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GFRC Online Auctions presents its largest and widest ranging auction yet with two important anchor collections from long term GFRC clients. Opening this sale is a near complete set of Liberty Seated half dimes from the Sooner Collection that is well matched by a Liberty Seated and Trade dollar lot from the New Jersey Collection. Other consignors have jumped into this sale with CAC approved Barber dimes, AU58 Capped Bust halves, and better date Mint State Walking Liberty halves. The result is a huge auction event with something for everyone in the GFRC community.

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1837 V-1 No Stars, Large Date H10C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty, untoned centers lead toward deeper color at the rims, much more intensely on the reverse. Slight rub on the leg precludes CAC certification, but, at the AU58 level, GFRC believes this piece meets CAC standards for originality. While the major services will reward PQ, lustrous AU58 coins with low MS grades, CAC holds the line on technical evaluation. Regardless of the number or sticker, this is a pleasing, flashy example of this one-year type. V-1, with a tall, pointed 1PCGS price guide value is \$1,125. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4311



1837 V-5 No Stars, Small Date H10C, NGC MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Ample steely luster radiates from the surfaces of this Small Date example. Russet patina is evident on both sides, more so on the reverse, and the overall eye appeal is exceptional. Nicely struck, with a full head and defined leaf elements. V-5, with the top of 1 decidedly flatter than on the Large Stars variety. CAC notes seven pieces in MS62 and 53 examples finer. The CAC price guide in MS62 is \$1,140. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4312



1837 No Stars, Small Date H10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. The Twin Lakes consignor is a fan of pieces at AU58 level, and with good reason. These coins exhibit complete details with just traces of wear, and often come with luster more consistent with Mint State examples. This first year of issue half dime reveals mixed silver-gray patina on both sides, with only hints of rub at the high points, while light crust fills a few of the recessed points. Dies are rotated about 20 degrees. The CAC census reports 115 pieces total, including 19 examples in AU58 and 60 coins at all MS grades combined. The CAC price guide value is \$881. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4312

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1838 V-2 No Drapery, Small Stars H10C, NGC MS64 CAC Fatty, Gem Original, Mirror Collection. The plate coin for the current GFRC Auctions sale, this piece from the Mirror Collection will quickly draw the eye of toning aficionados. Rich blue and russet crescents cross the obverse, while purple-aqua patina blankets the reverse. The in-hand appeal is off the charts, and this offering will generate substantial bidder interest. Typically struck for the issue, with the left stars soft. V-2, with die rust on the arms and a crack at star 13. CAC notes four pieces in MS64, three examples in MS65, and a single coin at MS66. The CAC price guide value is \$2,020, and this piece will almost certainly draw stronger bids, being well-placed in the CAC condition census and offering exceptional eye appeal. Housed in NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) Fatty holder with CAC approval. There is a partial hologram on the upper holder reverse. PCGS #4318



1838 V-13 No Drapery, Large Stars H10C, PCGS MS62 CAC OGH, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. This piece is recently certified by CAC and attests to the consignor's eye for premium examples. The frosty, silver-gray centers give way to tan and steel-blue color at the rims, while the star centers are completely defined. V-13, with repunched stars and rotated dies. A die crack separates D and S in the legend. CAC reports eight coins in MS62 and 89 pieces higher. The CAC price guide indicates a value of \$562. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with fresh CAC approval. PCGS #4317



1839 V-2 No Drapery H10C, NGC MS63 Fatty, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. This crusty example exhibits intermixed blue and rose patina on both sides. Luster is less apparent, given the thick skin. The strike is well-impressed, with a strong head and defined leaf veins. V-2, with a middle date, repunching on 39, as well as star 5. NGC notes 50 pieces in MS63 and 141 coins finder. The NGC price guide value is \$490, an attractive price for a straight graded, fully detailed 19th century type coin. Housed in NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line Fatty holder with brown label. PCGS #4319

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1839-O V-5 No Drapery H10C, NGC MS61, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Pale blue and slate patina fill the rims of this crusty example, accompanied by rose-gray color at the centers and light dirt in the shield. Bits of emerald shade hide in the protected areas. A couple stars to the left are softly impressed. V-5, with obverse die cracks below the rock and at star 4, and a reverse crack at (UN)I(TED). The NGC census notes six coins in MS61 and 34 pieces finer. The NGC price guide indicates a value of \$1,275. Housed in NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #4320.



1840 V-2 No Drapery H10C, NGC AU58, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. The surfaces of this richly toned example are reflective when viewed at an angle under a light, revealing deep blue-green and maroon color. NGC reports 28 pieces in AU58 and 226 coins across all Mint State grades. V-2, with the date positioned to the left and sloping downward. The NGC price guide value is \$235. Previously from the Jules Reiver Collection (Heritage Auctions, August 4, 2015), lot 21422, where it realized \$199.75. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder. The label documents the Jules Reiver Collection pedigree. PCGS #4321



1840-O V-4 No Drapery H10C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. This GRFC Gem-rated half dime is a perfect example for the grade, with frosty luster and electric blue patina at the rims. Following a strong initial production of half dimes in 1839, the New Orleans Mint struck considerably fewer pieces in 1840, and examples in all grades are prized. V-4, with repunching in 840 and multiple die cracks above the legend. CAC has certified 26 coins total, including three pieces in AU53 and 10 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$960 in AU53, and we would not be surprised to see a stronger price at auction. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2012-2013) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4322

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1841-O V-3b H10C, NGC MS61 CAC, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Ample luster penetrates the semi-thick gray skin of this With Drapery piece, revealing frosty surfaces. Green-gold patina surrounds the obverse stars, while a medium splash of navy-blue color blankets the reverse. Stars are sharply impressed, and there is a lot to like about this eye appealing New Orleans example. V-3b, with reverse die cracks at U and C. The CAC census includes this single coin in MS61, and seven pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,800. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert with CAC approval. PCGS #4329



1842 V-2a H10C, NGC MS63 Fatty, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Steely, reflective fields create swirling cartwheels atop the surfaces of this richly patinated Philadelphia piece. Royal blue color fills the rims, while the fields exhibit maroon shades, and the aesthetic appeal of this GFRC-rated Gem is compelling. V-2a, with extensive die cracks in the obverse stars, while the reverse is clashed above the wreath. NGC notes 29 pieces in MS63, and 83 coins finer. The NGC price guide value is \$400. Housed in NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line Fatty holder with brown label. PCGS #4330.



1843 V-2a H10C, NGC AU58 CAC Fatty, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Extensive die cracks fully traverse the wreath of this Philadelphia piece, and the appearance is reminiscent of the well-known "Pie" variety in the Liberty Seated dime series (1839 F-105c, #10 in the Top-100). Terminal die state collectors, take note! Apart from the dramatically damaged reverse, this is a pleasing example with electric blue patina in the recessed areas, accompanied by partially mirrored luster that greatly exceeds the technical grade. Only a bit of chatter in the right obverse field holds the coin back from the Mint State level. V-2a, with a shattered reverse. CAC notes six pieces in AU58 and 38 coins in the Mint State bands. The CAC price guide value is \$195, and we fully expect this piece will sell for more than the guide value. Housed in NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line Fatty holder with brown label and CAC approval. PCGS #4332

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1843 V-9a H10C, PCGS AU50 CAC Rattler, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Untoned surfaces lead to hints of light tan color at the rims, while the ample luster is close to the Mint State level and exceeds that normally seen at the AU50 grade. A few field hairlines are noted. V-9a, with a heavy clash above the wreath, representing the base of Liberty from the obverse. PCGS notes 15 coins in AU50, 109 examples in the higher AU bands, and 161 pieces in Mint State. The PCGS price guide value is \$180. Housed in PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) Rattler holder. PCGS #4332



1845 V-4 H10C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Steely frosted luster covers both sides, with brilliant centers flowing toward reddish brown patina at the rims. The strike strongly impresses the head, stars, and wreath. Reverse fields exhibit light chatter, consistent with the assigned grade. V-4, with the date position matching Valentine's obverse 3. The dies are slightly rotated. The PCGS census include 35 coins in MS62 and 142 examples finer. The PGS price guide value is \$400 in MS62. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4335



1845 H10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Russet and gold patina fill the rims of this GFRC-rated Gem example, while centers reveal shades of blue-green and gray color. V-5, with the entire date clearly repunched. CAC notes 73 coins total, 11 pieces at the AU58 level, and 44 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide value is \$208, and we expect healthy bidder interest at that level, given the originality and pleasing toning of this example. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the RPD FS-301 Cherrypickers attribution. PCGS #43135

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1846 V-1 H10C, PCGS VF35, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. The 1846 is the unquestioned key to the Liberty Seated half dime series, with examples in all grades being highly prized. Bluish, gun metal shades blanket both sides of this low mintage issue and the overall eye appeal is wholesome. V-1, the only die pair for this date. This piece is scarce in low grades and becomes even more so as one climbs the grading ladder. PCGS notes 134 coins in all grades, with five pieces in VF35 and 27 coins finer, of which only three examples are in Mint State. The PCGS price guide value is \$4,500 in VF35, rising to \$5,500 in EF40. There is no substitute for rarity, and collector demand for examples of the 1846 half dime have historically been strong, almost since the time of issue. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. PCGS #4336



1847 V-4a PCGS MS63 H10C, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty luster highlights the medium gold, blue, and maroon patina evident on both sides of this Philadelphia piece. Well struck, with the wreath seemingly rising well above the planchet, an effect sometimes seen on Liberty Seated coinage of the 1840s. V-4a, with a crack extending from the toe to the dentil. The date style is tall and fills nearly all the vertical space between the base and rim. PCGS notes 41 pieces in MS63 and 86 coins higher. The PCGS price guide value is \$425. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. The label documents the Centennial Collection pedigree. PCGS #4337



1848 V-1 Large Date H10C, ANACS AU50, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Not all good coins have been cracked out of old ANACS holders, and this thickly toned piece represents such an exception. Steely fields betray no hairlines, and the technical detail is consistent with an AU55 grade. V-1, based on the oversized date and position. As a reference, the PCGS guide value in AU50 is \$450. The Large Date is the more prized of the two varieties for this issue, valued around twice the level of the Medium Date pieces. Housed in ANACS old white holder. PCGS #4339

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1849/8 FS-302 H10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. A splendid example of the 1849/8 overdate die variety that will please the most selective collector. This example matches the CoinFacts illustration for 1849/48 Breen 3501 with the right oval of the earlier punch protruding from the final 9 digit. Frosted obverse aquamarine-blue luster glows when viewed under a bright. The same aquamarine-blue is seen in the reverse center with golden hues surrounding the legend. Strike is nearly complete with just a touch of weakness at the head. Surfaces are entirely blemish free and choice. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with the 1849/8 die variety designated on the label but without FS-302 variety attribution. Ex Grey Soldier, Kansas, and now Twin Lakes Collections. PCGS #145432



