 approved with four at the offered graded and seven finer. \$2,550 is fair market value within the CAC price guide. GFRC Online Auctions has sold two CAC examples (MS65/MS65+) during 2022 for \$2,850 and \$3250e. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4620.

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1859-S F-101 oC, PCGS AU55, Early San Francisco Key Date, Near-Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Ex. O'Donnell.

Residual white steely-frosted luster is readily apparent under a bright light with the surfaces responding well to angled lighting. The strike is close to complete with Liberty's head and the gown line being a touch soft. Die rust is readily apparent in the shield and the left facing arm while die chips are evident at stars 3 through 6 and at star 12. A lone tick by star 12 warrants mention. The 1859 San Francisco issue is undoubtedly the key date, along with the 1846 Philadelphia issue, within the With Stars series with a mintage of only 60,000. The date is brutally challenging in choice AU on better as CAC has yet to approve a single example in all AU grades and only two in MInt State. My quest for an upgrade, for this offered example, was lost when the Simpson MS62 CAC reached the market while working full time in mainland China. The PCGS population is four at grade with the Tom Bender AU55 specimen realizing \$28,800 during its Heritage January 2023 sale. The PCGS price guide estimates \$14,500 as current mark value, which appears conservative given the Bender auction record. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder. PCGS #4621.



1860 F-112 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1860 saw the introduction of revised design hubs per Chief Mint Engraver Longacre with assistance by Paquet. A shallower relief rendition of Liberty resulted in rapid wear of what became known as the Type 1 obverse. This superb gem example, with a pinpoint sharp strike, provides an unimpeded view into the new design features. A cameo effect is realized from partially mirrored fields when viewed under a bright light. Both sides offer die striations consistent with the mirrors. Light center gold shifts to deeper copper shades at the peripheries along with partial wire rims being noted. The eye appeal is exceptional for a historical presentation of a first-year design transition. F-112 with bases of the 1 digit thin and both polished obverse and reverse dies. Ideal for plate coin usage within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Varieties Collectors* online reference. The lone PCGS certified MS66+ with two finer. The CAC census is notable low at 38 total given the mintage of 606,000. This coin is part of the 8 approved in MS66 as CAC does not recognize (+) grades. PCGS fair market value is \$3500 as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown Collection. PCGS #4631.

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1860-O F-101 10C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Historically Significant Offering, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. As tensions between the North and South rose to a fever pitch, the New Orleans Mint coined its last dimes until 1891. Just 40,000 were struck, with the date being very rare in Mint State and incrementally challenging in Choice AU. Many survivors are Civil War battlefield finds with issues, making the date synonymous with inferior surfaces and rapid wear of the new Type 1 obverse. The GFRC Collection houses the fourth finest per the CAC census, and what a joy it has been to own this piece. Steely fields exhibit mirror characteristics under a bright light, especially on the obverse. Center grays transition to gold at the peripheries with darker shades on the front side. An historically significant artifact that was acquired September 2010 via Harry Laibstain. CAC fair market at \$13,000 is too low of a reserve for this "favorite" in the Fortin collection as aggressive bidding is warranted. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4632.



1860-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Kamal Ahwash Plate Coin, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Kamal Ahwash's *Encyclopedia of United States Liberty Seated Dime 1837-1891* was the springboard for the Fortin collecting and research journey. How fitting to be offering Kam's 1860-S plate coin as a GFRC-Gem rated lot. The third lot in the Fortin Collection to secure the coveted "luster bomb" designation given the thick mint bloom and brilliant radiance. A complete strike adds to the historical charm. The obverse presents pristine surfaces with a mark on (D)IME warranting mention. CAC reports two at MS64 and an incremental two one grade higher. The CDN CAC guide stands at \$17,300 with a jump to \$43,200 in MS65. Acquired May 2001 courtesy of Carter Numismatics and recently crossed into the current PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4622.

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1861 Type 1 Obverse F-104 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A gem representative of the new Type 1 Longacre/Paquet design hubs with a cereal wreath reverse and our nation's legend transposed to the obverse. The coloration is exceptional as angled lighting exposes center gray encircled by copper-gold and finally, aquamarine at the periphery. The reverse is lightly tone in sea-green shades and some gold at the rims with a glowing frost including more brilliance on the reverse. Surfaces are entirely pristine with white spots on the image being holder wear. The 32 approved at CAC approved seems when considering the nearly 1.9 million struck. However, the population is skewed by Mint State survivors as 22 are approved. The CAC guide indicates \$1,400 as fair market value. Acquired March 2012 via Harry Laibstain. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2011-2013) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4633.



1861 Type 2 Obverse F-106 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Type 2 Obverse results from a subsequent redesign to improve the striking characteristic by Longacre as the Paquet inspired Type 1 was too weak. The Type 1 design is the scarcer of the two but not by a wide margin. This example is superbly original and richly toned with a thicker obverse skin while glowing frosted luster radiates from the reverse. A colorful piece with a blend of copper-rose, cobalt-blue and olive-gold colors that are a bit more vivid on the reverse. Easily securing a GFRC-Gem rating with smooth pristine surfaces and high-grade eye appeal. CAC census is 32 total with four finer. \$1,400 is the CAC price guide value for reference. Stack's & Bowers, June 2010 Baltimore Sale, Lot #1811. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4633.



1862 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS66 OGH, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Lightly mirrored fields are overlaid with a semi-transparent patination consisting of blended olive-gold and rose shades. The reflectance remains sharp and typical of that seen on toned proofs of the era. The overall presentation highlights the "visual strength" of the revised Type 2 obverse design as the strike is hammered with a complete head and fully detailed wreath devices. F-102a, a business strike from proof dies and featured as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. 41 are CAC approved with one finer. The CAC price guide lists \$1,950 as current value. Acquired July 2003 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4635.

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1861-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The relatively low mintage of 172,500 pieces doesn't even begin to explain the scarcity of this challenging Civil War era S-mint, particularly in XF or better condition. PCGS has certified eight in Mint State while CAC has approved seven within a total census of 23. As a first year of design, the notoriety allowed for a few to be preserved by those curious within the western frontier. Brilliant satiny surfaces are intense, coupled with vibrant cartwheels under a bright light leading to a tremendous viewing experience. A hammered strike provides insights into the short lived Type 1 Obverse design hub. Conservatively graded with no upgrade attempts since acquisition. The CAC price guide lists \$12,100 at grade with a jump to \$21,600 at MS63. Heritage Auctions, January 2004 FUN Sale, Lot #5614. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2005) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4634.



