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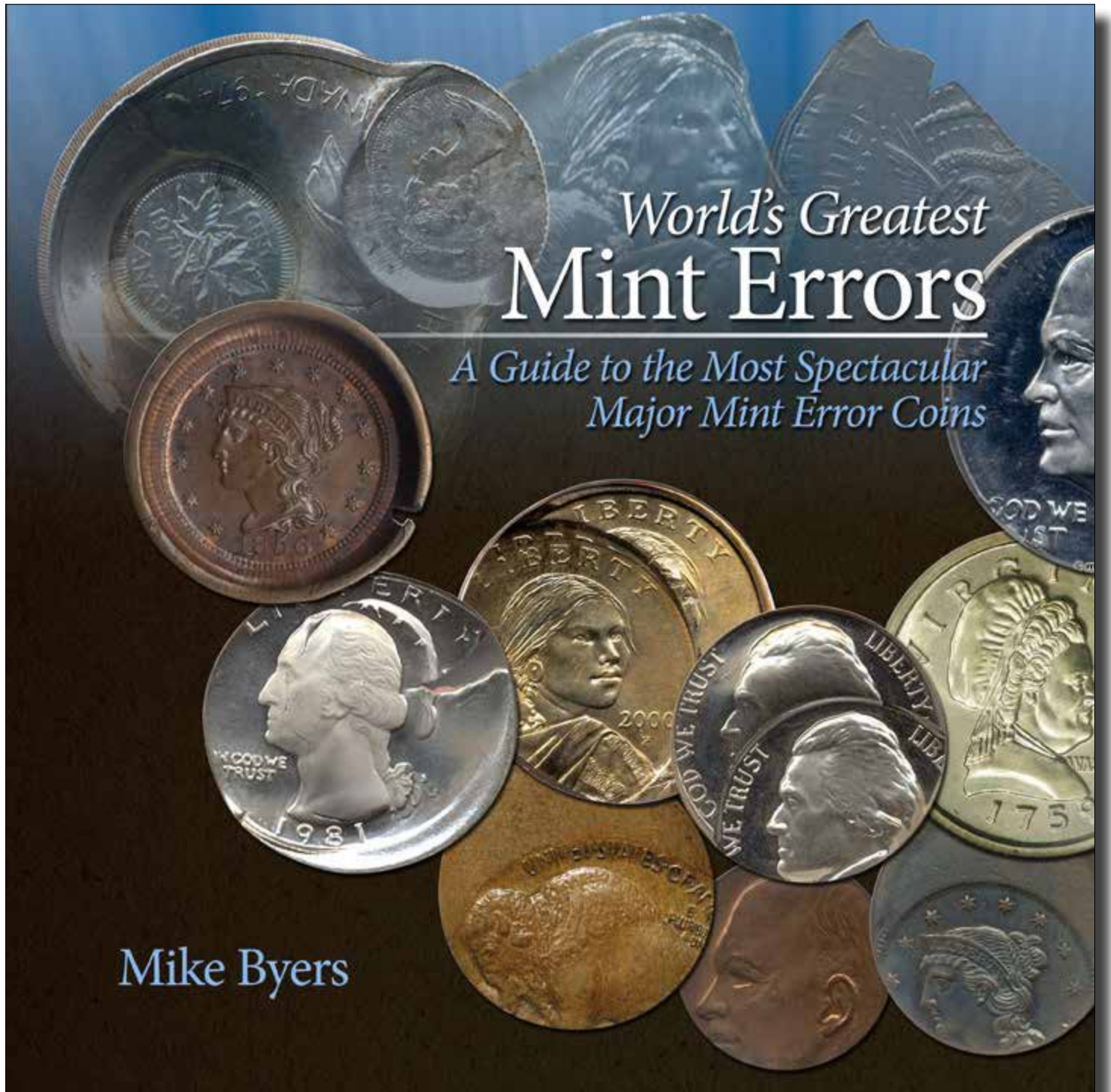


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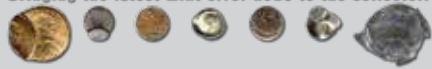


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Mike Byers, Publisher & Editor, Welcomes You!

**W**elcome to Mint Error News Magazine, bringing the latest mint error news and information to the collector. This is our 23rd year bringing you both an online PDF magazine and the Mint Error News website. There are over 1,500 articles, features, discoveries, news stories with mint error related info from the United States and around the World. Our website, [minterrornews.com](http://minterrornews.com), has become the most popular and informative Internet resource for mint errors and is read by thousands of dealers and collectors.

Over the last 23 years with the advent of the internet millions of collectors have flocked to online auctions and dealer websites. Many people connect to various online forums and clubs to share knowledge and learn about Mint Errors. Everyone, including dealers, collectors and even investors have instant access to information as never before. The Mint Error market has experienced an explosion in collector interest over the last 22 years.