1850 V-1 H10C, PCGS MS62 OGH, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Classic gunmetal toning blankets steely fields, with the reverse shading lighter overall. Strike is typical, with softness in the left leaves. V-1, with a high date and the right edge of the 5 aligned with the pendant. Clint Cummins' half dime attribution guide at <https://sites.google.com/view/clintcummins/half-dime-attribution-guide> is an indispensable reference for this series. The PCGS census includes 31 pieces in MS62, and 146 coins finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$350. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder. PCGS #4345



1851 V-1a H10C, NGC MS63, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty luster complements reddish-brown color in the obverse fields, while the reverse reveals gold and russet patina at the rims. V-1a, with a very high date position and reverse die cracks in the legend above the wreath. Although overweight in silver, half dimes of the early 1850s seem to have survived in numbers proportional to their original production, likely because it was more profitable to melt coins of larger denominations. The situation is similar with pre-1983 cents of the modern era – although the value of the copper exceeds the face value, the cost to collect and process the coins in any significant quantity is considerable. The NGC census notes 26 coins in MS63, and 92 examples finer. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert with CAC approval. PCGS #4347

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1852 V-2 H10C, NGC MS61 CAC, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Thick crust reveals blue-green and gray patina across the surfaces of this Philadelphia piece. V-2, with the high date punched to the left. Reverse file marks are evident above (UNI)T(ED) and (AME)R(ICA). Typically struck, with the leaf veins softly impressed. Previously from the Newman II sale (Heritage Auctions, November 16, 2013), lot 34188, where it realized \$258.50. CAC notes a single coin, this piece, in MS61, and 17 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$250. Housed in newer NGC holder with special Eric P. Newman brown label and edge view insert along with CAC approval. PCGS #4349



1852-O V-1 H10C, PCGS MS62, Near-Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Steely frosted luster creates a visible cartwheel when tilted, complementing the creamy gold patina. Charcoal streaks cross the obverse, while the reverse exhibits crusty bits to the southwest. The in-hand viewing under a glass is better than indicated by the images. The 1852-O issue has a low mintage to begin with, and the situation becomes more challenging at the Mint State level. This is typical for Seated coinage, as coin collecting was simply not popular in the branch Mint regions. Pieces were saved only by chance, and most survivors were apt to be circulated examples. V-1, with the date punched to the right. PCGS notes three pieces in MS62 and 16 coins higher. The PCGS price guide value is \$2,500. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.3 (2004) holder. PCGS #4350.



1853-O No Arrows V-1 H10C, PCGS EF40, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. The 1853-O No Arrows issue represents a key date in the Liberty Seated half dime series, especially as one approaches the mid-circulated grades. Indeed, after the 1846, the 1853-O No Arrows easily ranks as the second most challenging coin in the group. This piece reveals a mixed silver-gray color with deeper patina at the rims. The reverse is more deeply shaded, and the in-hand viewing is better than indicated by the images. The obverse is superb for the grade, with only honest wear, and the next owner will not be disappointed. As typical, weak strikes are the rule for this issue, with the date nearly effaced. V-1, with a downward sloping date and repunching in the mintmark. PCGS notes nine coins in EF40, with 19 examples finer, a remarkably low number given their 38 years of operation. The PCGS price guide value is EF40 is \$3,500. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4351

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1853 V-13 With Arrows H10C, NGC MS63, Inverted Holder, Near-Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty luster highlights silver gray centers that lead to varied maroon patina at the rims, while light rub across the obverse is evident. NGC notes 185 coins in MS63 and 366 examples finer. V-13, with a blunt flag on 5 and the date punched to the left. The NGC price guide value is \$345. Slab collectors will note the NGC Generation 6 holder, which was produced c. 1995-1997 and is uncommon. The tag exhibits the familiar brown NGC logo, above a “split/keyed” horizontal line on the white insert. More importantly, the slab is inverted, with the tag situated beneath the coin, an arrangement rarely encountered among encapsulated coins. Housed in NGC Gen 6 (1996) keyed line Fatty holder with brown label. PCGS #4356



1853-O V-11 With Arrows H10C, NGC MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Mirror Collection. Light gold color at the rims complements the steel-gray centers and original, hairline-free fields of this With Arrows example. Star centers are sharp, while the right leaves are soft. A solid coin overall. The New Orleans With Arrows pieces are decidedly more scarce than their Philadelphia counterparts, especially at the Mint State level. For type collectors, why not introduce an element of rarity into your collection? The CAC census indicates a single coin (the present example) in MS62 and 13 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$936. Housed in NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the Richmond Collection pedigree (DLRC Auctions, March 7, 2005), lot 1038, where it realized \$575. PCGS #4357.



1854-O V-3 With Arrows H10C, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. This hammered example exhibits sharp star centers, full head, and a reverse center that rises well above the fields. The luster of this GFRC-rated Choice example is steely frosted and highlights the goldish-maroon patina in the fields. V-3, with a die crack at the head, high mintmark, and diagonal clash mark to the right of F. PCGS notes 18 coins in AU55, 11 pieces in AU58, and 43 examples in Mint State. The PCGS price guide indicates a value of \$450 in AU55. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder. PCGS #4359.

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1855 V-10 With Arrows H10C, PCGS MS62, Near-Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Satiny luster immediately draws the eye to high eroded dies, with extensive clashing on both sides. Indeed, the obverse shield horizontals are plainly evident between H and A on the reverse. Aficionados of terminal die states will undoubtedly be interested in the highly degraded condition of this die pair. V-10, with reverse die cracks above the legend. PCGS notes 28 coins in MS62, and 150 pieces in higher grades. The PCGS price guide value is \$360. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4360.



1855-O V-2a With Arrows H10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. The steely frosted surfaces of this GFRC-rated Gem example exhibit natural rose-gray toning that is consistent on both sides of the coin. V-2a, with a die crack at the obverse toe. Among With Arrows half dimes, the 1855 Philadelphia issue is considerably scarcer than the 1853 and 1854 emissions, even while examples of all three dates are similarly priced. Such opportunities are often encountered in the Liberty Seated series. CAC reports one coin in MS62, and ten pieces higher. The CAC price guide indicates a value of \$960, an attractive value for a piece that is well advanced in the condition census and offers a high degree of aesthetic appeal. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Centennial Collection pedigree. PCGS #4361



1856 V-3 H10C, NGC MS64 CAC, Eric P. Newman Collection, Near-Gem Original, Mirror Collection. A liberal splash of deep maroon patina blankets both sides of this frosty piece that once claimed a place in the Eric P. Newman cabinet. The strike is sharp and completely defines the star centers. V-3, based on the date position. Previously from the Newman II sale (Heritage Auctions, November 16, 2013), lot 34195, where it realized \$705. CAC notes 16 coins in MS64 and 17 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$593. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) Fatty holder with CAC approval. The special edition brown label captures the Eric P Newman pedigree. PCGS #4363

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1856 V-1 H10C, NGC MS61, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Medium russet and maroon colors fill the steely surfaces of this Philadelphia piece, with the reverse lighter overall. Scattered marks account for the technical grade, but the eye appeal exceeds that typically associated with an MS61 example. V-1, with the high date punched to the left. The NGC census includes 23 coins at MS61 and 350 examples higher. The NGC price guide value is \$195. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder. PCGS #4363



1857-O V-1 H10C, NGC MS64 Fatty, Near-Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty fields host thick tan and midnight blue patina, and the toning is unquestionably natural. A mark on the jaw precludes CAC consideration, but the originality and in-hand pop are otherwise consistent with CAC certification. V-1, with a large mintmark punched low. NGC notes 41 coins in MS64 and 49 examples finer. The NGC price guide is \$725 in MS64, advancing to \$1,800 in MS65. This GFRC-rated near-Gem example is strong for an MS64 piece and represents an optimal grade acquisition, given the valuation jump at the MS65 level. Housed in NGC Gen 4 (1989-1992) no line Fatty holder with green label. PCGS #4366



1858 V-1a H10C, PCGS MS63, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Brilliant frost creates vibrant cartwheels on both sides, highlighting attractive russet patina at the rims. V-1a, with a slight downward slope in the date and a crack at U(NITED). Die erosion and clashing is evident on both sides. Production demand was strong in the mid-1850s, following the 1853 Coinage Act, and die deterioration is not a surprise. The PCGS census notes 133 pieces in MS63 and 315 coins finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$425. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4367

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1858 V-9a Over Inverted Date H10C, ANACS EF40 OWH, Original, Sooner Collection. The 1858 inverted date is a famous Mint error, the result of an upside-down date punch being initially applied to the obverse die. The engraver was likely embarrassed, but, as dies were valuable, he simply repunched it with the correct orientation, leaving vestiges of the undertype. This piece exhibits steely surfaces that were likely dipped at one time and have now retoned with blue and slate patina. V-9a, with 1858 punched over an inverted date. By way of reference, the PCGS census includes 119 coins total, 11 pieces in EF40, and 58 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$400. Housed in ANACS old white holder with OVER INV DATE attribution on the label. PCGS #4368



1858-O V-7 H10C, NGC MS61 Gold CAC Fatty, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. This GFRC-rated Gem example features thick rose and blue patina on the obverse, while the reverse reveals a heavy splash of aqua and navy color. V-7, with a crack at star 5 and star 9, and reverse cracks at the left ribbon, R, and the third A. The CAC census includes two pieces in MS61, one coin in MS62, and 48 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$382 in MS61, rising to \$421 in MS62. This is not a significant price difference, but the competition for CAC gold examples is fierce, and we would not be surprised to see a winning bid above the MS62 value. Housed in pristine NGC Gen 4 (1989-1992) no line brown label Fatty holder with fresh Gold CAC approval. PCGS #4369



1859 V-2 H10C, PCGS PR62, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Tan and blue-green patina covers both sides, and mirrors are easily apparent as the coin is tilted. Design elements are sharply impressed, as expected for a proof example. A few hairlines are evident underneath the toning. Runs of proof Seated coinage are uncommon, with many collectors of today's era opting for circulation strike date and mintmark sets. This creates opportunity, and the 16-coin half dime proof set might form a worthy goal for a market contrarian. V-2, with the date to the right and a reverse die lump on the left upright of U. PCGS notes 35 coins in PR62 and 189 pieces finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$825. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. PCGS #4438

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1859 V-2 H10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Steely frosted luster creates vibrant cartwheels atop the pristine surfaces of this lower mintage half dime, and the eye appeal is strong. Fields are hairline-free, and the toning is unquestionably natural. The 1859 seems like it should be a common date, but production fell considerably in this year, following several years in which multiple millions of strikes occurred. V-2, with the date punched to the right. CAC records 12 pieces in MS64 and 30 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$686, and this piece should easily sell at that level. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4371



1859-O V-2a H10C, PCGS MS63, Near-Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Frosty surfaces reveal a liberal splash of obverse russet color framed by blue patina, while the reverse exhibits tannish-brown shade, more intensely at the rim. This issue represents the last year of this design, with the legend replacing the obverse stars beginning in 1860, in turn creating space for an expanded wreath on the reverse. V-2a, with a large mintmark slightly right of center. PCGS notes 23 pieces in MS63 and 48 coins finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$750. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. PCGS #4370