1862-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Exceptional Civil War Mint State Issue, Second CAC Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Richmond, Bolens, Norweb. The 1862 San Francisco issue is an incredible rarity in Mint State, as the CAC census notes only two at that level. This coin and a full gem (current D.L.Hansen, Ex. Eliasberg-Gardner). Steely-frosted surfaces offer soft reflective radiance. Speckled ebony-gold flakes at the peripheries nicely decorate the mostly light gray centers. A complete strike augments the overall visual presentation. The Fortin Collection is well known for its exceptional run of Civil War San Francisco specimens with this dime being representative of the pain staking care that was taken in assembling the group. The CAC price guide lists \$12,000 in MS63 and jumps to \$54,000 for the lone gem. DLRC Auctions, March 2005 Richmond Collection Sale, Lot #1167 (NGC MS63), Prior Waldon Bolens Collection, Numisma '95 and Norweb. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2005) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4636.

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1863 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The second lot in the Fortin Collection to enjoy the "finest known" title with its corresponding beauty and an issuance of 14,000, the smallest dime mintage since 1804. Mirror fields offer extraordinary reflectance while the peripheral blues and rose shades "float" over pristine surfaces. The strike is fully impressed with sharp wire rims. F-101a, a business strike from proof dies. The PCGS price guide plate coin for those that seek an alternate TruView perspective. The CDN CAC price guide suggests \$10,900 which requires introspection as the PCGS guide at \$22,500 is a better estimate of market value. Acquired February 2022 via private treaty and a continuation of the Fortin focus on locating exceptional Civil War issues. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4637.



1863-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 Gold CAC, Claims to Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Frog Run, Lovejoy, Reed Hawn. Yet another Civil War San Francisco survivor with potential claims to "finest known" given its CAC Gold approval at the near-gem level. The alternative is the Simpson/BigMo specimen that currently resides in the D.L.Hansen Collection. This exceptional gem ranks in the top three Fortin favorites along with the 1845-O Pittman example, and of course the crusty original 1874-CC. A silky, satiny specimen with intense cartwheel luster that radiates beneath faint sky blue, gold, and rose iridescence. The strike, featuring a fully defined upper obverse, is truly atypical as this date is notorious for weak strikes. The reverse is also deeply impressed. F-101 from a lone die pair and mintage of 157,500. The CAC price guide lists \$39,500 as MS65 fair value, a full grade point higher and consistent with the Gold bean approval. American Numismatic Rarities, December 2004 Frog Run Farm Sale, Baltimore MD, Lot #599. Ex. Allan Lovejoy, Reed Hawn. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.2 (2004-2005) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4638.

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1864 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Collection. Creamy smooth steely-frosted luster erupts under a bright light with yet another "luster bomb" designation warranted. Other than the pesky upper left wheat grains, the overall strike is galvanizing with an intricately detailed Liberty portrait. Light gold toning is noted throughout with deeper shading on the reverse. F-102a, the only circulation strikes from proof dies with a die defect on DI(M)E readily evident. Fitting employed as the plate coin for that die pairing in the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. CAC notes 26 pieces total, with three at the offered grade and four finer. The CAC price guide value is \$6000. Heritage Auctions, April 2004 CSNS Sale, Lot #6563. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC Approval. PCGS #4639.



1864-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Tied Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Ex. BigMo, Garner, Northern Bay. The effort to assemble the potentially finest run of San Francisco Civil War era issues culminated with the purchase of this superb gem. A gem brilliant specimen that is finest certified at PCGS while tied for finest at CAC. Granular mint frost is pervasive with an undisturbed velvet-silk presentation under angled lighting. An exceptional strike, for a San Francisco issue, with fully detailed motifs. F-101 and a lone die pairing with a mintage of 230,000. CAC has certified 22 coins total, including two pieces at MS66 and none finer. The CAC price guide indicates a value of \$28,800. Legend Rare Coin Auctions, July 2020 BigMo Auction Sale, Lot 64. Ex. Eugene Gardner, and Northern Bay Collections. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4640.

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1865 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC OGH, Tied Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Civil War cavalcade continues with a heavily striated 1865 Philadelphia issue that ranks as tied for finest. Heavy die polish imparted a mirrored finish through the fields though the motifs are evenly frosted. The bright light display is exceptional with even silver-gray surfaces that approach perfection. A pinpoint sharp strike provides a precise window in the intricately hubbed dies including die scratches in the left field and arcing lines framing a repunched date. F-101a, circulation strikes from proof dies with a die defect on (D)IME. The Fortin plate at his Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors online reference. The CAC census is reported at 25 with six tied at the MS67 level and none finer. Acquired January 2004 via Jim O'Donnell. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4641.



1865-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC OGH, Rare Complete Strike, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Eliasberg. Astute students of the Liberty Seated dime series should immediately note the differentiated strike offered by the Eliasberg 1865-S. Nearly all strikes from the F-101 die pairing will exhibit partial, and worse, missing heads. When acquired January 1997 via private treaty, this specimen exposed the beauty of a complete Liberty portrait coupled with a brilliant obverse with deeply basined die, polished to provide a prooflike surface. Partially mirrored reverse fields are also noted with frosted motifs while surfaces are unabraded. No auction records are available since the Bowers & Merena May 20-22, 1996, New York City Eliasberg Sale. Featured as the F-101 plate coin, with Small Weak S, within the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. Tied at the MS63 level within the CAC census with two finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Eliasberg pedigree. PCGS #4642.

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1866 F-102b 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. New England Museum Collection. The well recognized New England Museum specimen with splendid gunmetal blue and russet toning along with peripheral gold on both sides. Bright light exposure reveals sharp reflectance consistent with proof strikes. A fully executed strike is apparent on all the devices. F-102b with lightly clashed dies as a circulation strike with only 8,000 produced. Held in a New England museum for generations and first auctioned by Stack's & Bowers at the May 2013 ANA National Money Show Sale, Lot #207. An incredibly original and condition census example that warrants in-hand inspection prior to bidding for appreciating the reserve that is consistent with the 2013 record auction price. Six examples have been CAC approved at the MS66 grade with a single finer. The CAC price guide stands at \$4,900 while PCGS quotes \$6,250. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4643.



1866-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Tied for Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The final Civil War San Francisco Mint issue with conditional census rarity at the offered grade. Few Mint State survivors are known when considering a mintage of 135,000 with western frontier attrition that took a heavy toll. Glowing frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels are hallmarks with angled lighting. Slightly mottled reddish-gold patina is prevalent on both sides with pristine surfaces other than a single tick on the left facing forearm. A nearly complete strike with softness on the head and bow knot. F-101, with weak S mintmark and median die state, as evidenced by a pronounced die crack from Liberty's ear down through the midsection and into the shield banner. A total of 19 examples have been approved at CAC with this lot tied for finest. The CAC price guide suggests \$14,400 as fair market value while PCGS states \$20,000. Heritage Auctions, March 2006 Palm Beach Florida Sale, Lot #449. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4644.