Time and again, rare and unique Mint Errors in the numismatic market have made headline news. Authentication and certification of Mint Errors is now commonplace. In 1991, ANACS was the first to authenticate, grade and encapsulate major Mint Errors. In 1999, PCGS and NGC began certifying Mint Errors. Major Mint Errors are now pursued, collected and traded just like patterns, territorial Gold, colonials and other interesting segments of numismatics.

In 1975, I purchased a 1900 Indian Head Cent struck on a \$2 1/2 Indian Gold blank planchet for \$7,750 at a major coin auction. That price ranked among the top five ever realized for a Mint Error that few dealers or serious collectors would even consider. At that time price guides for Mint Errors were nonexistent and today that Indian Head Cent struck in Gold is certified MS65 by PCGS and is valued at six figures.

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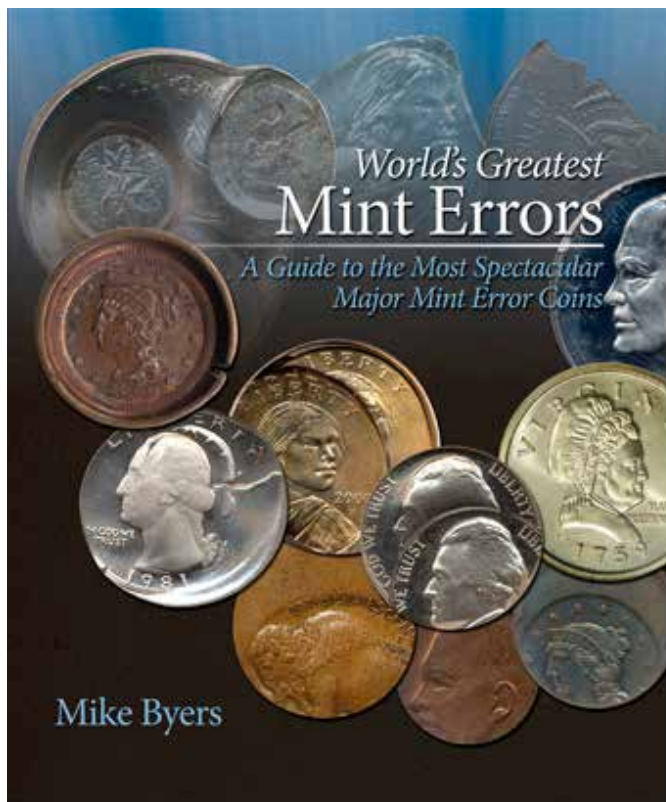


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Mike Byers was a consultant to ANACS for Mint Errors from 2000 to 2006. He is also the Owner, Publisher and Editor of Mint Error News Magazine and the Mint Error News Website that was founded in 2003. In 2009, Mike Byers published his first book, *World's Greatest Mint Errors*, which received the NLG Award for Best World Coin Book and is available on Amazon. In 2016, Mike Byers was featured on Fox News in an interview with one of his unique mint errors.