1860 V-3 H10C, NGC PF63, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Liberty is near-fully frosted, creating contrast with the reflective fields, while russet patina is evident at the rims of both sides. A few field hairlines are evident, but precise orientation of a glass is required for detection. Overall, this is a nice piece at the PR63 level with solid mirrors and no detracting spots. V-3, with the date punched low. The NGC census notes 18 coins in PR63 and 80 pieces in all higher grades combined. The NGC price guide value is \$650. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #4443

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1860 J-267 Transitional Pattern H10C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. The famous 1859 and 1860 transitional half dimes are known as “coins without a country,” as the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA appears on neither side of these pattern issues. These pieces mate the old Stars-type obverse with the new reverse, which now exhibits an expanded wreath. This example reveals steely frosted fields underneath even thick golden skin. The strike is soft, with weakly impressed stars to the upper right. Planchet roller marks traverse both sides, as struck. This piece is listed in both the Guide Book, among the regular half dime series, and in the Judd pattern reference, there as Judd-267. PCGS notes nine pieces in MS65 and 19 coins finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$6,500. As a reference, GFRC recently sold an MS63 example at \$4,200, which is listed in the GFRC sales archive at <https://www.seateddimevarieties.com/SalesArchive.html>. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder. PCGS #4373



1860 V-7 H10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Mirror Collection. Steely mirrored fields underlie blue-green color on both sides, surrounding maroon and gold-shaded centers. Nicely struck, with complete definition of the busy detail in the wreath. Vertical die polish is evident upon examination with a glass. V-7, with a date sloping upward and rotated die. The PCGS census includes 139 coins in MS64, with 192 examples finer. The PCGS price guide assigns a value of \$550. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4377



1860 V-4 H10C, ANACS MS62 OWH, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Active cartwheel effect penetrates even the thick blue skin, and the luster is consistent with an MS64 designation. Indeed, this is an ANACS piece that should be crossed to one of the three major services. Defect free surfaces and strong in-hand appeal are consistent with the GFRC Gem rating. V-4, with the date position low and sloping downward. By way of reference, PCGS notes 71 coins in MS62 and 446 pieces finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$325, and we expect substantial interest at that level. Housed in ANACS old white holder. PCGS #4377

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1860-O V-1 H10C, NGC MS65, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Rose and blue color radiates from the steely frosted fields of this GFRC-rated Gem example. The images do not completely capture the flash, and the in-hand viewing quickly reveals vibrant cartwheels. V-1, based on the date position and low mintmark. This year represents the first of the Legend Obverse design, while the reverse wreath is now considerably more detailed. NGC notes 18 coins in MS65, 12 pieces in MS66, and four examples in MS67. The NGC price guide assigns a value of \$1,200. Housed in new large font NGC holder. PCGS #4378



1861 V1 or V-16 H10C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Generous Mint bloom highlights the pleasing color of this Legend Obverse example, with gold patina surrounded by deeper shades at the rims. Luster is frosty and easily consistent with the assigned grade, and the overall eye appeal merits the GFRC Gem rating. CAC notes four pieces in MS62 and 63 examples finer. The CAC guide value is \$273, an accessible price for an aesthetically appealing 19th century coin in Mint State condition. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4379



1862 V-3 H10C, NGC PF63, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Medium blue-gray skin blankets both sides of this Civil War proof example, covering the mirrored surfaces underneath. The strike is razor sharp, and comparison with typical circulation strikes is instructive, particularly around the wheat stalks in the upper left portion of the wreath. Fields are void of hairlines, a few of which are typically present at the PR63 level. This piece is strong for the grade. V-3, with the high date centered. The NGC census includes 44 coins in PR63 and 107 pieces finer. The NGC price guide value is \$590. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #4445

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1862 V-9 H10C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Steely fields are close to mirrored, leading to attractive blue and gold patina at the rims. A few faint hairlines are apparent below the color, though a specific viewing angle is required for inspection. The strike is full, with well-defined wreath decorations. V-9, with the pendant above the middle of 6. The PCGS census includes 146 coins in MS62 and 537 examples in all higher grades combined. The PCGS price guide value is \$325. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. PCGS #4381



1863 V-1 H10C, NGC MS66 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. This year begins a string of low mintage issues in the half dimes series, struck during the “hard money” Civil War era. The Philadelphia Mint produced just 18,000 pieces in this year, and this is one of the finest survivors, exceeded by only 15 coins at CAC. Blast white color covers this piece, revealing frosty flash that leans toward a satiny classification. Surfaces are virtually mark-free, and the overall appeal is compelling. V-1, with repunching in 18. The upper loop of (STATE)S is partially filled. CAC counts 8 pieces in MS66, 12 examples in MS67, and three coins in MS68. The CAC price guide value is \$2,500, advancing to \$5,400 in MS67. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4382



1867 V-1a H10C, PCGS MS64, Near-Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Frost covers Liberty and the wreath, creating vivid contrast with the proof-like fields. Surface are largely untoned, with a few smoky shades at the rim. Die striations, as struck, are visible under a glass, as are numerous clashes. After the 1846 issue, the low mintage run from 1863 to 1867 includes the most challenging Philadelphia pieces in the Liberty Seated half dime series. The 1867 has the lowest production level of this group, at 8,000 coins. V-1a, with an obverse crack from (STATE)S to the shoulder. The dies are slightly rotated. PCGS notes 33 pieces in MS64, ten coins in MS65, and 12 examples in MS66. The PCGS price guide value is \$2,350. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #4390

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1868 V-1 H10C, NGC PF64, Near-Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Watery mirrors reflect the rose and blue skin that covers the surfaces of this Proof half dime. Collectors of this era typically pursued runs of Proof coins, which were more apt to appear in 19th century auction sale catalogs, as compared to circulation strike date and mintmark sets. A good portion of the original mintage, 600 pieces, thus survives today, though examples at the PR64 level are better than usually encountered. V-1, with a centered, high date. NGC notes 65 coins in PR64 and 43 examples finer. The NGC price guide value is \$865. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder. PCGS #4451



1868-S V-2 H10C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Mirror Collection. Granular frost produces exceptional cartwheel atop the surfaces of this late-date half dime. Brilliant centers give way to rich color at the rims, and the eye appeal of this GFRC-rated Gem example is outstanding. V-2, with the date punched high. The lower reverse is extensively cracked. PCGS counts 13 pieces in MS65, a single coin at MS65+, four examples in MS66, and a single piece at MS66+. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,850, not inexpensive, but reasonably priced given that only six examples grade higher at PCGS. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4393



1869 V-2 H10C, ANACS PF62 OWH, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Strong mirrors and a complete lack of hairlines are consistent with a higher designation, and GFRC grades this example as PR64. Thick russet and blue patina covers both sides, but the flash remains evident even through the heavy skin. Die polish lines are evident under a glass. V-2, with the date punched to the right. As a reference, PCGS notes 26 coins in PR62 and 168 pieces finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$600. Housed in ANACS old white holder. PCGS #4452

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1869 V-4 H10C, NGC MS61 Fatty, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Intense color intermixes with frosty silver shade, and this piece will pop out immediately within a display of half dimes. A heavy splash of blue-green and russet patina fills both sides, and contrasts strongly with surrounding lighter hue. V-4, with the date low and to the left. The NGC census notes five coins in MS61 and 86 pieces finer. The NGC guide assigns a value of \$235 in MS61, and we expect this GFRC-rated Gem will draw considerable interest at that level. Housed in NGC Gen 4 (1989-1992) no line Fatty holder with green label. PCGS #4394



1870 V-2 H10C, PCGS PR65 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Superb eye appeal is immediately evident as this GFRC-rated Gem piece is examined under a light, revealing deep, watery mirrors covered by emerald and tan patina. The strike is healthy and imparts near-full definition in the wreath stalks. V-2, with the date slightly high and punched a shade to the left. The CAC census counts seven pieces in PR65 and ten coins finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,200. The Sooner collection includes a number of proof examples, and the present coin would be an excellent start to a set of proof half dimes, a 16-coin series running from 1858 to 1873. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4453a fair value for an attractively toned example near the top of the grading pyramid. Housed in a new large font NGC holder. PCGS #4609



1871 V-4a 10C, NGC MS65+, Gem Original, Mirror Collection. Frosted luster highlights light gold patina as this piece is examined under a light. Cartwheels are strong, as expected for the grade, and the fields are virtually smooth. A forceful strike defines nearly all of the pesky wreath detail. V-4a, with the date slightly right and low, while the reverse is clashed. Diagonal die polish lines, as struck, are evident. NGC notes 32 coins in MS65, 20 pieces in MS66, and three examples finer. The NGC price guide value is \$670 in MS65, advancing to \$1,350 in MS66. GFRC rates this piece a Gem, and the bidders will determine the premium for the NGC Plus attribution. Housed in new large font NGC holder. PCGS #4398

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1871 V-4a H10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Tan and russet patina gathers in the protected areas, with deeper shades evident at the rims. Frosted luster is granular and imparts ample flash to the moderately toned surfaces. A few of the stalk elements blend together at the upper left. V-4a, with the low date punched slightly to the right. CAC notes 14 coins in MS64 and 24 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$562. This is not an especially rare issue, but the CAC data easily illustrates a more challenging situation when originality is considered. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4398



1871-S V-1 H10C, PCGS MS62 OGH, Choice Original, Mirror Collection. A thickly toned obverse reveals tan-copper patina, accompanied by a light splash of crust. The reverse exhibits rose color and is lighter than the image suggests. The definition of the wreath stalks is exceptional. V-1, with the date left and reverse cracks below the wreath. PCGS notes 26 coins in MS62 and 72 pieces finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$520. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder. The label is light green. PCGS #4399



1871-S V-4 HoC, ANACS MS61 OWH, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. The rich patina of this partially mirrored example melts under a light, and the in-hand viewing experience is exceptional. The strike of this GFRC-rated Gem example is sharp throughout, from a full head to complete definition of the wreath elements. V-4, with a centered date. Die polish lines are evident on the reverse. As a reference, the PCGS census includes six coins in MS61 and 98 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$480. The Sooner consignor has a knack for finding attractive pieces in ANACS holders, not all of which have yet transitioned to PCGS, NGC, or CACG slabs. Housed in ANACS old white holder. PCGS #4399.