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1867 F-102 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Tied for Finest, An Exceptional Gem, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1867 brought the lowest Philadelphia mintage with 6,000 struck. Mint State survivors are available in all grades with this lot being tied for finest at PCGS and CAC. An exceptional example with intense prooflike reflectance and colorful rose shaded centers surrounded by peripheral blues as struck with conspicuously striated dies. Partial wire rims are noted with a full obverse strike and near complete reverse other than the upper left wheat grains. F-102, with business strike from a single die pairing with a heavily clashed obverse only. Acquired via private treaty with no known auction records, though the lot is featured as the PCGS price guide plate coin. The CAC price guide value is listed at \$17,300 for reference. A side-by-side comparison with the Simpson specimen could be a revealing exercise. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4645.



1867-S F-102 10C, PCGS MS64 Gold CAC, Tied Finest Known, An Imposing Gem, Gerry Fortin Collection. An imposing 1867 San Francisco strike that continues the Fortin Collection's run of commanding Civil War issues into the transitional Reconstruction Period. Light golden toning is continuous over pristine surfaces which certainly drove the Gold CAC designation. Brilliant, frosted luster and spinning cartwheels are consistent with gem Mint State expectations. As with the prior Civil War dates, few of the 140,000 struck were preserved due to no numismatic interest at that time. This lot could be the finest, an opinion to be settled if the Eliasberg-Bender MS65 CAC specimen were able for direct comparison. F-102 with small thin S and high level date, one of two die pairing identified by Fortin with this lot being the plate coin at the Liberty Seated Dime Variety online reference. An outstanding survivor that warrants in-hand inspection. American Numismatic Rarities, January 2005 Kennywood Sale, Lot #371. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4646.

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1868 F-112 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. When researching the Liberty Seated Dime series, the 1868 Philadelphia issue became a surprising enigma. After the low mintage Civil War era, this early Reconstruction period date increased to 464,000 struck with at least twelve die pairings. The low mintage per die ratio resulted in hammered strikes being the rule. However, the CAC approved population is 17 in all grades with Mint State survivors being half that total. This is a condition census example with deeply frosted surfaces and vibrant cartwheels, Pristine fields have a silver-gray appearance with the strike incomplete on the bow knot. F-112 with a notably high weak date and partial strikes being the rule. The CAC price guide is \$4,500 with two at grade and two incrementally finer. Acquired August 2003 via Carter Numismatics. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4647.



1868-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A conservatively graded 1868 San Francisco strike that is tied for finest at CAC. This "luster bomb" radiates huge helping of rich frosted luster accented with light gold coloration. A needle-sharp strike and pristine surfaces further elevated the overall eye appeal. F-101 with a Small Thin S reverse and struck with early die state dies. A challenging date fully choice specimen a diminutive 17 CAC approved pieces being validated. This dime is the sole MS64 with four finer. The conservative gradings will certainly draw the attention of the crack-out specialists towards a potential upgrade. Acquired August 2003 at that year's ANA World's Fair of Money as an ICG MS65 certified lot with subsequent crossover with downgrade into its current holder. The CAC fair market value is listed as \$5,250 with no examples extant finer. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2005) holder with CAC approval.



1869 Long Flag 1 F-105a 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1869 Philadelphia issue was produced with two different date punch styles, the Short Flag 1 and Long Flag 1, with the latter seen on most Mint State examples. This magnificent Gem ranks in the condition census and is tied for finest known at both PCGS and CAC. Dazzling frosted radiance couples with light ruby-red toning for an immaculate bright light viewing experience. The strike is essentially complete with a partial wire rim. The surfaces are pristine, and the fields are clashed. F-105a with a Long Flag 1 date punch. Only 18 examples are approved at CAC with an equal amount in circulated and Mint State grades. The CAC price guide lists \$7,500 as fair value though this example brought \$9,000 when acquired at the 2022 Tom Bender sale. Heritage Auctions, August 2022 US Coins Sale, Lot #3768. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval.

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1869-S F-102 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Honors for the third "finest known" in the Fortin Collection goes to the 1869-S issue, a scarce date in Mint State. This lone MS67 certified example suddenly appeared within a Great Collections auction during 2021 with no prior auction appearances. The preservation is flawless with deeply frosted luster and swirling cartwheels. Obverse motifs are fully impressed while the reverse shows typical weakness at the upper left wheat grains. A phenomenal specimen with charm that will last a collecting lifetime. F-102 die pairing with a Small Weak S. Utilized as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. The CAC price guide indicates \$26,400 as market value while PCGS quotes \$30,000. Acquired April 2021 via Great Collections auction. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4650.



1870 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Bender. The epitome of originality and tied for finest known. Blended jade-green and sun-gold hues are predominant on the obverse, with incremental blues on the reverse. Lightly mirrored with substantial steely radiance and vibrant cartwheels. Partial wire rims and a scrupulously detailed strike are further noted. F-101a, a business strike from proof dies as noted by a die crack between the ribbon ends. A challenging date overall with the CAC census listing 23 approved. This lot is one of three stickered at the MS66 level with a price guide value of \$10,500. Heritage Auctions, January 2023 FUN U.S. Coins Signature Sale, Lot 3382. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Bender Collection pedigree. PCGS #4651.

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1870-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1870-S issue is equally challenging in the circulated grades with a hoard being responsibility of the Mint State survivors. Mintage was limited to 60,000 among the half dime and dollar rarities. Thick creamy frosted luster is brilliant intense coupled with spinning cartwheels that are a joy. Light gold patination is consistent on both sides with ebony micro-specks on the reverse. The strike is complete with the left reverse wreath being weakly hubbed. The eye appeal is downright stupendous. F-101, a single die pairing with Small Weak S mintmark on a leftover reverse of 1869-S. One of the many dimes in the collection to be utilized as a plate within the Fortin Liberty Seated online reference. The CAC census, at 13 examples, illustrates the dearth of choice survivors in the circulated grades with nine approved in Mint State. Worthy of in-hand viewing as a potential upgrade candidate. Acquired August 2002 via Jim O'Donnell, a well-known Liberty Seated coinage dealer of that era. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC Approval. PCGS #4652.



1871 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Bender. Struck from a retired proof die pairing as validated by a die crack between the ribbon ends. This fact explains the mirrored prooflike fields and sharp bright light reflectance. Both sides are toned with ribbons of rainbow shades while gold coloration being predominant. The surfaces are essentially flawless with a complete strike and sharp wire rims noted. The overall eye appeal is profound and consistent with its superb gem certification. The reserve is well back of the prior Tom Bender sales tally. F-102a with leftover 1870 reverse die. CAC notes 21 in all grades, a surprising number with nearly a million struck. The CAC price guide lists \$5,400 while PCGS reports \$6,500 as fair value. Acquired via private treaty. Ex. Heritage Auctions, February 2023 Long Beach Signature Sale Lot# 3769 (Tom Bender). Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Bender Collection pedigree. PCGS #4653.