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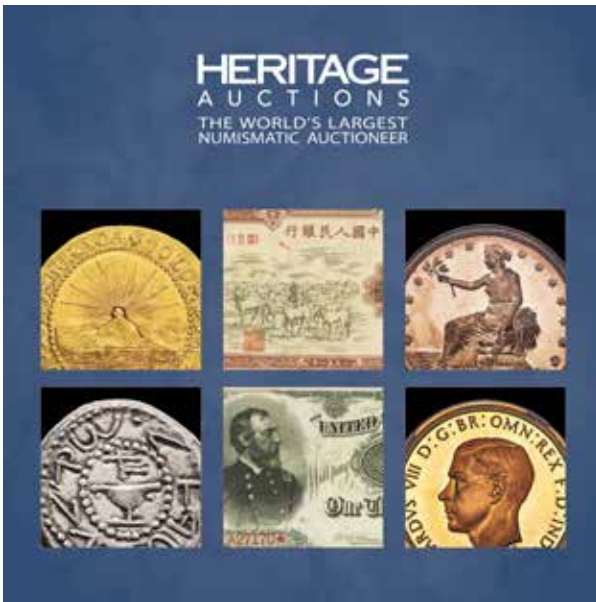
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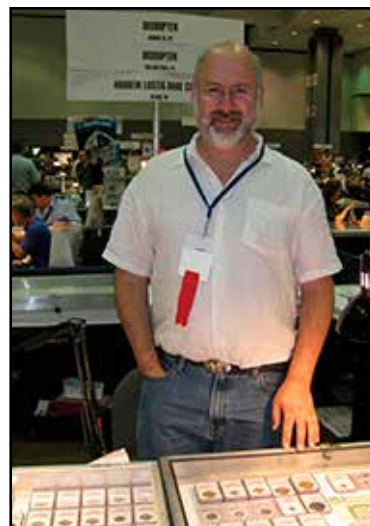
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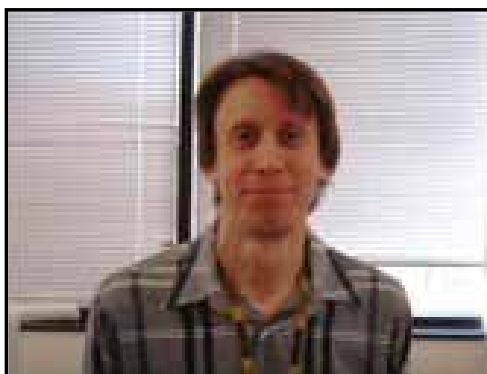
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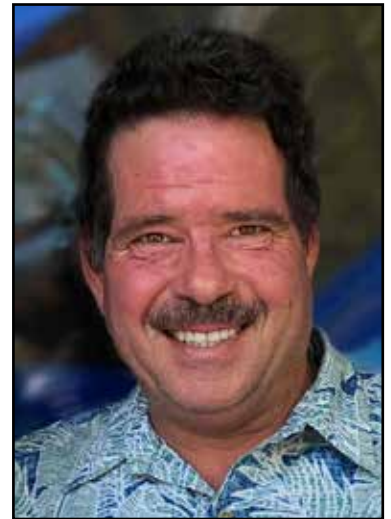
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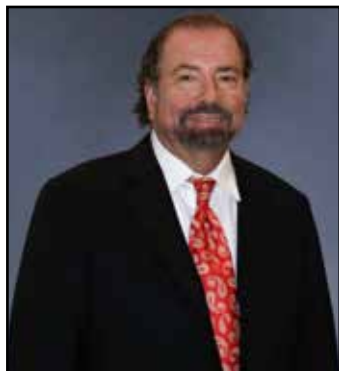
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An interesting array of dollar errors is currently available to be viewed on Northern Nevada Coin's website [brokencc.com](http://brokencc.com). The gallery includes several off-center Morgan dollars, a broadstruck Morgan, a spectacularly broadstruck Peace dollar, an example of a rotated reverse, a blank silver dollar planchet, and the Amazing Broken CC.

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Great Collections holds the record auctioning the famous \$1 Sacagawea obverse muled with a Quarter reverse for \$194,062.50.

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He purchased the unique 1913 Gold Buffalo Nickel from Mike Byers for \$400,000 and proudly included it in his set.

Jim is an expert on 20th Century U.S. coinage with an emphasis on Buffalo Nickels. He is a consultant to Mint Error News for Double Dies and Overdates.

# 2013-D LINCOLN SHIELD CENT DOUBLE DENOMINATION ON STRUCK 2013-D 10¢

## *UNIQUE FOR THE DATE*

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

Major mint errors in the Lincoln Shield cent series are extremely rare. This very dramatic 2013-D Lincoln Shield cent was struck over a 2013-D Roosevelt dime. This is referred to as a double denomination and dramatically shows most of the detail from the original dime strike.



## 2013-D LINCOLN SHIELD CENT DOUBLE DENOMINATION ON STRUCK 2013-D 10¢

It was authenticated and certified AU 58 by PCGS and is unique for the date. There are two known dated 2014-P and two known dated 2015-P. There are no auction records of any that sold in Heritage

Auctions, Stack's Bowers or GreatCollections.

Unique and rare Lincoln cent major mint errors have been setting record prices lately. Whether



## 2013-D LINCOLN SHIELD CENT DOUBLE DENOMINATION ON STRUCK 2013-D 10c

they are mules, transitionals, a unique off-metal or a rare double denomination Lincoln cent, headlines are made and prices continue to rise.

This Lincoln Shield cent double denomination fits beautifully in a collection of major mint errors or Lincoln cents.



## 2013-D LINCOLN SHIELD CENT DOUBLE DENOMINATION ON STRUCK 2013-D 10c

Considerable detail from the understrike is visible on the obverse including Roosevelt's portrait and the full date. Part of the torch and the lettering of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and ONE DIME are visible on the reverse:

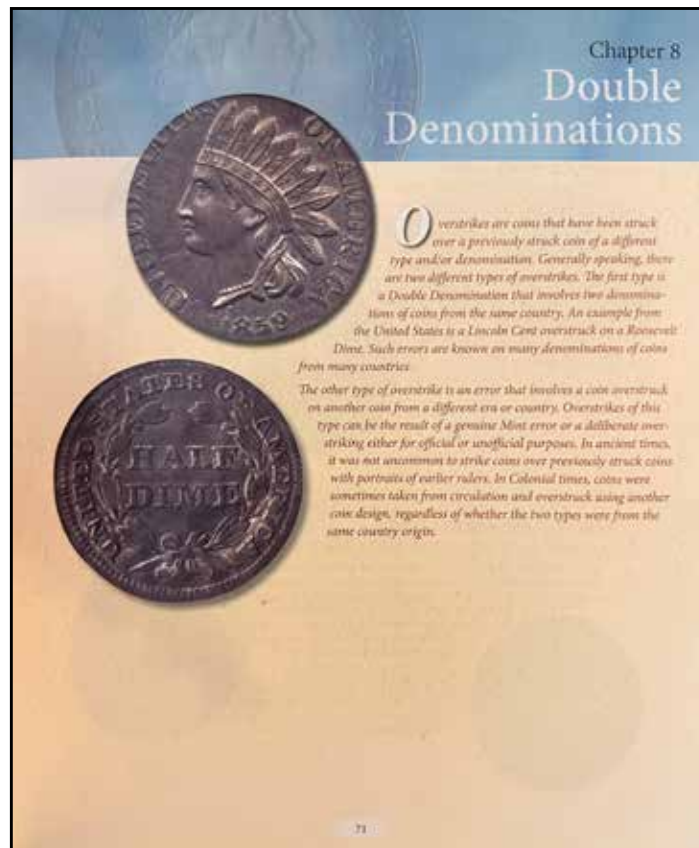
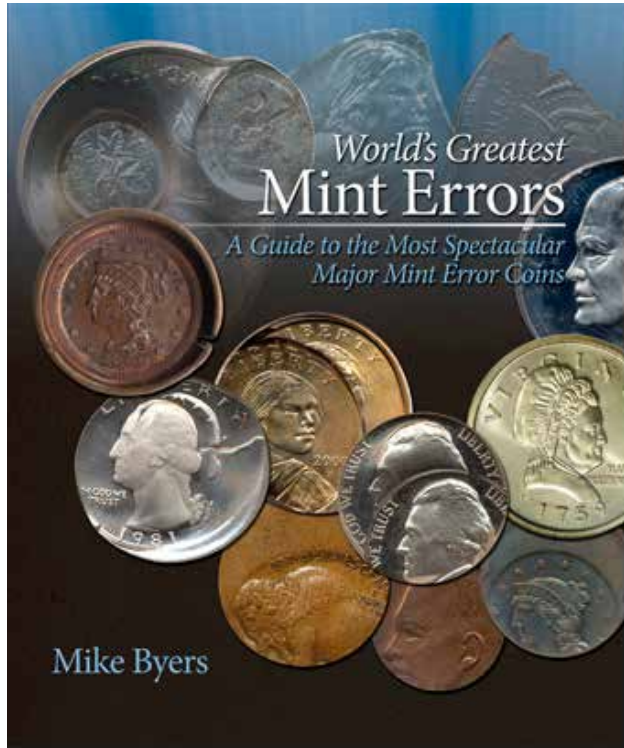


**2013-D LINCOLN SHIELD CENT DOUBLE DENOMINATION ON STRUCK 2013-D 10C**



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# Off-Metal Errors on State Quarters, America the Beautiful Quarters & American Woman Quarters

by Saul Teichman of [USPatterns.com](http://USPatterns.com)

## State Quarters on Cent planchets

Georgia

- 1) Lighterman - NGC65RED 1608756-007 illustrated in *100 Greatest Mint Errors*.
- 2) AU58BN reported by Jon Sullivan

North Carolina

- 1) Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$9,000, Saul Teichman – PCSG64RED 21403157
- 2) Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24 at \$5,520, Tyrone Kemp - PCGS64 60146795 mostly red with a lot of exposed zinc on reverse

Rhode Island

- 1) Lighterman

West Virginia

- 1) Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA on a 3.1 gram copper cent (slabbed 2007) at \$9,000 - PCGS66RB 3980046

## State Quarters on Nickel planchets

Most common are 1999-D Delaware with over 2 dozen known, 2000 Maryland with over a dozen and 2004 Florida with around a dozen known. Others that have about a half dozen or more include, 1999 Connecticut, Georgia, New Jersey & Pennsylvania, 2002 Tennessee and 2003 Illinois

Those with fewer than a half dozen reported include:

2000 South Carolina - reported

2001 North Carolina – Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24 – PCGS62 21614958

2002 Louisiana – Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24 – PCGS62 21296144

2002 Indiana Heritage 4/06, Heritage 1/08FUN - NGC66 1703050-008

2002 Ohio – Weinberg FPL

2005-P Minnesota – NGC64 2651267-023 Sullivan 3/16 FPL, Saul Teichman

2006-P Nebraska - Jon Sullivan 11/2015 - PCGS65

2007-D Wyoming – eBay 11/11, Saul Teichman - NGC65 3507400-083

2007-D Montana – GreatCollections.com 8/2012 online auction at \$1,073 – PCGS64 26001215

Note: GreatCollection.com 9/2012 online auction at \$1,238 – PCGS65 later noted as on struck 5C

GreatCollection.com 9/2012 online auction at \$1,019 – PCGS64 later noted as on struck 5C

2008-P Arizona

1) Jim MBS, later to Sullivan 12/15 – PCGS66 12988041

2) Jon Sullivan 2012 offering - PCGS62

### **State Quarters on Dime planchets - at least 15 states and at least 19 pieces known**

California – 2005-P Jon Sullivan offered 3/13 at \$6,900 – PCGS65

Connecticut – Jon Sullivan 1/17 offered at \$7500 – NGC62 1608777-001 struck through grease?