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1872 V-2 HoC, PCGS PR64, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Watery mirrors and a complete lack of hairlines are the hallmarks of this late-date half dime proof. Rich russet and olive patina fills the fields, while the figure of Liberty is more lightly toned. V-2, with the date centered. The slab is somewhat cloudy, and the overall look could easily be improved via the PCGS reholding service. PCGS notes 53 coins in PR64 and 38 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,000. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. The holder has considerable wear with a haze spot over (H)ALF (D)IME. PCGS #4452



1872 V-12 H10C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Crusty skin reveals pleasing russet, gold, and blue-green patina. Frosty luster remains evident, highlighting the attractive color. The overall look is wholesome, consistent with the GFRC Choice rating. Portions of the wreath stalk blend together. V-12, with the date low and far to the left. PCGS count 82 pieces in MS62 and 310 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$325. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.5 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #4400



1872-S Below Wreath V-8 H10C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Blast white color reveals a touch of gold patina at the obverse rim, while the reverse exhibits even silver shade throughout. Brilliant, frosty luster is consistent with the lofty assigned grade. Wreath detail is strongly defined. V-8, with a diagonal line to the right of the pendant, while the date is punched to the right and slopes upward. The PCGS census includes 178 coins in MS64 and 166 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$700. The San Francisco Mint used two mintmark placements in this year, above and below the wreath, with examples of both types being equally valued. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4401

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1873-S V-3 H10C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. The Sooner half dime collection concludes with this last year of issue San Francisco piece. Silver color at the centers hosts gold-gray patina at the rims. V-3, with a line in the lower loop of 8 and a die line above (O)F. Strike is typical, with softness in HALF. The piece was likely dipped at one time but retains vibrant cartwheel. PCGS notes 101 coins in MS64 and 63 pieces in higher grade. The PCGS price guide value is \$650. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #4405



1823/2 JR-1 Small E's 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Deep blue patina evenly covers both sides of this overdated example, with traces of original silver color evident around the stars and date. Strike is typical, with claw joints blended together, an effect seen even on much higher graded examples. JR-1, with small E's in the reverse legend. CAC has approved 30 coins total, with five pieces in AU58 and only four examples higher, all of which are outliers at the MS64 and MS65 grades. The CAC price guide value in AU58 is \$1,650, and moving up to an MS64 piece would represent a substantial commitment, at the \$6,000 level. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4498



1834 JR-5 Large 4 10C, CACG AU58, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. A mix of deep color fills the rims of this Large 4 example, while lighter centers exhibit rose and russet patina in the recessed areas. The CAC census report notes 95 coins in all grades, 10 pieces in AU58, and 29 examples finer. JR-5, with the 4 noticeably larger than the other date digits. Date punch anomalies are legion in the Bust dime series, as dies were costly to produce, and preserving a die with only a modification to the date was considered an economical choice. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$897. Housed in a new CAC Grading (2023) holder and graded consistent with CAC approval standards. PCGS #4526

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1838 F-109 No Drapery, Large Stars 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Is the 1838 F-109 die pairing a "partial drapery" or not as asked by many collectors. During a prior die pairing where the obverse and reverse dies clashed, the "partial drapery" designation is given as the die clash under the right arm is prominent. During its final die state, the "partial drapery" obverse is paired with another reverse. The die clash under Liberty's right arm is still visible though die erosion has weakened its presence. This example offers frosted luster along with a complete strike. Light gold toning is present on the lower obverse and throughout the reverse. Surfaces are entirely unabraded with metal flows lines into the peripheries. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4568



1841 F-104 10C, NGC MS64 CAC, Repunched 841, Gem Original, Sooner Collection. This gem original 1841 F-104 dime hails back to the 1999 August ANA show where it was acquired for its repunched 184 date and a different (second) die pairing. Subsequently sold into the Sooner Collection. A superb example with intermixed brown, rose, purple and aquamarine shades that combine as a crusty patina. The obverse strike is absolutely hammered with high relief motifs while the reverse is all there other than the veins in the final upper left leaf cluster. This early die state specimen shouts originality and belongs in another advanced Liberty Seated dime collection. CAC has approved 7 at the certified grade with 11 finer. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4579



1853 With Arrows F-101 10C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Sooner Collection. Sold into the Sooner Collection during March 2022 from my personal collection with the following description, "Letting this choice 1853 Hubbed Arrows & Date dime go certainly brings back memories of my initial Liberty Seated dime purchases from Bob Levi at Maine Gold & Silver in Portland, Maine. Once Bob learned of my desire to build a complete Seated dime set, he opened his personal collection to me. This offering was the first raw Mint State dime purchased from Bob during March 1991. Thick frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels are immediately eye catching. As with nearly all my reference collection pieces, the strike is completely executed. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4603

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1856 Small Date F-109 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Rich orange-rose patina is accentuated by steely-frosted luster on this 1856 F-109 Seated dime lot. The obverse has been significantly polished or lapped, resulting in reduced depth of all devices. The date punch and stars 1 through 3 are the better diagnostic points for separating the F-108 early die state from the F-109 lapped die state. Note that the die polishing has eliminated the date repunching seen during the prior die state. To the untrained eye, it is difficult to note that these two date punch conditions could occur from the same obverse die. During die lapping, date digits typically become smaller and distances between the digits and surrounding devices will increase. The doubling in the lower gown folds and on the scroll remain readily evident, however. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4609



1857-O F-102 10C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Frosty cartwheel luster is promptly noted when first viewing this choice original 1857-O F-102 dime release from the Massachusetts Collection. Both sides are toned creamy light gold. The strike is complete with deep centered and elevated stars, a full head and well-defined veins on the reverse wreath leaves. A careful 10x inspection revealed only a tiny blemish below the clasp that is not distracting. Accurately graded and housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. CAC notes a population of 54 in all grades with AU58s limited to 6 pieces. CDN CAC price guide currently stands at \$468. Ex Tenafly Collection and last sold by GFRC during April 2019. PCGS #4615.



1858-S F-102 10C, PCGS F12 CAC, Choice Original, Classic Silver Collection. With a mintage of only 60,000, the 1858-S date is a perpetual challenge for Liberty Seated enthusiasts. The different die pairing produced the issue with each variety being equally available. This moderately worn survivor is well preserved with natural coin gray patina and sparsely abraded surfaces. CAC has approved only 27 in all grades and only 2 at the certified grade. The CDN CAC price guide stands at \$624 though the very low populations warrant a strong reserve. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4618

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1874-S F-101 10C, PCGS MS62 OGH, Choice Original. Brilliant, frosted luster creates a vibrant cartwheel effect over the surfaces of this Philadelphia With Arrows piece. Russet patina lies within the protected areas of the obverse, while the reverse exhibits more generous shades of copper and maroon. Some strike weakness is evident in the head and bow knot. F-101, with a high date sloping downward and Micro S reverse. PCGS reports 6 pieces in MS62, with 29 coins across all higher grades. PCGS assigns a value of \$2,250 at the certified grade. Ex. Newtown and Birmingham Collections, via GFRC. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) green label holder. PCGS #4670



1891 F-119 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Choice Original, Massachusetts Collection. Granular frosted luster shimmers under my desk lamp while the cartwheels are thoroughly vibrant on this near-gem 1891 F-119 dime. Please check the images carefully to note the complete strike, not a common occurrence for this date. The obverse toning is a teal-gold while the reverse is lighter aquamarine with peripheral copper-gold. Surfaces have a few scatter ticks that are captured in the certified grade, though the eye appeal is at a higher level. One of the Massachusetts Collection's better coin show purchases that has been recently upgraded and worthy of competitive bidding. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #4706



1892 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original. Granular, frosted luster imparts spinning cartwheels to this colorful, first year of issue piece. Maroon patina fills protected spaces at the rims, while the interior reveals a mix of grey and sea-green shade. After a 55-year run of Liberty Seated coinage, extending from 1836 to 1891, the Mint introduced a new, common design for the dime, quarter, and half dollar in this year. CAC has approved 245 coins total, 39 pieces in MS65, and 79 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$468 in MS65. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4796

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1894 10C, PCGS PR65 Cameo CAC, Gem Original. This piece features everything one would expect for a CAC-approved Gem, including sharply reflective Cameo mirrors, hammered strike, and a complete lack of hairlines. The devices are completely icy, and the contrast with the untuned fields is exceptional. The pinpoint detail in the wreath defines even the individual corn kernels. CAC notes 40 coins in all grades, 12 examples in PR65 Cameo, and 20 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1,250. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2003) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #84878



1896 10C, PCGS PR64 Cameo CAC, Near-Gem Original. Frosty devices rise above the mirrored fields, revealing a "black and white" Cameo effect as the piece is tilted under a light. A sharp strike imparts strongly impressed design elements, and the bow knot is completely split. A few wispy lines, detectable with a glass, are present in the right, obverse field. Proof Barber dimes form a 24-coin series, dated from 1892-1915, and the low CAC populations dictate that full sets remain remarkably elusive. Still, many of these pieces are available at price points under \$1,000. CAC has approved 32 pieces in all grades, five examples in PR64 Cameo, and 23 coins finer. The CAC price guide value is \$842. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #84880



1902 10C, PCGS PR63 CAC, Choice Original. Moderate mirrors, consistent with the PR63 guide, reveal light gold color on both sides, decorated by a liberal splash of maroon patina. A few lines are evident at the neck and cheek. Proof coinage at the turn of the century was produced to a high standard, and the razor-sharp detail of this example is consistent with contemporary practice. The CAC census notes 41 coins total, eight pieces in PR63, and 32 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$585. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4886

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1903 10C, PCGS PR64 CAC, Gem Original. This colorful, CAC-approved example will immediately grab the eye, as the vibrant rim patina contrasts with untoned centers. Intense blue-green shade fills the legend and wreath, surrounding rings of maroon hue on both sides. The in-hand appeal is consistent with the images, and the next owner will not be disappointed. CAC notes 37 examples in all grades, 11 coins in PR64, and 19 pieces in higher grades. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$780, and a higher bid would not surprise us. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4887



1906-D 10C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original. Steely, frosty luster creates a vibrant cartwheel, and the flash is immediately evident. A crescent of blue-green patina fills the obverse rim, to the right of Liberty, while the reverse is more lightly shaded with russet color outside the wreath. This piece offers a pleasing combination of visual "pop" and color and represents an attractive value at the stated price point. CAC has approved 36 pieces in all grades, 11 coins in MS64, and 18 examples in all higher grades combined. The CAC price guide value is \$812. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4839



1907 10C, PCGS PR64 CAC, Near-Gem Original. This thickly toned example reveals blue patina at the rims, turning toward orange-rose color at the centers. Mirrors are covered by heavy skin, but the reflectance of the fields is obvious under a light. The strike on both sides is hammered, with the wreath rising well above the planchet plane. While the survival rate of proof coinage of this era is high, typically around 50%, the situation is more challenging when originality is considered. The CAC census indicates 44 examples in all grades, eight coins in PR64, and 27 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value is \$780 in PR64. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4891

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1908 10C, NGC PF66 Star CAC, Gem Original. Pristine surfaces host exceptionally reflective mirrors, and the overall flash suggests this example is closer to a PR67 designation, if not fully qualified. The NGC star designation clearly elevates the coin above the typical PR66 level. Bluish-gold patina fills the obverse rim, while bits of russet color highlight the wreath, most strongly to the left. In-hand viewing of this GFRC-rated Gem piece is recommended, if attending a major show with GFRC presence. CAC notes 31 coins total, nine examples in PR66, and 12 pieces finer. The CAC price guide value in PR66 is \$1,500, advancing to \$2,750 in PR67. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4892