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1871-CC F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Key Carson City Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. One of the Liberty Seated dime "stopper" dates and a first-year issue at the Carson City Mint. The 20,100 struck saw extensive circulation with few choice survivors extant in any grade. One of the highlights of the Fortin Collection with amazing preservation. Though moderately worn, the surfaces are entirely unabraded with a layer of natural coin gray patina that is consistent throughout the piece. The devices are appropriately defined for the issue with a touch of upper obverse weakness. The third finest as the CAC census reports 13 total and two higher at AU53/AU55. A once in several decades' opportunity for the astute collector. Heritage Auction, May 2005 St. Louis CSNS Signature Sale, Lot 6504. Ex. Tim Cook Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4654.



1871-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS65+ CAC, Second Finest Known, Repunched Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Bender. This 1871-S repunched date example is close to unimprovable given its status as the second finest known at PCGS and CAC. Rich granular frosted luster is brilliant with faint gold at the obverse rims. The reverse radiance is equally captivating with beautiful blue and mauve patina and swirling cartwheels. The design elements are sharply struck, including Liberty's head, the denomination, and the grains in the corn and wheat stalks, areas that are often weak. A few minute chatter marks on the reverse above ONE account for the grade while the obverse is unquestionably pristine. F-101 with bold repunching above the 18 digits and a Small Weak S mintmark. The PCGS price guide plate coin. CAC reports two at the MS65 grade with a single finer. The CAC guide lists \$15,800 as fair value without a value for the (+) grade. Acquired via private treaty. Ex. Heritage Auctions, February 2023 Long Beach Signature Sale Lot# 3656 (Tom Bender), Jason Carter (5/2009), and Eugene Gardner Part II (Heritage 10/2014), Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Bender Collection pedigree. PCGS #4655.

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1872-CC F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, CAC Condition Census, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. "Condition Census", a term credited to Dr. William Sheldon, arrives at a coin value through listing the top five survivors in sequential order. The 1872 Carson City issue is the most frequently encountered within the 1871-CC though 1874-CC date span. However, choice survivors are very rare without a single Mint State specimen with CAC green bean. Darker violet-gray shades are noted on this naturally toned example with olive orange, gray noted at the reverse borders. Well preserved surfaces are undisturbed and entirely pleasing. The strike is typical of the issue as variability is the rule. CAC reports 17 approved in all grades with a single AU58 finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$17,300 as fair value, which is a conservative number given the ongoing collector demand. Acquired via private treaty during late 2023. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4657.



1872-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1872 San Francisco issue is known as a condition rarity in Mint State with the Fortin specimen being within the condition census. A sharply struck survivor with only a few upper left wreath cereal gains not fully detailed. Gold coloration graces the undisturbed surfaces with a single diagonal roller line, as made, crossing both Es in the denomination. F-101, a single die pair with later stage die cracks and a Small Block S. The F-101 plate coin in the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. CAC reports 15 approved in all grades with two finer. A \$7,500 fair market value of listed which appears conservative for this challenging S-mint. Heritage Auctions, May 2005 St. Louis CSNS Signature Sale, Lot #6508, Ex. Dr. Tim Cook Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4658.

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1872 F-102 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Bender. Yet another Bender Family acquisition towards upgrading the later "common" dates in the Fortin Collection. This marvelous gem presents autumn-brown, and blue-green toning with orange red at the obverse center under a bright light. The upper and lower reverse borders are similarly toned with a silver lustrous center. Frosted radiance and vibrant cartwheels are truly pleasing. F-102 with triple punched one and misplaced digits at the end of the scroll. CAC notes 24 stickered in all grades with two finer. The CAC price guide does not list fair value for (+) grades with a range from \$3,750 (MS66) to \$11,200 (MS67). The PCGS guide stands at \$5,000. Heritage Auction January 2023 FUN Signature Sale, Lot 3384. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Bender Collection pedigree. PCGS #4656.



1873 No Arrows, Open 3 F-106 10C, PCGS MS65, CAC Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1873 No Arrows Open 3 was struck for only a short time as the Mint took steps to "open" the 3-date punch to avoid confusion with that of an 8 digit per the initial Closed 3. The reported mintage of 60,000 correlates well with the dearth of gem survivors. The Fortin specimen is the finest CAC approved and tied for finest at PCGS. Granular frosted luster and swirling cartwheels are exemplary while the strike is hammered. The center Liberty device is meticulously detailed as are the corn and wheat grains on the reverse. The overall eye appeal is differentiated from other Mint State examples seen in a long collecting career. CAC reports 17 approved in all grades without a price guide estimate for fair market value. Acquired February 2023 via primate treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4660.



1873 No Arrows, Closed 3 F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Struck in early 1873 prior to the enactment of the infamous Mint Act of 1873 which brought three different varieties for that year. The initial Closed 3 date punch was easily mistaken for an 8 digit leading to the punch being milled into the Open 3. Closed 3 examples are twice as available as the subsequent Open 3 variant in Mint State, though the date remains challenging when fully choice. This Closed 3 lot is frosted along with being sharply struck throughout, with highly detailed head and reverse corn and wheat grains. F-103 with repunched 1 and circular die crack in the right wreath coupled with being the plate coin within the Fortin online reference. The CAC tally stands at 16 approved in all grades with eight finer. Acquired in September 2001 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC Approval. PCGS #4659.

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1873 With Arrows F-104 10C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Coinage Act of 1873 revised the United States' mint and coinage laws and established the gold standard. One of the provisions was a slight planchet weight increase from 2.48 grams to 2.50 grams, well within the production tolerance of that era. Regardless, the Mint again placed arrows at the date for the 1873 and 1874 issues. Fortin notes that the 1873 issue is much more difficult in Mint State as compared to the subsequent 1874 date. A check of the CAC census will easily bare this fact out and the basis for difficulty in locating a CAC approved upgrade for this offered lot. A fully detailed example with evenly impressed devices. Dusty silver-gray patination is consistent on both sides with soft, steely-frosted luster noted. Pristine surfaces round out the attributes. F-104 with a repunched 1 and employed as the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime reference plate coin. The PCGS price guide states \$1,1750 as market value. Acquired September 2004 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder. PCGS #4665.



1873-CC With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS VF35 CAC, Key Carson City Date, Choice Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A single obverse die paired with an existing reverse coined 18,791 pieces with this survivor being remarkably preserved. The mintage circulated extensively in the western frontier with heavy wear or corrosion being typical of those seen. Though moderately worn, this survivor still retains residual luster under a bright light. Original golden mint frost is noted in the protected areas. Varying shades of gray contain embedded gold, rose, and aquamarine while the surfaces are practically unabraded. CAC reports 18 approved in all grades with only two finer, EF45 and AU50. The CAC price guide suggests \$14,400 as fair value while PCGS lists \$17,500. An exceptional Carson City strike for those who demand strict originality. Acquired in November 2006 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4666.