Delaware – eBay?, Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 12/24, Saul Teichman at \$5,520 - NGC64 1293472-001 with scratches at 1787 on reverse, possibly 2 coins here

Georgia – reported by Byers

Indiana – Heritage 11/02 at \$4,025 as PCGS64 21228307, Heritage 8/23 at \$17,400 – PCGS64 31080548

Kentucky – 2001-D Weinberg

Maryland – Heritage 9/07 at \$6,325 PCGS64 22082248

North Carolina - Lighterman – NGC66

New Jersey 1999-D - Lighterman NCS Unc details environmental damage

Nevada – Sullivan 11/24 inventory at \$8500 – NGC65 6932751-001

New York - uniface, sold on eBay, Heritage 9/05 not sold on \$5k reserve – PCGS64 21360039

Pennsylvania

1) 1999-P NGC64 – 1273333-002

2) 1999-D Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24, Saul Teichman at \$5,760 – PCGS64 5691538

South Carolina

1) Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 12/24, Tyrone Kemp at \$7,200 – PCGS67 21549599

2) Lighterman

## Tennessee

1) 2002-D Weinberg FPL, struck at 6:00 ex Heritage 9/02 as NGC65 1656225-007 at \$4830, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$6,600, Sullivan inventory – PCGS65 90058997

2) No date Weinberg FPL, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$6000, Saul Teichman - PCGS64 21152371 (called 2002-P but likely a D that area of the coin is off the flan)  
Virginia

1) Warren, B/M 8/03 ANA (not sold), Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24 at \$6,900 - NGC64 1605740-001

2) NGC64 1601492-007 on NGC website better centered than the first

## ***State Quarter Double Denominations***

### **State Quarters on Struck Cents**

Idaho 2007-D - Byers, Saul Teichman – PCGS66RED 13531462

Montana 2007-D

1) GreatCollections.com 8/26/2012 online auction at \$13,750, Sullivan inventory – PCGS65RB 26004426

2) Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$8,400 - PCGS64RED 11927034

### **State Quarters on Struck Nickels**

Georgia

1) see Errorscope magazine cover, same as Sullivan 11/15 – PCGS64, Lighterman has one

2) Tyrone Kemp – NGC64 8472050-001

Maryland

1) eBay June 2015 at \$1499 - PCGS65 31909028 possibly a Silverstone fake

2) Tyrone Kemp – PCGS62 31690767

South Carolina

1) ex Glen Burger

2) 2003 ANA flipover double struck and rotated

Texas – Jon Sullivan inventory

Montana 2007-D

- Heritage 9/09 at \$3,220 – NGC67 1886083-001

## Off-Metal Errors on State Quarters, America the Beautiful Quarters & American Woman Quarters

- GreatCollections.com 9/12 at \$6,325, reoffered 1/17 at \$1,595, 1/14/18 at \$3094, Sullivan inventory – PCGS64 26004416
- GreatCollections.com 10/12 at \$3,850, Sullivan 11/15, Heritage 9/19 online sale at \$1,680 – PCGS65 26001223
- GreatCollections.com 11/12 at \$2,585, greatcollections.com 7/13-4/15, Sullivan inventory – PCGS64 26001211
- Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 9/24 at \$1,920 - PCGS65 11927035

### **State Quarters on Struck Dimes**

- Arkansas – Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$5,640, Sullivan inventory – NGC64 1978825-001
- Connecticut – Jon Sullivan offered at \$16,000 - NGC67
- Hawaii – sold on eBay for over \$13,000
- Montana 2007-D – Weinberg, Feldman-Heritage 8/24 ANA at \$9,600 – PCGS65 11927036
- New Jersey – Lighterman - NGC67

### **America the Beautiful Quarters on Nickel planchets**

#### 2010 Yosemite

- 1) Fred Weinberg eBay 5/14 at \$2,125 – PCGS65 29550850
- 2) Fred Weinberg offered at \$2700 - PCGS66 29550851
- 3) Fred Weinberg 9/19 offered at \$4,250, Heritage 4/20 at \$2,880 - PCGS62 37826465

#### 2018 Cumberland Island

- 1) Sullivan 3/24/2021 inventory \$3000 - NGC64 5931339-008

### **American Woman Quarters on Nickel planchets**

**- only two known -**

- 2022 Sally Ride – GreatCollections.com 4/30/23 at \$10,181 – NGC67 6349910-001
- 2022-D Wilma Mankiller – eBay E-adventure II/Paperchasesue 12/15/24, Converso Antique Collectibles 2/28/26 offered at \$9,200 - PCGS64 58781862

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## **Welcome to The Society of U.S. Pattern Collectors!**

For those of you not familiar with this fascinating area of numismatics, patterns are prototypes for coins that, for the most part, were never approved for circulation. Most patterns are very rare, some unique, and others unknown outside of museums.