1908-O 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original. Untoned, frosty centers lead toward gold color at the periphery, highlighted by bits of blue patina interwoven into the legend and reverse rim. The survival of branch Mint pieces from this era in Gem condition is by chance, as the import of mintmarks was not yet ingrained into the mindset of many collectors. Indeed, the CAC price guide for this issue is more than three times that of a Philadelphia-struck example. CAC has graded 41 coins in all grades, eight pieces in MS65, and 14 examples finer. The CAC price guide assign a value of \$1,580 in MS65. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4848



1914 10C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original. Exceptionally flashy surfaces reveal a “luster bomb” as one flips this piece under a light. Largely untoned surfaces reveal bits of light russet color here and there, but the strongest impression is the overall “pop.” The obverse exhibits vertical die polish, as struck. CAC notes 131 pieces in all grades, 30 coins in MS66, and four examples finer, all in MS67. The CAC price guide value is \$910 in MS66 and \$4,120 in MS67. “Pricing the plus” can be more art than science, but, by way of reference, the PCGS price guide indicates a value of \$875 in MS66, advancing to \$1,800 in MS66+ and \$4,000 in MS67. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4865

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1916 10C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original. Frosty luster reveals tannish-brown patina at the obverse rims, surrounding a silver-gray center, while the reverse is marked by uniform chestnut and maroon color throughout. Strike is typical, with a few of the corn kernels blending together. CAC has graded 158 coins total, 30 examples in MS65, and 38 examples in higher grades. The CAC price guide value is \$468. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #4870



1840-O No Drapery Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS EF40 CAC, Choice Original, Classic Silver Collection. The Classic Silver Collection is well known for its exceptionally toned Liberty Seated coinage with an emphasis on dimes and quarters. Our client has released a beautifully toned 1840-O No Drapery example that will certainly garner bidder attention. Soft silver-gray centers are surrounded by colorful rings of green, yellow, copper-orange with strong delineation on the reverse. Hints of luster are evident under a bright light. The Briggs 1-A die pairing with the mintmark far left. Total CAC population stands at 61 with 10 at the certified grade. This must be one of the most colorful of the 10 and an important opportunity! Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #5393



1840-O With Drapery FS-501 25C, PCGS F15, Large O, Choice Original. The 1840-O Drapery Large O die variety continues to grow in popularity as now listed in Cherrypickers. Upon publishing his 1992 Encyclopedia on the Seated quarter series, Briggs noted this variety to be R6 in all grades with only 16 verified. Briggs also notes that the reverse exhibits a double set of denticles that give the appearance of diagonal spurs running off the corners of the second cut denticles. We are pleased to be offering this well-preserved specimen with crusty gray fields and notable circulated cameo eye appeal. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. #395925

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1843-O Briggs 3-F 25C, PCGS F12, Large O, Near-Choice Original. Briggs rates the 1843-O large O die pairing as an R6 rarity at the offered grade. This reverse is also known for multiple die rust pits at the mintmark and besides the upper right facing wing. The Liberty Seated Collectors Club also placed this variety into its Top 25 given its popularity. We are pleased to be offering an evenly worn example with light gray toning that shifts to blue shades at the rims. A few scattered ticks of no consequence are seen with 10x. An opportunity to acquire a key variety that is listed in all leading numismatic catalogs and price guides. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. #395927



1858-O Briggs 1-A 25C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Choice Original, Classic Silver Collection. Astute Liberty Seated quarter specialists will promptly recognize the scarcity of 1858 New Orleans strikes at the AU grade level. Total CAC approved population stands at only 29 while in all AU grades, the count is 12. For those who might be curious, a visit to the GFRC Sales Archive will validate how few examples have been handled in AU with none being stellar examples. Enter the Classic Silver Collection with this fully stuck Briggs 1-A lot for bidding consideration. Surfaces are lightly encrusted with a golden gray skin though still radiating steely frosted luster under a bright light. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. #5446.



1872 25C, PCGS MS63, Gem Original, Classic Silver Collection. Frosty, untoned centers host bold crescents of blue-green and russet color at the rims, and the overall eye appeal of this GFRC-rated Gem example is exceptional. Flashy luster is proof-like, but business strike status is assured by the lack of a die cut (Briggs reverse C) at the upper left of the reverse shield. The contrast between the central devices and the surrounding patina is strong, and the in-hand appeal is compelling. A few lines are evident in the right obverse field. Stars above Liberty are soft, but the claw joints are sharp. Production of Seated quarters fell substantially after the onset of the Civil War and did not recover until the mid-1870s, as newly discovered western silver flooded the Mints. PCGS notes 153 coins total, with six pieces in MS63 and nine examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$3,000 in MS63, rising to \$4,500 in MS64. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder. #5481.

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1876-S 25C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original. Heavy frost highlights green-gold patina on both sides, decorated by light crust in the protected areas, more so on the reverse. A few micro-lines are evident in the right obverse field. CAC has approved 58 coins total, with 6 pieces in MS62 and 27 examples finer. Although this is a high-mintage issue, the number of CAC-certified examples remains relatively low. The CAC price guide value is \$499. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. #5393



1878 Briggs 3-C 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Classic Silver Collection. Despite a high mintage, over two million pieces, only 22 coins have been approved by CAC. Anomalous situations like this represent an opportunity for Seated collectors, especially for those seeking choice pieces. Richly frosted surfaces host the untuned centers of this coin, with pleasing rim toning on both sides. The obverse features outer peripheral gold, while the same shade combines with a gorgeous blue crescent on the right reverse. A few wispy hairlines on the obverse are of no concern. The strike is nearly complete, but please remember that the Briggs 3-C pairing is well known for its polished reverse and die cracks throughout the legend. This lot is worthy of competitive bidding given its CAC scarcity and overall eye appeal. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2003) holder with CAC approval. #5503



1891-S 25C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Gem Original. Despite a mintage of over two million pieces, choice survivors are few and the CAC population stands at 38 pieces in all grades. This gem 1891-S quarter originates from both the Saw Mill Run and Tenafly Collection and deserves similar placement within this auction event. Eye appeal is that of Choice Mint State. Shimmering cartwheels and intermixed olive-rose and gold toning are delightful during bright light inspection. No long description is required as first sold by GFRC as a JUST BUY IT NOW recommendation. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 holder with CAC approval. #5526

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1811 Large 8 O-104 50C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Original silver-gray skin covers both sides of this early date Bust half, a series that commenced in 1807, with occasional bits of crust hidden in the protected areas. O-104a, a later die state with a large arcing die crack across the obverse. The Early Half Dollar Information site (<http://maibockaddict.com/>) notes but three Mint State examples of the O-104a die pair, placing this piece at a lofty position within the condition census. This offering presents an important opportunity for the Bust half variety collector. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with Large 8 attribution on the label. PCGS #6096



1813 O-102 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Even silver-gray color fills the centers of this Capped Bust piece, leading toward rings of smoky patina at the rims. Residual luster is frosty, and the eye appeal is wholesome. The O-102 comes with thin milling on the obverse, as the star points stretch toward the border. On the reverse, the I is higher than the T in UNITED. The Early Half Dollar Information site notes only a single example of the O-102 in Mint State. With over 450 varieties in the Capped Bust half series, there are frequent opportunities to pursue near finest-known examples, and the present offering represents such a possibility. The CAC census reports 236 coins total, with 28 examples in AU58 and 29 pieces in Mint State. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$2,550. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Overton 102 attribution. PCGS #6103



1826 O-116a 50C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Motor City Collection. Frosty surfaces reveal mixed gray, chestnut, and silver patina, with the colors consistent on both sides. O-116a, with the stars connected by die cracks. Bust half dollars, with the modern purchasing power of about \$50, were frequently used for bank transfers, meaning that many pieces sat in bank vaults and today survive with exceptional preservation. This piece is completely detailed and exhibits only high point rub. CAC reports 413 coins total, with 81 pieces in AU58 and 78 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide value is \$870. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with Overton O-116 attribution on the label. PCGS #6143

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1827 Square Base 2 O-123 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Silver centers give way to russet and charcoal patina at the rims of this Square Base 2 example. Fields are hairline-free and the “originality factor” is strong. O-123, an R5 die pairing with the top of 2 slightly lower than the other digits in the date. On the reverse, there is a die lump above the scroll at the first E. The highest examples of the O-123 variety listed at the Early Half Dollar Information site are three pieces in AU58. The AMPBR publication, for Capped Bust half dollar auction records, indicates that this variety has traded at the \$3000 level with only a single auction record at AU58. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Overton 123, Square Base 2 attribution. PCGS #6144



1828 Square Base 2, Small 8, Lg Letters O-117 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Russet and gold patina fills the stars and legend of this Square Base 2 example, complemented by smooth, original fields. Production of Bust half dollars was strong throughout the series run from 1807 to 1836, with the result that a plethora of interesting varieties remain accessible to today’s collector. O-117, with the date punched low, while the tops of the 8s descend beneath 1 and 2 in the date. The 5 on the reverse is slanting left. CAC notes 226 coins total, including 47 pieces in AU58 and 39 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide value is \$935. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.6 (2013-2014) holder with CAC approval. The label documents the Overton 117 and Sq Base 2, Sm 8, Lg Letters attributions. PCGS #6151



1830 Large o O-121 50C, PCGS AU58+ CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Both sides of this frosty piece exhibit smoky gray patina, highlighted by original Mint bloom in the protected areas around the stars and legend. The Guide Book identifies small and large o varieties for this year, with both types valued equally. O-121, with flat stars to the left, while the left side of T (in STATES) aligns with the right side of I (in PLURIBUS). The CAC population is 114 coins total, with 38 pieces in AU58 and 20 examples in Mint State. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$870 in AU58, advancing to \$1,140 in MS60. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with Overton 121 and Large o attribution on the label. PCGS #6157

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1831 O-118? 50C, PCGS AU50, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Collectors have preferred “looks,” and this is a characteristic Bust half example from the Twin Lakes consignor, with frosty centers surrounded by deeper color at the rims. Such consistency demands that set builders exercise pickiness, rather than simply acquiring slabs that fit their numerical criteria. This is an eye appealing example, with original surfaces and even color throughout. The Overton attribution has proven to be difficult, with a potential O-118 assessment though bidders should carefully conduct their own due diligence. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #6159.