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1873-S With Arrows 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Worthy of a GFRC-Gem quality rating, this lot is clearly differentiated when compared with others certified at the same grade. Mirrored fields are noted on both sides with undisturbed reflectivity. A bright light exposes peripheral orange-gold on the obverse and concentric rings of copper, orange, and green-gold on the reverse. The strike is hammered with all subtle device features being deeply impressed. The overall preservation and eye appeal suggests an upgrade possibility since Fortin has left nearly all lots in their original early holders. F-102 with repunched 18 digits and a Small Block S mintmark. The plate coin within the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. The CAC census lists 25 approved examples with only three finer. The CAC \$3,800 price guide value is understated for this lot. Acquired August 2009 via Carter Numismatics. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4667.



1874 With Arrows F-103 10c, PCGS MS64 CAC, Finest Top 100 Variety Example, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An especially important Top 100 Varieties offering as the finest known for the die variety. Generous mint bloom covers both sides of this GFRC-Gem rated dime with thick frosted luster noted under a bright light. Creamy light gold covers the obverse with similar shading on the lower reverse. The overall strike is impressive with several upper left wheat grains not completely formed. F-103 with a bold repunching of the 18 digits and light die clashing throughout. The plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. The CAC price guide lists \$1400 as this date is a type coin play. Bowers & Merena, November 2002 Logan and Steinert Sale, Lot #1235. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4668.



1875 F-117 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Pastel shades and glowing frosted luster are readily apparent with angled lighting. The obverse is a parade of copper-gold, aquamarine, and rose while the reverse toning is mostly limited to the borders. The strike is nearly complete with the upper left reverse wheat grains being traditionally weak. F-117 with a high-level date and random die lines across Liberty. The CAC price guide suggests \$1,050 as fair market value with 18 approved at the offered grade. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4672.

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1874-CC With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS EF45 CAC, Key Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. All 1874-CC dimes have a die crack through the mintmark as the prime diagnostic. On this example, the die crack continues through the right wreath and exits to the rim at 2:00. Undoubtedly, the key date in the Liberty Seated Dime series with 10,817 struck. A rarity when considering few strictly original survivors are extant as nearly all are problematic with porosity or restoration efforts. The Fortin specimen exhibits light to moderate olive golden-gray patination with an ancient mark above DIM(E) being the only anomaly. Of vital importance is the unquestionable originality leading to a multi-decade opportunity for the astute numismatist. F-101 from a single die pair and the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collector* online reference. CAC has approved 16 coins in all grades with five finer. The CAC price guide lists \$46,100 at the offered grade and \$72,000 in AU50. Heritage Auctions, September 2003 Long Beach Sale, Lot #6403. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4669.



1874-S With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Finest Micro S Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. After careful research of all CoinFacts auctions records dating back to 2005, this F-101 Micro S dime is the finest known for its variety. Recent sales of MS66/MS66+ examples via Gardner, Bender, and others have been exclusively the F-102 Small S with a weakly hubbed reverse or the F-102a with late die state die erosion. An impressively lustrous example under bright light with spinning cartwheels and light golden-brown patination with pristine surfaces. Essentially fully struck though the left wreath devices are weakly hubbed, an issue for both 1874-S reverse dies. As with many other Fortin lots in this GFRC event, this coin has been employed as the plate within the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. CAC reports 18 approved examples in all grades with none finer. Acquired August 2009 via Carter Numismatics. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval and no upgrade attempts for a (+) designation. PCGS #4670.

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1875-CC In Wreath F-106 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC OGH, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A breathtaking In Wreath gem with exceptional eye appeal! This lot has continued to be housed in its old PCGS Gen 2.1 (1989) holder with internal gasket as I could not bring myself to destroy the holder for an upgrade attempt. Glowing steely-frosted luster coupled with swirling cartwheels appear under a bright light. Pristine surfaces and a hammered strike round out the positive attributes of this gem lot. Patination is aquamarine-blue and rose-gray on the obverse with yellow-gold peripheral hues on the reverse, only hinted at in the GFRC images. In Wreath F-106a in a later die state with die cracks through OF AMERICA and throughout the reverse wreath. The CAC price guide stands at \$6,000 in MS66 jumping to \$16,200 in the next grade. This lot is undoubtedly an upgrade candidate and warrants careful in-hand inspection. Acquired January 2003 via private treaty.



1875-CC Below Wreath F-106 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Tied CAC Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1875-CC dime is divided into two obvious varieties as determined by the location of the mintmark. The Below Wreath variety is the scarcer of the two with this lot being a strictly original representative. Both sides exhibit heavy satin luster beneath variable antique silver color. The strike is sharp, with weakness seemingly being limited to the high points of the upper left wreath. Below Wreath F-106 with the reuse of the obverse die after pairing with an In Wreath reverse. The CAC census reports 46 approved in all grades with none finer. \$4,500 is offered as fair market value per the CDN CAC guide. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4674.



1875-S In Wreath F-103a 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A rare coin in gem grades as the Above Wreath variety is now acknowledged to be scarcer than the Below Wreath variety. Astute collectors should step back and consider that CAC has only approved eight in full gem from a combined mintage of 9 million for both variations. An overburdened San Francisco Mint resulted in poor workmanship for much of the issue. This lot deserves the GFRC "luster bomb" designation and clearly is an upgrade candidate given today's luster centric grading standards. The frosted radiance is equally stunning on both sides from pristine untuned surfaces. F-106a as struck from severely eroded dies and a fully shattered reverse. CAC notes 19 approved in all grades with three finer. The CAC suggested fair market value at \$2,250 suffers from mintage bias as a finest known has to be valued at more than \$4,500 at the MS66 level. Acquired March 2000 via Heritage Rare Coins. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4676.

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1875-S Below Wreath F-103 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC 10C, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. 1875 San Francisco strikes were accomplished with two distinctly different mintmark locations. For the Below Wreath, the Micro S and Small S punches have been well documented by Greer and Fortin with the Micro S seen as very scarce in Mint State grades. This specimen warrants a GFRC-Gem quality rating given its serene viewing experience and brilliant frosted radiance. A bold strike is again plagued by weakness at the upper left reverse wheat grains. A lot with upgrade potential as the luster is beyond that of the certified grade. F-103 with filled Micro S that is positioned far to the left. The CAC census is 27 in all grades with ten finer. The CAC price guide value of \$550 again suffers from mintage bias equivalent to common date Philadelphia issues of that era. Acquired January 2003 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2005) holder with CAC approval.



1876 Type 1 Reverse 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Rich frosted luster is framed by peripheral aquamarine-gold on this super gem survivor. Elevated wire rims and high relief devices result from a hammered strike including circulated lathe lines in the lower gown folds. The preservation is extraordinary with undisturbed surfaces. Unlisted in the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference with an arcing die line on Liberty's neck. The CAC price guide notes \$1250 at the MS66 grade level increasing to \$3,300 in MS67, with a single example approved at this lofty grade. Stack's Bowers August 2019 ANA Auction Sale, Lot #1237. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown. PCGS #4679.