A good place to start learning about these pieces is our Beginner's Corner which includes a page on How to use this Website or the Photo Gallery which contains examples of many of the different pattern issues.

The United States Mint produced more than 1000 different patterns, as well as many die trials and experimental pieces. Despite the great rarity of many of these individual items, the great variety makes the series surprisingly collectable.

There are relatively few collectors specializing in United States pattern coinage. Most of these collectors target specific areas. For example, there are collectors who specialize in Indian Cent patterns, others collecting Morgan dollar patterns, and so on.

In addition to these specialists, there are thousands of collectors of regular issue United States coins who try to buy a few patterns to complement their collections. Many of these historical coins have wide appeal and are surprisingly affordable. There are many collectors who, for example, would like to own an 1855 Flying Eagle large cent (J-167, about 500 pieces struck) to go with their collection of large cents or with their collection of Flying Eagle small cents.

# THE ONLY U.S. GOLD COIN STRUCK ON AN ELLIPTICAL PLANCHET!

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

*This is the only known U.S. gold coin of any denomination struck on an elliptical planchet!*



# THE ONLY U.S. GOLD COIN STRUCK ON AN ELLIPTICAL PLANCHET!

An elliptical planchet is created when the planchet strip fails to properly advance forward, producing an elliptical clip and a crescent clip blank.

The elliptical planchet is oval, but when struck it usually expands in the collar and loses much of its “football shape.” Fortunately that is not the case with this unique gold \$5 Eagle struck on an elliptical planchet. Weighing only 3 grams, it retains the “football shape” and

is missing part of the stars and edge from 7 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Mechanical doubling is clearly visible since it was not seated in the collar properly.

I have handled many gold errors on U.S. coins including three gold Indian Head cents, the unique gold Buffalo nickel, the unique \$20 Liberty struck on a large cent blank, as well as off-centers, double strikes and brockages.

I am only aware of one world gold coin struck on an elliptical planchet. I handled it over 20 years ago. It is a Great Britain gold sovereign struck on an elliptical planchet.



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It is exciting handling a new discovery that is a unique gold mint error. This U.S. gold coin struck on an elliptical planchet fits

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# Classic 1831 Half Dollar with Rare Error Offers Intrigue and Eye Appeal

by Greg Bennick  
Mint Error News Consultant

A major error coin almost two hundred years old. An error type rarely seen. A problem-free host coin for that error type with excellent eye appeal. This coin is an extremely attractive 1831 Half Dollar with an incomplete clip.



## Classic 1831 Half Dollar with Rare Error Offers Intrigue and Eye Appeal

It showcases all three of the descriptions above: a piece of American numismatic history, with a rare error type, and with excellent eye appeal.

This half dollar, specifically an Overton (O-116) die pairing, is a problem-free NGC graded XF45 example. The irony

of calling an error coin “problem free” does not go without notice but in this case the designation refers not to the error as a problem, but rather to the excellent surfaces of the coin and how they are devoid of any major marks, or damage to the devices or fields.



## Classic 1831 Half Dollar with Rare Error Offers Intrigue and Eye Appeal

What truly differentiates this coin as special is clear diagnostics of an error in the planchet cutting process. We typically see clipped planchets that resemble a curved area missing from the planchet. This occurs when the blanking press, the cutters which slice blanks out of a rolled planchet strip, cut either through a planchet that didn't get ejected from the machinery once "blanked" by the press, or overlap a previously cut hole in the planchet strip.

The net result is a thin cutting curve which does not penetrate the entire planchet and instead curves from K-10 to K-1 (on the obverse) with a corresponding curved area on the reverse. One way to tell if an incomplete clip is likely authentic is if the curved line from the cutting tool can be seen on both sides of the coin. If there is only a curved line on one side, the coin has likely been damaged post-mint. This coin however is indeed authentic, as certified.

Major auction house Stacks Bowers

reports only one sale of a far inferior and cleaned example of an incomplete clip on a Capped Bust half. Heritage cites two sales (one, the same as the Stacks Bowers coin, and another, also harshly cleaned). Noted early US early half dollar dealer Sheridan Downey, when presented with this coin, noted that had not seen an example of the error type in-hand.

This is the finest known incomplete clip on a Capped Bust Half to be publicly available in recent years.

This is a coin which should appeal to any student of early US numismatics, any Capped Bust Half collector, error enthusiasts, or simply those fascinated by the minting process itself.

The coin will be offered for sale this summer through dealer and auctioneer Sheridan Downey, who will be conducting a mail bid sale in conjunction before the ANA World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh. More information can be found at [sheridanscoins.com](http://sheridanscoins.com).