1832 Small Letters O-113 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Russet and blue patina at the rims accompanies numerous radial lines in the stars and legend, indicative of eroding, late state dies. Centers are less toned, with silver-gray color and high point contrast. O-113a, with thin milling and the stars drawn to the edge. The reverse is similar, especially above UNITED, where letter tops connect to the rim. The Early Half Dollar Information site (<http://maibockaddict.com>) identifies only four examples of this die state in Uncirculated condition. The CAC price guide value is \$870. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. The label captures the Overton 113, Small Letters attribution. PCGS #6160



1834 Large Date, Small Letters O-105 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. The frosty, untuned centers of this GFRC-rated Gem example give way to light, smoky patina in the stars and legend. CAC-approved examples in AU58 tend to come nice, but the overall eye appeal of this example stands above that typically seen. O-105, with the 1 noticeably separate from 834, while the 4 is taller than the 3. The left leg of M in AMERICA is thin, and the dies exhibit slight rotation. The CAC census includes 166 pieces total, 42 coins in AU58, and 34 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$870. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with Overton 105 and Large Date, Small Letters attribution on the label. PCGS #6165

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1835 O-101 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC 50C, Choice Original, Twin Lakes Collection. Medium skin covers both sides, revealing silver and smoky gray patina, while the high points of Liberty exhibit deeper slate color. A few crusty bits reside here and there, most notably in the reverse shield. Hairline-free surfaces are clearly original, and the aesthetic appeal is wholesome. O-101, with the upper lip thick, and the 5 (in 50 C.) punched at a left slant. CAC reports 262 pieces in all grades combined, 51 examples in AU58, and 53 coins in Mint State. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$870. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6168



1842 Medium Date WB-11 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Twin Collection. Original surfaces host a light sprinkle of crust, complementing the russet and blue-green patina at the rims. Coin gray central devices lead to hairline-free fields, and the eye appeal is wholesome. Star points are defined and most of the claws exhibit separation. WB-11, with a repunched date. As with the quarter dollars, the Mint used two different date styles in this year. CAC notes 67 coins total, with 11 pieces in AU58 and 19 examples at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide assigns a value of \$1,040, low in our opinion, as the GFRC auction archives record a sale of a CAC-approved AU58 example at \$1,650 in November 2023. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval.



1842 Medium Date WB-8 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Choice Original. A pleasing silver skin blankets both sides of this early date Seated half, a clearly original piece without the washed out look typically seen on lesser examples. Luster is frosty white, with moderate cartwheel effect when rotated. Minimal, light crust is evident in the protected areas, including both shields and the stars. Scattered ticks are consistent with the technical grade. The medium date is denoted by the serif in the 4 (this is also true for New Orleans strikes of this year). CAC has certified 67 pieces in all grades, with 19 at the Mint State level. This piece represents a lot of coin for the money, featuring a classic 19th century design and a high degree of originality. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2013) holder with CAC approval. Ex. Cumberland County Collection, via GFRC Online Auctions followed by Oregon Beaver and Twin Lakes Collection.

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1846 6/Horizontal 6, WB-7 50C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Near-Gem Original. This is an easily identifiable variety, with the 6 in the date first punched sideways, and then repunched with the correct orientation. This piece is deeply toned in shades of gray, making the steely luster less readily apparent. Still, the surfaces are plainly original, and the strike is exceptional with complete definition in the claw joints and feathers. WB-6, with the overpunched 6 and a pair of obverse rim cusps beneath the date. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with "6/Horizontal 6" label attribution and CAC approval. CAC has approved 21 coins in all grades, with 8 pieces higher. PCGS #6254



1849 WB-12 50C, NGC MS63, Gem Original. GFRC is pleased to be offering a gem original 1849 WB-12 Liberty Seated half that is completely fresh to market. This lot arrives from a new consignor and was purchased during early March 1998. The obverse field is mirrored with a bright light bringing about a transition from the dark in-hand shades and releasing the natural center rose and surrounding sky blue colors. Reverse toning is a consistent copper-gold with hints of blue at the rim. Die polished lines are noted behind the eagle. Surfaces are essentially unabraded and are more than consistent with the certified grade. A lot that provides an exceptional viewing experience under angled lighting and is easily deserves the opening reserve bid. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder. PCGS #6262



1850-O WB-12 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, Twin Lakes Collection. You can't have enough coins like this, pleasing AU58 with frosty luster and strong cartwheels, limited only by high point rub. Russet and blue-green shades frame the central figures, which both exhibit light, golden toning. Surfaces are largely smooth apart from a few horizontal lines in the right obverse field. WB-12, with die lumps in Liberty's gown and small dies gouges at the base of the eagle's neck, to the right. The CAC report notes 27 in all grades with 13 finer. CDN CAC price guide is \$936 but with a population gap to MS63 (\$2500). Who knows where the bidding will close on this gem. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6265

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1854-O With Arrows 50C, PCGS AU58, Gem Original. This GFRC-Gem rated Seated half is clearly a luster play for those who enjoy early type with thick frosted radiance. Cartwheels are vibrant and consistent on both sides, a validation of the unquestionable originality. Light rub is mostly concentrated in the right obverse field otherwise the highest motifs wear points are intact. Under a bright light, the presentation is compelling and undisturbed with light gold at the upper obverse and lower reverse. CAC notes a total of 132 stickered, of which 21 are at the offered grade. CAC price guide is \$530, a very conservative estimate for this gem. Housed in PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6280



1855-O With Arrow 50C, NGC AU58, Choice Original. Steely reflective fields are thoroughly pleasing under angled lighting while the rich orange-obverse toning is eye catching. The peripheral blue arc at the right stars adds charm. Golden shades are seen throughout the reverse. Fields are smooth and facilitate an undisturbed view experience. Worthy of its GFRC-Choice quality rating and an ideal candidate for type or another numismatic project. Housed in new large font NGC holder. PCGS #6283



1860 50C, PCGS AU53, Choice Original, Emerald Isle Collection. 1860 Philadelphia strikes have a low mintage of 302,700 with infrequent market appearances. The surviving population in all EF and AU grades, per PCGS pop report, is slightly over a hundred pieces. This choice 1860 example would certainly please selective collectors and returns to the price list after time in a client's collection. How can you resist this date when having a hammered strike and moderately proof-like fields. Toning is a combination of copper-gold and a deep blue peripheral arc. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder. Ex Oregon Beaver Collection. PCGS #6299

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1873-CC With Arrows WB-4 50C, NGC Au58, Near-Choice Original. The 1873-CC issue is among the tougher Carson City half dollars, if not as challenging as the 1870-CC, 1874-CC, and 1878-CC dates. This pastel-toned piece exhibits obverse shades of gold intermingled with maroon, while the reverse reveals incremental plum patina. Luster is typical for the grade, with swirling cartwheels. The strike is typical, with star centers present if faint, while the claw joints blend together. Arrows were added to this design as a result of the April 1, 1873 Coinage Act, which slightly modified the weight of the coin to a metric standard. The NGC census reports 14 pieces in all MS grades combined. This near-MS coin, with just minor traces of wear, represents an attractive, well-detailed example of a semi-key issue from the most desired Mint in the Liberty Seated series. Housed in NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder. PCGS #6344.



1875-CC WB-4 50C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original. While not as scarce as the earlier Carson City issues, the 1875-CC still boasts a lower mintage, just over a million pieces, along with the prized "CC" mintmark. Granular min frost is consistent on both sides and suggests that the head and tail dies were prepared together before time in the "press". Surfaces are essentially untoned with thick frosted radiance under a bright light. The overall eye appeal is compelling as the darker peripheral reverse toning is lighter on the coin than the images. This is a sharply struck example with all of the claw joints defined. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #6350.



1876-CC WB-33 50C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, Emerald Isle Collection. Frosty devices grace both sides, contrasting with moderately reflective, proof-like fields. This is a sharply struck example with distinct star centers and pinpoint detail in the eagle feathers. WB-33, with a diagonal line joining E in STATES with the rim. A few so-called proofs come from the WB-33 die pair, and, with the sharp strike and prooflike surfaces, it's easy to see why this attribution might be made despite the lack of any contemporary designation as such. Regardless, this is unquestionably well-executed coinage and worthy of special attention. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder. PCGS #6353

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1878-CC WB-1 50C, PCGS VF30 OGH, Near-Choice Original. Carson City coinage is among the most desired in the entire Seated series, with low mintage figures appearing frequently in the Guide Book. Within the half dollars, the 1870-CC, 1874-CC, and 1878-CC coins are the keys to the Carson City set, and examples in all grades are highly prized. The present VF30 piece is remarkably advanced in the PCGS census, in the top 30% of all examples, as most survivors tend to be highly worn. This lightly toned coin exhibits silver-gray color on both sides, more intensely on the reverse. A few field lines are consistent with the VF30 grade. The bold, all-important CC mintmark signifies the rarity of this well-preserved Branch Mint example. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) holder. PCGS #6359



1915 50C, PCGS PR62 CAC OGH, Gem Original. Evaluating proofs strikes is typically accomplished by GFRC with two parameters, mirror reflectance and hairlines. Most proofs also require a bright light to fully appreciate the toning portrait. This lot excels on all parameters as the mirrors expose the predominance of aquamarine-blue, gold, and rose colors that are very eye appealing. I'm tough on hairlines and was pleasantly surprised to find no hairlines in the fields, rather a few faint rub lines on the cheek that are not particular to a proof strike. Worthy of its GFRC-Gem quality rating along with a conservative reserve to stimulate bidding. CAC notes 26 approved in all grades with not a single cameo meeting criterion. Housed in PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6532



1933-S 50C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. As a Great Depression issue, 1933-S strikes were not saved in any substantial quantities leading to scarcity in Mint State. CAC has only approved 42 examples at the offered grade level with 94 finer. This is noteworthy given a mintage of 1,786,000. The Lakeland Collection is releasing a near-gem original example that has thick gray patina. Luster features frosted texture though muted by the thick patina. Strike is absolutely hammered with deeply impressed skirt lines, thumb, and head details. Collectors who value strict originality over brilliant, frosted luster should carefully consider this example. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2023) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6591

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1934 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. Thick and creamy satiny luster radiates from well preserved surfaces. Other than a tiny luster break in the right obverse field, rich mint bloom is continuous on both sides. All of the vertical skirt lines are fully defined along with intricate head details and complete outreached hand and thumb. This gem provides above average presentation under a bright light given the cartwheels and satiny radiance. CAC notes 372 in all grades with 121 at the offered level. CDN CAC guide currently stands at \$468 as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6592



1934-D 50C, PCGS MS64 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. Coin collecting came into its own in the 1930s, with the advent of coin boards that sold into the millions. Most people pursued lower denomination pieces, typically cents, but the coin mania bled into higher denominations as well. Today, Mint State examples from this era are more affordable than those of the previous decade, especially for Branch Mint issues. This frosty 1934-D half is largely untuned with only a few bits of deeper patina evident. CAC notes 206 pieces total. The CAC price guide value is \$624. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6593



1934-S 50C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Choice Original, Sheffield Collection. The run of "rare" San Francisco dates in Mint State concludes with the 1934-S issue. This date is nearly as rare as the 1833-S which is also offered by the Sheffield consignor in our Two Fine Gentlemen auction event. Pastel yellow-blue, aquamarine, and gold are overlaid on frosted surfaces with the obverse toning being denser. Regardless, the frosted radiance is substantial under angled lighting while the cartwheels are equally vibrant. The strike is complete with fully formed vertical skirt lines, outreached hand, and Liberty's cap. With a 10x, a few scattered micro-ticks are noted but of no consequence. Only 11 examples have been CAC approved at the offer grade with 173 stickered in all grades. The CDN CAC guide is \$1230 as reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6594