1876-CC Type 1 Reverse F-117 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. With all the finest known and tied for finest lots within the Fortin Collection auction, why is the 1876-CC date in a lowly PCGS MS63 holder? An inspection of the images should provide a response to that question and the basis for never being compelled to conduct an upgrade. An amazing gem with glowing steely-frosted luster and bold definition of the motifs. Under a bright light, the faint orange bullseye center transitions to orange-rose before shifting sky-blue with yellow gold at the immediate borders. Copper-gold dominates the reverse with embedded sea-green at the periphery. Other than a few ancient micro-lines in the right obverse field, the surfaces are unabraded. F-117 in early die state without the reverse die crack through the mintmark, CAC notes \$1,000 as fair market value with \$1,500 at the next grade. Undoubtedly, a full "4" against present day grading standards and more than worthy of the reserve. Acquired August 2005 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.

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1876-CC Type 2 Reverse F-101 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The 1876-CC Type 2 reverse is scarce in all grades while being consistently well struck. Greer points out that "Surprisingly, at least five Mint State Type II examples are known" with rumors of a hoard being the source. Mint State examples are seen as both frosted and lightly mirrored. This lot radiates thick frosted luster with the reverse radiance at the superb gem level. As expected, the strike is fully executed including sharply defined reverse wheat grains, notable for the With Legend design hub. F-101 with a repunched 6 digit. CAC has approved only two circulated coins with the Fortin lot not recorded specific to the variety. PCGS reports this lot and a single MS64+ finer. Scotman's October 2003 Collector's Auction, Lot #553. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. The label reads Type 2 Rev FS-901 (FS-005). PCGS #145501.



1876-S Type 1 Reverse F-109 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A stunning premium Type 1 gem, this dime is highly lustrous with brilliant steely-frosted silver surfaces as the bright light performance being compelling. An untuned survivor with a pronounced strike and bold motifs. F-109 with high downward sloping date and die doubling in the denomination. This date has been challenging is gem Mint State though the PCGS population report suggests otherwise. During the 2010-2015 era, this date was a solid \$3,500+ at the offered grade. CAC reports 37 approved in all grades, notably low for a mintage of over 10 million. The CDN CAC guide indicates \$2,400 as fair value with common date bias. Acquired during October 2006 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4681.



1877 Type 2 Reverse F-107 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Ex. Gardner. Yet another "common date" that suffers from mintage bias, this 1877 Philadelphia strike presents cobalt-blue at the extreme borders coupled with golden-orange that encircles brilliant centers. Glimmering frosted luster and rotating cartwheels pique the eyes during bright light inspection. The complete absence of marks and a bold strike further increases the desirability. A superb gem that is ultra carefully preserved. Type 2 F-107 with a high, level date and circular die cracks passing through the legend and date. CAC reports 40 approved in all grades with three finer. The CDN CAC guide lists fair value as \$1,300, a common date type number that fails to capture the low MInt State population. Heritage Auctions, October 2015 Eugene Gardner IV Signature Sale, Lot #98288. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4682.

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1877-CC Type 2 Reverse F-109 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A superb gem with vibrant frosted radiance and swirling cartwheels, A rich peripheral sea-green patina frames the tan-gold and creamy-gray fields and devices. The strike is 100% complete with intricately detailed motifs. Purchased at a nearly all-time record price as the eye appeal is unprecedented. Type 2 F-109 the 77 digits in the date lightly repunched and the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. The CAC price guide suggests \$4,350 as fair market value with two finer. Heritage Auctions, February 2012 Long Beach Signature Sale, Lot #3349. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4683.



1877-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Repunched Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The disparity between the 1877-S mintage of 2,340,000 and the choice CAC Mint State population is dramatic. The approval rate for all uncirculated examples is a meager 16 examples while the entire census is a stark 21 pieces. This lot ranks in the condition census with three at grade and a lone finer. Light peripheral gold toning decorates brilliantly sharp steely-frosted centers. The bright light spinning cartwheels are equally impressive. The strike is typical of the issue as a case where my full strike requirements was ignored due to the rarity at this lofty grade. F-101 with repunched date and Small Block S mintmark along with being yet another plate coin within the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. Heritage Auctions, April 2009 Cincinnati OH Coin Action Sale, Lot144. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4684.



1878 Type 2 Reverse F-109 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Gardner. A "common date" that remains underrated and challenging in gem Mint State. Violet and blue-green patination covers the obverse on this colorfully toned superb gem 1878 Type 2 reverse dime. The reverse interactions between steely-frosted luster and a golden periphery framing a mint-green center are just short of remarkable. Strike is fully executed and boldly detailed. A potential collection mate for the Fortin 1877-CC as the presentation is well matched. Unlisted with a potential match with the F-101 proof reverse die. For a date with 1,677,200 struck, a CAC census of only 21 approved is noteworthy with the majority being Mint State. The CAC guide lists \$1950 as fair market value. Heritage Auctions, October 2015 Gardner Collection IV Sale, Lot #1229. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Gardner. PCGS #4685.

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1878-CC Type 2 Reverse F-104 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The Fortin Sale arrives at the 1878-CC F-104 dime with a lapped Type 2 reverse, another long-time personal favorite without a need for upgrade. Nearly all gem Mint State survivors were struck with a Type 1 reverse (F-101) with steely to partially mirrored fields. This condition facilitates a higher probability for searing lofty grades as compared to the rare Type 2 reverse varieties (F-102 through F-104) that were struck with excessively lapped back dies. The offered lot is the finest Type 2 strike seen as both a researcher/dealer and irreplaceable in the Fortin Collection. Light violet-rose is overlaid on a silver-gray background with deeper hues on the obverse. Glistening steely-frosted luster and spinning cartwheels explode under a bright light coupled with a hammered strike that meticulously illustrates the excessively lapped back die. A dream coin for the die variety specialist and potential upgrade candidate. Of course, a long time Fortin plate coin for the variety. The CAC population report and price guide both reflect the F-101 die pairing and should be considered accordingly. Acquired August 2001 via private treaty. Also, Heritage Auctions, December 2000 Exclusively Internet Sale, Lot #1101. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4686.



1879 F-105 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A superb gem with copper-gold shades overlaid over partially mirrored fields and swirling cartwheels. Strike is typical for the issue with slight weakness at the head and bow knot. F-105 with repunched date and heavy die scratches in the left wreath while also serving as the plate coin within the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime online reference. CAC notes 74 approved in all grades and a price guide estimate \$1,350 as fair market value. Stack's October 2005 NYC Lemus Sale, Lot #691. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4687.



1880 F-102a 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An exceptional gem with mirrored fields, the obverse more so. In-hand viewing is suggested to enjoy the obverse color transition to center rose framed by sky blue and yellow gold at the borders. Copper-gold peripheral toning partially extends into the denomination. The overall eye appeal is further enhanced by completely struck motifs and reflective luster. The GFRC images can only hint at the dramatic bright light presentation. Approaching the condition census with seven approved at the CAC stickered grade and three finer. The CAC price guide listed \$3,000 as fair value. Acquired August 2016 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4688.