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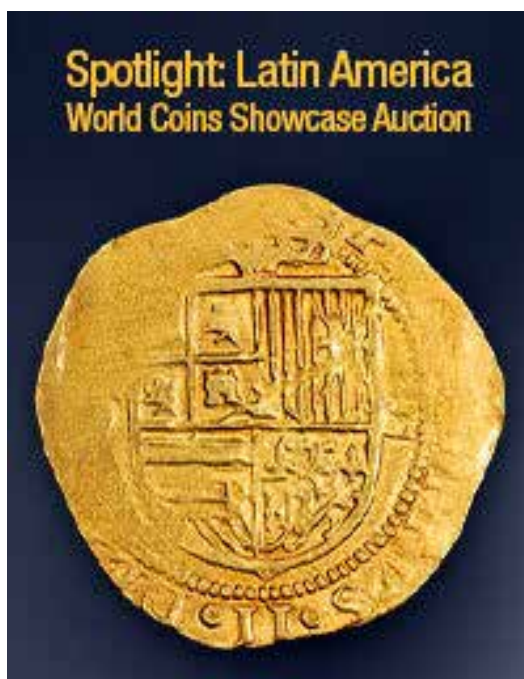
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# 3 RARE PANAMA MINT ERRORS SELL IN HERITAGE MAY 2026 LATIN AMERICA WORLD COINS SHOWCASE AUCTION

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**Panama: Republic Mint Error**  
**Overstruck 5 Centesimos 1982 MS69 NGC**

***Sold For: \$ 5,002.00***



**Republic Mint Error - Overstruck 5 Centesimos 1982 MS69 NGC, KM-TS4.**  
Overstruck off center on proof U.S. Jefferson 5C. Fascinating bright surfaces on this mint error piece with glassy fields.

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**Panama: Republic Mint Error  
Overstruck 1/4 Balboa 1982 MS64 NGC**

***Sold For: \$ 1,647.00***



**Republic Mint Error - Overstruck 1/4 Balboa 1982 MS64 NGC, KM11.2a.**  
Overstruck off center on USA 1982-P quarter.

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**Panama: Republic Mint Error  
Overstruck 1/2 Balboa 1982 MS69 NGC**

***Sold For: \$ 3,904.00***



**Republic Mint Error - Overstruck 1/2 Balboa 1982 MS69 NGC, KM12b. Overstruck off center on USA 1982-S Kennedy Half Dollar.**