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1936-D 50C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. With a mintage of 4,252,400, the 1936-D is readily available in Mint State grades through MS66. However, the PCGS population drops dramatically at MS66+ (67) and MS67 (55). This Sheffield Collection release is entirely frosted with faint golden shades at the peripheries. Strike is typical with the upper vertical skirt lines being incomplete. A 10x review revealed random die polish lines on the obverse and continuous mint bloom across the surfaces. The CDN CAC piece guide lists MS66 at \$1140 with a dramatic jump to \$5000 at the next full grade. We believe the reserve price is quite competitive for this lovely gem. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6599



1937-D 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. The 1937-D and 1937-S Walking Liberty dates are equally scarce in Mint State with mintages of 1,676,000 and 2,090,000. Truly original and undipped examples are scarce in full gem based on CAC approval rates. CAC has approved 103 Denver strikes at the MS65 grade. This example screams originality with its brilliant, frosted luster and faint copper-gold toning. Bright light exposure releases frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels. Strike is nearly complete with just a touch of definition weakness at the thumb. Surfaces are pristine with some die polished lines seen during 10x review. A classic gem that warranted close scrutiny. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6602



1938 50C, NGC MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. This gorgeous 1938 half offers brilliant, frosted luster and swirling cartwheels under a bright light. A fully struck specimen with deeply impress skirt lines, a high relief outreached hand and head that will please the most stringent strike fanatic. The pristine surfaces beg the question of why this Sheffield lot is not certified to the next level. This is a compelling offering that warrants several bids to locate a suitable pricing level. CAC price guide is \$686 at MS66 with an increase to \$2250 in "7". Housed in new large font holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6604

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1938 50C, CACG MS65, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. Rich frosted luster radiates from surfaces graced with continuous mint bloom. Cartwheels are as expected for an accurately designated gem. More important is the natural light silver-gray coloration that is indicative of 100% originality. It is obvious that this "walker" has not been dipped to enhance the luster. Strike is complete with deep vertical skirt lines along with full right facing hand and distinct thumb. This is a thoroughly solid lot consistent with conservative CACG grading standards. CACG has certified 13 pieces as of mid-February 2024 with a price guide of \$445 as reference. Housed in a new CAC Grading (2023) holder. PCGS #6604



1939 50C, CACG MS66, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. This Sheffield Collection release is an unqualified gem 1939 specimen with hammered strike and brilliant frosted luster. Bright light cartwheels are vibrant and satisfying. A common date Philadelphia strike that is unquestionably original with its silver-gray natural toning. What a pleasure to not see blast white Walkers in the new CACG holders. CACG has only certified 4 at the offered grade and 14 overall. The CAC price guide is trending at \$390 with this superb lot warranting a slight premium. Trust me, this piece is a poster child for untouched surfaces. Housed in a new CAC Grading (2023) holder and graded consistent with CAC approval standards. PCGS #6606



1939-S 50C, NGC MS67 CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. None finer at CAC is an appropriate note for starting this Sheffield Collection 1939-S description! Pristine surfaces are entirely unabraded and worthy of this lofty certified grade. The frosted luster is brilliant and completely undisturbed. Strike is also complete with full vertical skirt lines and an outlined thumb. Faint golden hues are evident under a bright light. Scattered die polish lines are nicely detailed under a 10x. CAC population in "67" stands at 204 with none finer. The CAC price guide value is \$1580. Housed in NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6608

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1941-D 50C, NGC MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. Creamy light green-gold hues are most welcoming on this gem 1941-D Walker. A bright light exposes brilliant, frosted luster and active cartwheels. Surfaces are entirely unabraded. This is a wholesome piece with strict originality and a "fresh" look. Housed in NGC Gen 9 (2001-2003) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6612



1943-D 50C, NGC MS67+ CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. Approaching "perfection" best describes this superb gem 1943-D Walking Liberty half dollar. Creamy mint frost covers both sides along with faint gold patina that is a touch deeper at the rims. Thick frosted luster appears when placed under angled lighting along with vibrant cartwheels. Strike is hammered with all device details deeply impressed including the topmost skirt lines and thumb. Finally, the surfaces are pristine without tiny abrasions during 10x review. The certified MS67+ grade and CAC approval place this lot at the condition census as CAC has yet to approve a single MS68. Pricing a coin at this quality level is challenging. The PCGS price guide number at MS67+ is \$2750 with auction records consistent with the reserve price. A superb gem for those building the finest registry sets. Housed in new large font NGC holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6619



1946 Doubled Die Reverse 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. The 1946 Double Die Reverse continues to be popular after being listed separately in the PCGS price guide along with Cherrypickers as FS-801. The doubling on E PLURIBUS UNUM is substantial enough to be easily recognized by die variety enthusiasts. In Gem Mint State, the PCGS population report indicates 61 pieces with 27 finer. When considering CAC approval, those numbers drop significantly with 18 approved at grade and 16 finer. This example presents brilliant, frosted radiance and spinning cartwheels along with an undisturbed bright light viewing experience. The certified grade appears to be conservative given the unblemished surfaces. If serious about "walkers", this major die variety gem would be an exciting addition. The CAC price guide is \$3150 for reference. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6632

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1946-D 50C, PCGS MS66+ CAC, Gem Original, Sheffield Collection. GFRC Online Auctions closes its presentation of the Sheffield Collection Walking Liberty halves with this stunning 1946-D lot. Brilliant granular frosted luster is entirely undisturbed and thoroughly pleasing. The vertical skirt lines are complete and deeply impressed though the outstretched hand is only outlined. The creamy white presentation, under a bright light, is further complimented by swirling cartwheels. The (+) grade is important as the CAC price guide ranges from \$221 in MS66 to \$1040 when attaining the MS67 certification. If heading to the GFRC pricelist, this GFRC-Gem rated lot would see a JUST BUY IT NOW shout out. A strong bid is suggested to take this one home. Housed in PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6628



1843 \$1, NGC MS61, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Frosty surfaces reveal partial reflectivity when the coin is viewed at an angle. This coin is largely untoned with peripheral gold color. Seated dollars circulated little, and most survivors are in the XF/AU range, while Mint State pieces are more challenging. NGC reports 22 pieces in MS61, and 33 examples higher. Remarkably, NGC notes not a single coin at the Gem Mint State level, with the highest example graded at MS64. The PCGS population is similar, with MS64+ being the highest grade awarded. The NGC price guide value is \$2,400 in MS61. Housed in an NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #6929



1845 \$1, NGC AU55 Fatty, Market Acceptable, New Jersey Collection. Rarity is the watchword when it comes to Seated dollars, and the 1845 issue easily qualifies with a low production level of 24,500 pieces. In an era when a day's pay for an ordinary laborer was on the order of a dollar, there was a little demand for these hefty coins. This example reveals silver centers with deeper patina present at the rims. Glossy surfaces indicate an old wipe. NGC reports 40 coins in AU55, 30 examples in AU58, and just 19 pieces across all Mint State levels. The NGC price guide indicates a value of \$2,450 in AU55. Housed in an NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line Fatty holder with brown label. PCGS #6931

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1846 \$1, NGC MS62, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely, mirrored surfaces highlight this early date Seated dollar. A light splash of maroon patina covers both sides. Note, the toning is not as heavy in the right obverse field as the image indicates. This example represents an optimal collector grade, with the NGC price guide rising from \$3,250 in MS62 to \$6,000 in MS63. As with all Seated dollars of the 1840s, Gem MS coins are rare and numbered in the single digits, if they exist at all, with the result that an MS62 piece is remarkably close to the finest known. NGC has graded 22 coins in MS62, with 37 pieces higher. Housed in an NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #6932



1846 \$1, PCGS VF30, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. This piece represents an ideal collector coin, with even, coin-gray patina highlighted by lighter color at the high points. No stains or spots here, just an attractive, hairline-free example of a lower-mintage 19th century issue. Marks are well-distributed with no areas of concentration. One cannot have enough of such coins! The PCGS price guide value in VF30 is \$800. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #6932



1846-O \$1, NGC AU53 Fatty, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Mirrored fields reveal light gold patina on both sides. A few star points to the left are evident, while the reverse feathers and claws are more sharply defined. NGC notes 22 coins in AU53, 50 pieces at the AU55-AU58 levels, and 21 examples in Mint State. The NGC price guide is \$1,750 in AU53. As is typical of Seated dollars, XF/AU pieces are in the sweet spot, with the MS60 value rising to \$5,900. For the same money, we'd prefer three examples at this grade level, as compared to a slightly more lustrous but baggy MS60 coin. Housed in an NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) no line Fatty holder with brown label. PCGS #6933

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1849 \$1, NGC AU58, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Light gold patina overlays the partially mirrored surfaces of this Philadelphia piece. Straight-on viewing reveals steel gray color, with the toning more apparent under a bright light. Both shields exhibit light crust. Strike is typical, with a couple soft stars. As with most Seated dollars, production was minimal, with 62,600 examples struck in this year. NGC notes 58 pieces at the AU58 level, with 77 examples at all Mint State grades combined. The NGC price guide assigns a value of \$1,900 in AU58. Housed in an NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder. PCGS #6936



1849 \$1, NGC AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Thick skin reveals violet and purple color under a bright light, overlaid by deep slate patina on both sides. The NGC price guide value is \$1,150, rising to \$1,900 in AU58 and \$2,650 at the MS60 level. Every collector is unique, but we like the idea of a near-MS example at less than half of the Mint State price. Like all Seated dollars, the overall population is low (334 coins at NGC, 517 pieces at PCGS) and compares favorably to “rarities” in the Morgan series, such as the 1889-CC or 1893-S, which number in the thousands. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #6936



1860 OC-7 \$1, PCGS Genuine, Market Acceptable, New Jersey Collection. Reflective fields host russet patina on both sides. While not completely original, this is a well-detailed and nicely struck piece, with most star centers evident and the reverse feather detail completely defined. The PCGS population is 246 coins total, an especially low level given the operation of that service since 1986. The Coinage Act of 1853 resulted in an odd situation, where the Seated dollar contained more silver than two half dollars combined. As a result, the Mint charged \$1.08 for each coin, and most of these were targeted to foreign trade where the overweight coins were readily accepted. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with Genuine designation. PCGS #6949

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1860-O \$1, NGC MS62, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. The 1860-O Seated dollar is well known as a “hoard” coin, with several bags appearing during the Treasury releases in the 1960s. Most of these pieces are extremely baggy, apparently due to frequent movement of the thousand-dollar bags during their time in the Treasury vaults. The present example represents a remarkable exception, with only a few field lines evident, much less than usually seen. Blast white surfaces reveal creamy, frosty luster with light gold patina at the rims. The NGC census includes 168 pieces in MS62, with 101 coins finer. The NGC price guide value is \$2,500, rising to \$4,000 in MS63. This piece clearly deserves MS62-plus money. Housed in an NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder. PCGS #6950