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1881 F-101a 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. The best of the 1879 through 1881 low mintage dates with a meager representation in the CAC population report. 24,000 pieces were struck with recycled proof dies resulting in a sparkling frosted luster being regularly noted for circulation strikes. Peripheral copper-gold and deep blues toning is consistent on both sides with deeper shades on the reverse. A hammered strike leads to fully impressed motifs. Three micro-ticks in the obverse right field are consistent with the (+) grade. F-101a with a medium upward sloping date, otherwise perfect dies. CAC reports 21 approved in all grades with four finer. The corresponding price guide lists \$5,000 as fair value. Acquired October 2022 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Newtown. PCGS #4689.



1882 F-104 10C, PCGS MS67+ CAC, Tied Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A marvelously superb gem that is tied for finest known at PCGS. A razor-sharp strike and enchanting frosted radiance are quite compelling and the basis for inclusion in the Fortin Collection. Blended cobalt blue and rose-gold peripheral toning floats on pristine surfaces. In-hand viewing is recommended for enjoying the dramatic cartwheels and overall presentation. A lot that is equally well suited as a top-quality type coin or inclusion into date and mintmark set as is the case here. F-104 with broken top 2 digit and die cracks in the left reverse wreath. With a mintage of 3.9 million, the current CAC approved tally of 93 examples is not surprising. The CAC price guide suggests \$3,000 as fair value while PCGS lists the MS67+ level at \$5250. Acquired October 2021 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4690.



1883 F-119a 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A circulation strike from proof dies that will be listed in the Fortin Liberty Seated Dime die variety reference as F-119a. Rich sea-green and blended center rose is prevalent on the obverse while grayish-purple hues coat the reverse. Frosted radiance is exceptional along with spinning cartwheels. Strike is also complete on this superb gem survivor. A tremendous candidate for type or inclusion in a stellar date and mintmark set. A common Philadelphia issue with 93 approved within the CAC census and a single example finer. CAC price guide lists \$3000 as fair value. In-hand inspection is suggested as this lot has upgraded possibilities. Acquired June 2022 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4691.

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1884 F-109 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A remarkable 1884 Philadelphia strike that is reflective of mid-2000 era conservative grading. This colorful super gem radiates enormous amounts of steely-frosted luster and swirling cartwheels. The fields are pristine while the strike is nearly complete with only the upper left reverse wheat grains not fully defined. The peripherally toned reverse is a full grade higher with its green and yellow gold peripheral toning. Please don't confuse this lot with the generic MS66s that routinely trade at the major auction with discounted or wholesale prices, as reserved well below the purchase price. F-109 with rusted reverse die and die cracks with the wreath. Acquired April 2004 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2005) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4692.



1884-S F-105 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Fortin's die variety research has identified six die pairings accomplished with three obverse and four reverse dies. The F-105 strikes are noted for their bold date punch whereby the 84 digits nearly touch. This GFRC-Gem rated example offers eye appeal of a much higher grade though luster breaks in the right obverse field are technically limiting. The steely-frosted luster explodes under a bright light while shimmering cartwheels are eye-catching. Utilized as the plate coin within *The Definitive Resource for Liberty Seated Dime Variety Collectors* online reference. A challenging date with CAC approval as the census tally is 25 examples with three finer. The CAC price guide suggests \$1,1950 as the current market value, a number that is quite conservative. Heritage Auctions, January 2012 FUN Signature Sale, Lot #5500. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4693.



1885 F-110 10C, PCGS MS67+ CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An amazing Superb Gem among the top-graded survivors at PCGS and exhibits superior eye appeal at the lofty (+) grade level. Claims to the finest known are certainly a possibility as this lot was acquired directly after "being made" and without an auction appearance. Dramatic steely-frosted luster and spinning cartwheels are exceptional and require in-hand lot inspection for appreciation and bidding strategy formulation. Sea-green and blue centers are surrounded by pastel orange-gold at the peripheries with a deeply impressed strike with all devices in high relief. F-110 with high level date and weakly hubbed reverse denomination. The CAC census reports 11 tied at the MS67 level with none finer and no differentiation for the (+) grade. PCGS lists this lot in the top three extant. Acquired October 2022 via private treaty. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval.

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1885-S F-101 10C, NGC MS65, Condition Rarity, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A remarkable condition rarity 1885 San Francisco strike and one of the highlights of the Fortin Collection. That year's mintage was anemic at 43,690 pieces with nearly all entering circulation. This date is undoubtedly the rarest Mint State date from 1873 through the design's termination in 1891. Even choice original circulation strikes are prized by collectors given the date's scarcity. This amazing example exhibits shimmering frosted luster and swirling cartwheels with a stunning visual presentation. A transparent copper-gold patina is uniform on both sides while the strike is deeply impressed and meticulously detailed with partial wire rims. Immaculate surfaces provide undisturbed eye appeal. F-101, a single pair with usage as the plate coin within the Fortin Liberty Seated dime online reference. PCGS lists two at the offered grade with a single finer and a \$35,000 fair market estimate. December 2021 via private treaty. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #4695.



1886 F-119 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. This 1886 dime is superior in all regards with blazing luster and spinning cartwheels when inspected under a bright light. Copper shades are prevalent throughout with deep blues and aquamarine hues at the borders. A highly detailed strike and spotless surfaces further suggest conservative old-time grading and upgrading potential. This dime has proven to be difficult to upgrade given its visual charm and warrants in-hand inspection before bidding. F-119 with a misplaced 6 digit in the denticles though difficult to see on this specimen. A "common date" within the CAC census that totals 111 pieces in all grades and nine finer. CAC notes a fair market value of \$1050 as reference, a gift at anywhere near this price. Acquired January 2006 via Larry Whitlow. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.2 (2004-2005) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4696.

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1886-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Tied CAC Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Gardner. A close to perfection gem with aesthetic appeal with Gardner pedigree. Soft golden-brown peripheral toning otherwise the surfaces are ever so lightly toned. Once again, the term "luster bomb" arrives to characterize the intense radiance and spinning cartwheel with angled lighting. The design elements are sharply defined with each side being impeccably preserved. In-hand auction lot viewing is strongly recommended for cultivating an appropriate bid as potentially superior to the Eliasberg specimen. F-101 with the second 8 digit centered under the pendant. Acquired February 2022 via private treaty. Previously Heritage Auctions, October 2014 Eugene Gardner Collection II Sale, Lot #98282 where it realized \$8,813 as PCGS serial number 4598339. The reholding under a different PCGS number and CAC approval brings the CAC census accuracy into question, The CAC price guide suggests \$8,250 as fair value. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4697.



1887 F-110 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Thick granular frosted luster radiates on both sides with associated cartwheels being dramatic. Speckled orange-rose, yellow-gold, and sky-blue toning decorates the obverse while a more continuous rich gold adorns the reverse. The overall strike is well executed though the slight weakness at the top of the head is consistent with the die pairing. Yet another Fortin lot that has proven to be difficult to upgrade given the superior eye appeal and untouched surfaces. In-hand lot viewing is necessary to appreciate the premium gem qualities. F-110 with die cracks in the left reverse wreath. CAC notes 116 approved in all grades with six finer. Acquired August 2004 via Delaware Valley Rare Coins. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4698.



1887-S F-108 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. An impeccable strike is promptly noted with completely defined device elements on this brilliantly frosted specimen. The cartwheel action is intriguing while olive-green, orange-rose and hints of gold are quite attractive. Accurately graded given two micro-ticks in the right obverse field. The 1887-S issue is a slightly better date in lofty Mint State grades. F-108 with a high-level date and weak base above the 887 digits. Worthy of an auction lot viewing effort as the luster is quite convincing. The overall CAC census reports 63 approved with nine finer at the MS66 level. Bowers & Merena June 2010 Baltimore Sale, Lot #1844. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4699.

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1888 Unlisted 10C, PCGS MS66 Gold CAC, Potential Finest Known, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Exceptional eye appeal with claims to finest known, this 1888 Philadelphia strike completes the listing of seven Gold CAC approved lots in the Fortin Collection. A simply amazing strike with sparkling luster overlaid with vivid blue-green and lemon-gold patination. The bright light presentation is extraordinary including swirling cartwheels. Purchased at the Heritage Auctions August 2007 Milwaukee ANA Sale, Lot #444 at MS67 money given the marvelous portrait with a CAC Gold bean validating that decision during late 2014. The CAC census lists two at the MS67 level with a fair price estimate of \$7500. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4700.



1888-S F-110 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Tied Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection, Ex. Bender, Gardner. A conditional census specimen with Tom Bender and Eugene Gardner pedigrees. Thick satiny luster is prevalent with iridescent lavender-gold and aquamarine hues, while the surfaces are free of any noticeable imperfections. The strike is exquisite with fully detailed motifs throughout the front and back dies. Liberty's head and facial definition is quite noteworthy. A condition rarity despite a mintage of over 1.7 million. F-110 with high downward sloping date and Medium S mintmark. Surprisingly, the CAC census notes 24 approved in all grades with none finer. The CAC price guide lists \$6,750 as fair market value. Heritage Auctions August 2022 U.S. Coins Signature Auction Sale, Lot #3780. Previously, Eugene Gardner Collection (Heritage Auctions, June 2014). Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Bender Collection pedigree. PCGS #4701.



1889 10C, PCGS MS67 CAC, Tied for Finest, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. This Philadelphia piece is a superb gem standout, and the overall eye appeal is hard to overstate. Vibrant rose-gold toning at the centers is encircled by similarly intense teal blue at the rims on the obverse while the reverse is more of a mottled teal and rose combination. The strike is sharply impressed with light die clashing, and the surfaces are absolutely stunning in quality. There is a lot to like here and consistent with the tied for finest known status at CAC. Simply a monumental coin that will add colorful pizzazz to any advanced collection. Stack's Bowers, August 2015 ANA U.S. Coins Auction Sale, Lot 305. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4702.

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1889-S F-108 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Steely-frosted surfaces reveal light, golden patina with a few deeper shades at the rim, while the reverse is equally patinated. Bright light inspection notes a sharp brilliance and vibrant cartwheels. The strike is serrated with complete facial details and upper left reverse wheat grains, typical of Fortin's acquisition requirements. This lot requires in-hand inspection as there is upgrade potential. F-108, with an even date and the mintmark centered under the bow knot. The CAC pop report notes seven pieces in MS64, six coins in MS65, and two examples in MS66. The CAC price guide value is \$1,400. This is a pleasing example for the money, attractively toned and reasonably close to the top of the census. Acquired November 2002 via Jason Carter. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4703.



1890 F-112 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Frosted surfaces host varying shades of orange-gold with teal blue patina at the rims, and the eye appeal is immediately transfixing. Central devices are lighter, with the deepest shades at the borders, a favored scheme among aficionados of toned coins. Fully struck other than the pesky upper left reverse wheat grains. With angled lighting, vibrant cartwheels are noted along with a special reverse portrait. F-112 with a high downward sloping date. CAC notes 89 examples total, with twenty pieces in MS66 and eight finer. The CAC guide value is \$1,050 though the special eye appeal warrants a premium. Acquired June 2007 via Pinnacle Rarities. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4704.



1890-S F-103 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Double Die Obverse, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Glistening frosted luster highlights a fully impressed strike, while the rotating cartwheels are undoubtedly pleasing. Speckled lavender-gold toning is noted throughout with copper-rose at the borders while the surfaces are pristine. The overall presentation is noteworthy given a fully executed strike. F-103 with bold die doubling in multiple locations including the horizontal shield lines, throughout AMERICA, lower gown lines and below Liberty's foot. Utilized as the die variety plate coin within the Fortin online reference. The CAC census stands at 49 total with eight at MS65 and four finer. Acquired April 2008 via Pinnacle Rarities. The CAC price guide suggests \$1,600 as fair market value. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4705.

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1891 F-106 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Repunched Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. As the 1891 Philadelphia issue is one of the most common dates in the Seated dime series, the challenge was locating a truly special specimen is spectacular eye appeal. The journey led to an example with sparkling frosted radiance and swirling cartwheels coupled with a hammered obverse strike, including partial wire rims. The presentation is exquisite, other than the upper left reverse wheat grains not being fully struck. Acquired May 2020 via the Newtown Collection. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4706.



1891-O F-113 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Tied CAC Finest, Repunched Date, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. A medium streaked skin reveals olive-gold color across the obverse with more intense gold patina at the rims, while the reverse features a concentric ring presentation. Frosty luster is generous, as expected for the technical grade, and a light quickly activates rotating cartwheels. The strike is sharp, with partial wire rims and cuds at 9:00 on the obverse. F-113 with repunched 8 and 9 digits and die cracks while the left and right wreath devices. A marvelous specimen from a mintage of 4,540,000. CAC notes 79 coins total, eleven pieces in MS66 with none finer. Acquired July 2019 via David Sunshine Rare Coins. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4707.



1891-S F-116 10C, PCGS MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Gerry Fortin Collection. Spinning cartwheels and blazing frosted luster are consistent with a higher grade rendering this old-time acquisition as an upgrade candidate. An acutely hammered strike leads to meticulously detailed motifs with subtle die polished lines across Liberty's breasts. Light gold is concentrated at the obverse rims and throughout the reverse. In hand inspection is suggested as this little lady provides exceptional eye appeal. F-116 with high level date and polished reverse die along with yet another plate coins within the Liberty Seated Dime online die variety reference. The CAC census notes 48 in all grades with nine MS66 and three finer. Acquired November 2005 via Darrell Low. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC Approval. PCGS #4708.