1868 \$1, NGC AU53, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely luster is evident as this piece is rotated under a light, which reveals less crust than might be suggested by the images. Protected areas around the design devices exhibit outlines of gray and russet patina, and the overall eye appeal is pleasing. Liberty Seated dollars circulated little during this “hard money” era and higher-grade survivors are the rule. As a result, originality becomes an important factor in selecting pieces for one’s collection, and the present coin stacks up well in this regard. NGC notes 136 coins total, with 11 pieces at AU53 and 54 examples finer. The NGC price guide value is \$1,600. Housed in newer NGC holder with edge view insert. PCGS #6961



1870 \$1, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Light gold patina resides in the stars surrounding an untuned Liberty, while the reverse exhibits smoky color in the protected areas. Field marks are noted to the right of Liberty. While this is one of the more available dates in the Liberty Seated dollar series, the overall population, 261 pieces at PCGS, remains exceptionally low by U.S. rare coin standards. Collectors of this series tend to appreciate rarity, and most issues within the series remain attractively priced, given their minimal populations. PCGS notes 39 coins in AU55, 28 pieces in AU58, and 96 examples in all Mint State grades. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,650. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2024) holder. PCGS #6963

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1871 \$1, NGC AU58 CAC1, Near-Gem Original, Sooner Collection. Blatantly original skin covers both sides of this CAC-approved piece. Coin gray centers lead toward deeper patina at the rims, while residual luster is easily activated under a light. The overall eye appeal is strong, and the next owner will be pleased. CAC has certified 128 coins total, with 11 pieces at AU58 and 36 examples in Mint State. While this date might be considered common among Seated dollars, it remains scarce in an absolute sense – by way of comparison, CAC has certified 843 examples of the 1889-CC Morgan dollar, a coin valued well into five figures at the same grade level. The CAC price guide value is \$2,000 in AU58. Housed in a new large font NGC holder with CAC approval. PCGS #6966



1871 \$1, PCGS AU50, Market Acceptable, New Jersey Collection. Silver gray surfaces accompany lighter halos around the stars, while the reverse exhibits a half-moon of even slate shade to the right. The strike is well-impressed with sharp feather detail and most claws separate. Field hairlines indicate a past cleaning, albeit within PCGS standards for a straight-graded piece. The PCGS population report notes 408 coins at the AU level and 212 pieces in all Mint State bands combined. The PCGS price guide value is \$780 in AU50. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #6966



1872-S \$1, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. This late date San Francisco piece represents one of the tougher issues in the Seated dollar series, with a mintage of 9,000 pieces and a price profile considerably advanced over “type coin” status. This example exhibits partially mirrored fields with scattered gold patina, and the overall appearance is pleasing. A few light lines are evident to the right of Liberty. Collectors paid little attention to these at the time of issue, and near-MS examples are challenging. PCGS notes 15 pieces in AU55, four coins in AU58, and 12 examples in all Mint State grades. The PCGS price guide value is \$9,000 in AU55. This piece is a highlight of the New Jersey collection, and the next owner will have acquired a truly significant Seated dollar. Housed in a PCGS Gen3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder. PCGS #6970

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1873 T\$1, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. The surfaces of the GFRC-rated Choice example exhibit partial mirrors, accompanied by light rose patina at the rims, more intensely on the reverse. A few light lines in the left obverse field are noted, consistent with the assigned grade. This was the first regular-issue U.S. coin to plainly state its weight and fineness, emphasizing the “trade” nature of the coin. PCGS notes 32 pieces in AU55, 28 coins in AU58, and 178 examples in Mint State. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,250 in AU55. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #7031



1873-S T\$1, PCGS AU53, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Partial mirrors radiate from steely surfaces, revealing light rose and russet patina on both sides. Faint lines are evident in the fields. Although the mintage exceeds that of the 1873 Philadelphia issue, most of the San Francisco coins made their way to Asia, and the survival rate is lower than that of the Philadelphia pieces. While the Carson City issue is the most desirable for this year, the San Francisco coins still stand above the Philadelphia pieces in terms of rarity. The PCGS census notes 21 coins in AU53, 76 pieces in AU55-AU58, and 113 examples in Mint State. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #7033



1874 T\$1, NGC MS62, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. The even, untuned surfaces of this Philadelphia piece exhibit frosty luster, and the GFRC Choice rating fairly reflects the overall eye appeal. Liberty’s head and the stars are fully defined, while the right claws exhibit characteristic softness. Ideally, the Mint wished to coin Trade dollars at the western Mints, being the closest to Asia. However, capacity limitations dictated the production of nearly a million coins at the Philadelphia Mint in this year. Most of these were exported, and Mint State examples without chopmarks are desirable. The NGC census reports 20 pieces in MS62, with 48 pieces higher. The NGC price guide value is \$1,900. Housed in an NGC Gen 9 (2001-2003) holder. PCGS #7034

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1874-S T\$1, PCGS MS62 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely-frosted surfaces pop with exceptional luster, and the eye appeal is readily evident. Nicely struck, with defined star points and most claws separated. A few micro field lines inhibit CAC certification, but this example is closer than most and easily stands above a typical MS62 example. PCGS has certified 122 coins in MS62 and 130 examples finer, with the highest being a pair of coins at MS65 and MS65+. The PCGS price guide indicates a value of \$1,850 in MS62, rising to \$2,750 in MS63. This piece is worthy of a premium above the MS62 value, and the amount will be determined by the bidding. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder. PCGS #7036



1875-CC T\$1, PCGS MS62 CAC, Near-Gem Original, Scenic Lake View Collection. Highly proof-like fields reveal strong reflectivity, and the coin quickly exhibits black and white mirrors when tilted. The in-hand eye appeal is exceptional and not fully conveyed by the images. Note, the holder is worn, with upper obverse and reverse haze appearing in the images. Coloration in the lower portions is due to lighting reflection during photography. The strike is sharply impressed, with strong star points and fully defined eagle claws. A few fields lines are noted to the left of Liberty and account for the technical grade. Type I/I. CAC has approved 63 pieces in all grades, including three coins at MS62 and 13 examples finer. The CAC price guide value is \$4,950. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval. PCGS #7038



1876 Type I/II T\$1, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Partial mirrors reflect light toning at the rims of this Centennial-dated piece. A few obverse hairlines at the head are evident, given precise orientation of a glass and a light source. Nicely struck, with ample claw detail. Type I obverse, with three fingers, and Type II reverse, with arrowhead above the 2. Most 1876 Trade dollars are Type I/II, as seen here. The II/II variety is rare, and cherrypickers will take note, as examples of this issue are frequently cataloged without attribution. PCGS notes 94 coins in MS62 with 299 examples finer. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,850. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2003-2004) holder. PCGS #7041

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1876-S Type I/I T\$1, PCGS MS62 OGH, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Swirling cartwheels rise from the steely-frosty surfaces of this San Francisco piece. Surfaces are largely untoned, except for a slate crescent at the southeast quadrant of the obverse. Ticks are well distributed, apart from a few bag marks at stars 2-3. Type I/I. CAC notes 123 coins total, 29 pieces in MS62, and 41 examples finer. These pieces are rare at the Gem level, with only single pieces in MS65 and MS66 reported by CAC. This places the MS62 at just two points removed from the highest example that one can reasonably expect to obtain. The CAC price guide value in MS62 is \$1,700. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval. PCGS #7043



1877 T\$1, NGC MS62, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Grey-gold crust blankets nearly perfect surfaces, which exhibit reflective mirrors under a light source. Overall originality is close to CAC standards, and this GFRC-rated Choice piece stands above most MS62 examples. All coins fall on a continuum, and astute collectors will do well to pursue pieces that differentiate themselves from their peers. If paying MS62 money for a coin, why not acquire one of the better examples that can be had at that level? NGC notes 88 pieces at MS62 and 132 examples finer. The NGC price guide value is \$1,200. Housed in an NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder. PCGS #7044



1877 T\$1, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Partially mirrored surfaces reveal a light gold color throughout. Strike is typical, with a few soft stars. Faint obverse hairlines are evident under a glass, but the surfaces are smooth and otherwise mark-free for the grade. Following demonetization of Trade dollars in 1876, these pieces circulated at a discount, as falling silver prices reduced the bullion value of the coin to less than the face value. PCGS notes 105 coins in AU55, 87 pieces in AU58, and 354 examples at the Mint State level. The PCGS price guide in AU55 is \$850. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #7044

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1877-S T\$1, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original. The undisturbed, vibrant luster of this GFRC-rated Gem piece reveals soft rose-gold patina with traces of violet color here and there. The in-hand pop is exceptional, as expected for the grade level. Production in San Francisco was strong in this year, but this example clearly emerges toward the top of the census. Type II/II, as are all examples of this issue. Type II/I examples have been rumored without verification and would no doubt be accompanied by great publicity, should one of the services authenticate such an example. The CAC population report notes 241 coins total, with 16 pieces in MS65, three coins in MS66, and a single example at MS67. The CAC price guide indicates a value of \$9,000 in MS65, rising to \$22,000 in MS66. A prize for the high-end type collector or advanced Trade dollar specialist. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder. PCGS #7046



1877-S T\$1, PCGS MS62 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Frosted, untuned surfaces exhibit exceptional cartwheels for the given grade level, and a strong strike defines even the pesky claws to the right. Type II/II, as with all 1877-S Trade dollars. Most pieces were exported to China, although Q. David Bowers notes that U.S. speculators also acquired pieces at a discount from the face value, as falling silver prices reduced the bullion value of the coin. The PCGS census notes 325 coins in MS62 with 501 pieces finer. The PCGS price guide indicates a value of \$1,850 in MS62. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder. PCGS #7046



1878-S T\$1, PCGS AU58, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Untoned silver-gray surfaces reveal light field rub, with cartwheels remaining healthy for the grade level. Star centers are defined, while a few of the claw joints to the right blend together. The Bowers reference notes that some portion of the 1878-S mintage was likely melted, but exact figures are unknown. In any case, this issue of the Trade dollar is far more desirable than the 1878-S Morgan dollar struck later in the year. The PCGS census indicates 243 pieces in AU58, with 600 examples across the Mint State grades. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,050. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. PCGS #7048

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1878-S T\$1, NGC AU58 CAC, Choice Original. Thick gold-gray crust blankets both sides, as a light source reveals steely surfaces underneath. This piece exhibits a typical “John Albanese” look, with heavy skin atop original, hairline-free fields. This year represents the final issue of circulation strike Trade dollars, as the passage of the Brand-Allison Act on February 28, 1878 led toward the creation of the now ubiquitous Morgan dollar. CAC notes 195 coins total, with 20 pieces in AU58 and 82 examples across the Mint State bands. The CAC price guide value is \$992 in AU58. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert and CAC approval. PCGS #7048