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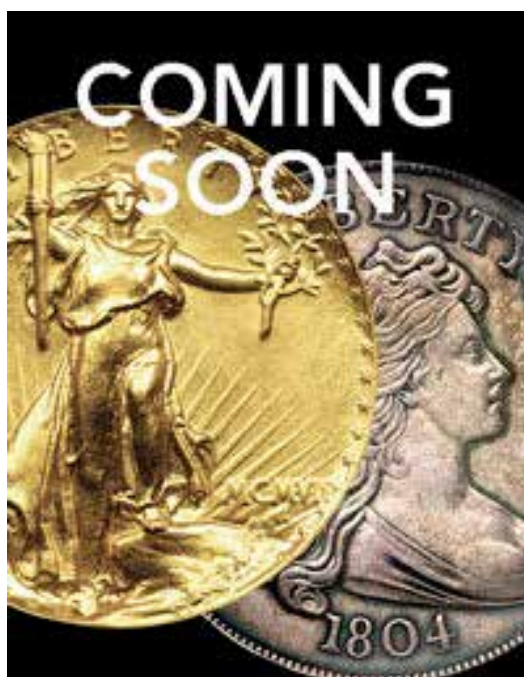
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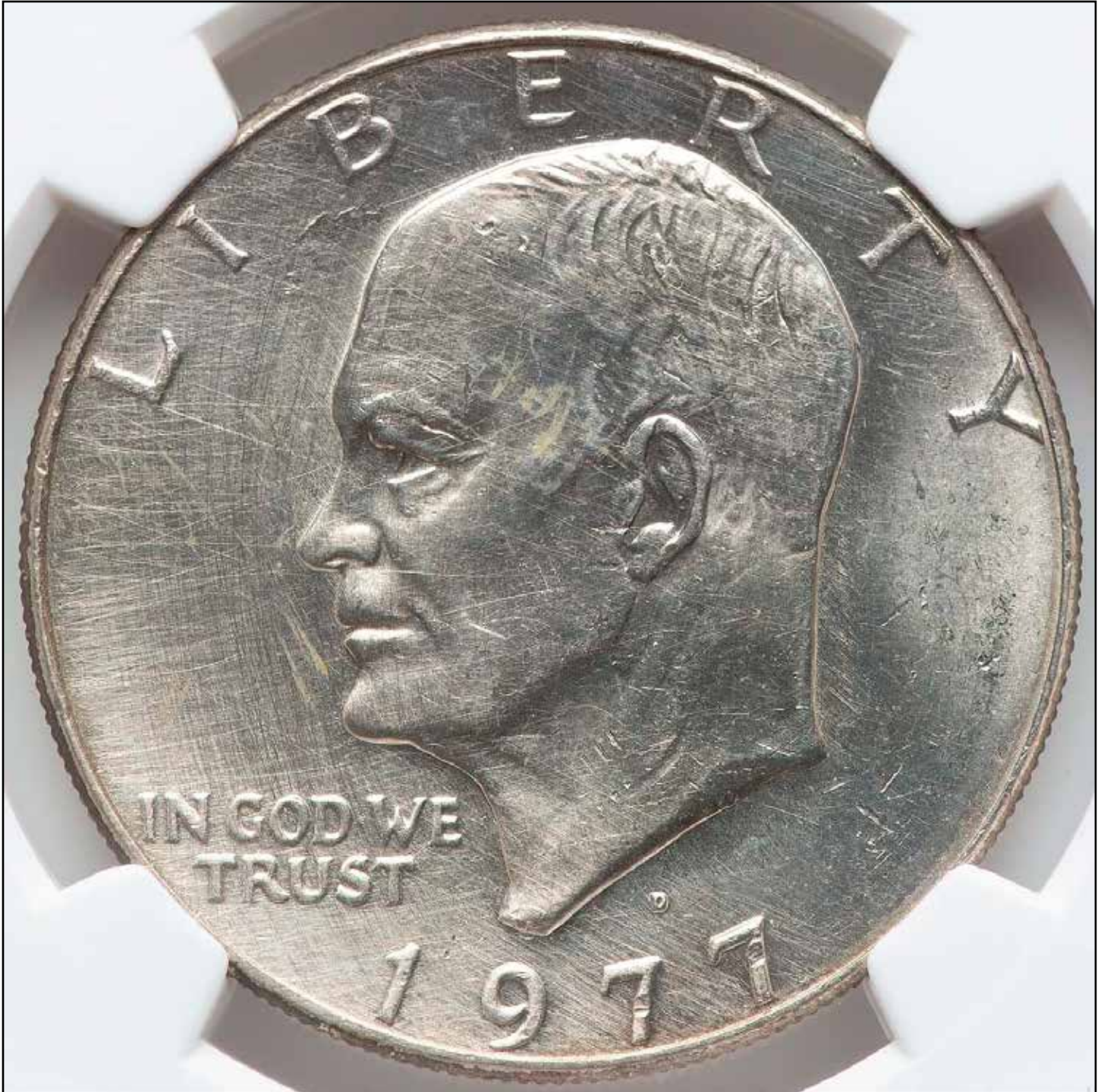
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**1977-D Eisenhower Dollar**  
**Struck on a 40% Silver Transitional Planchet (24.5g)**  
**Harshly Cleaned -- NGC Details**







**1977-D Kennedy Half Dollar**  
**Struck on a 40% Silver Half Dollar Planchet (11.4g)**  
**AU53 NGC**







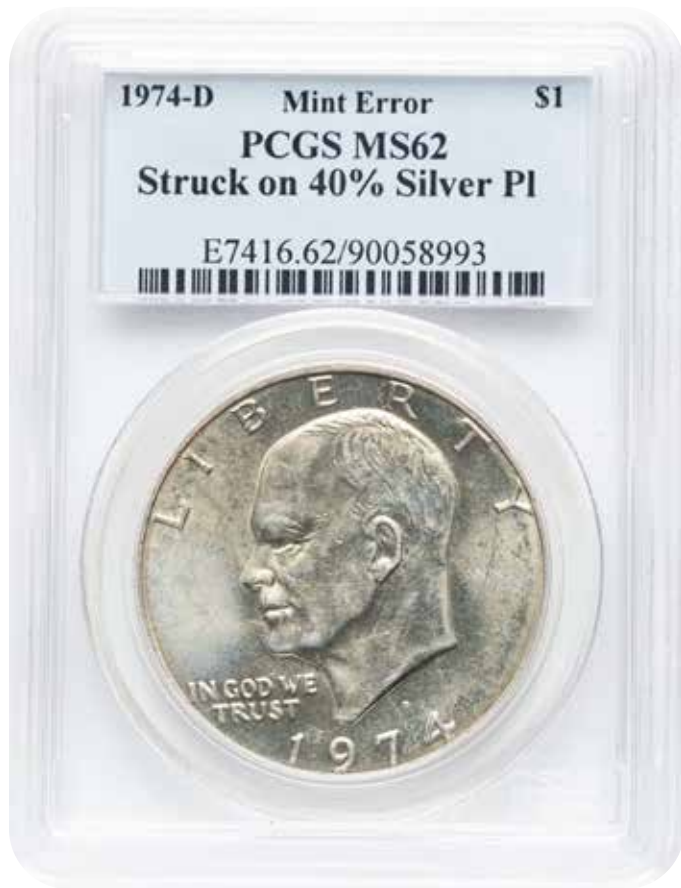
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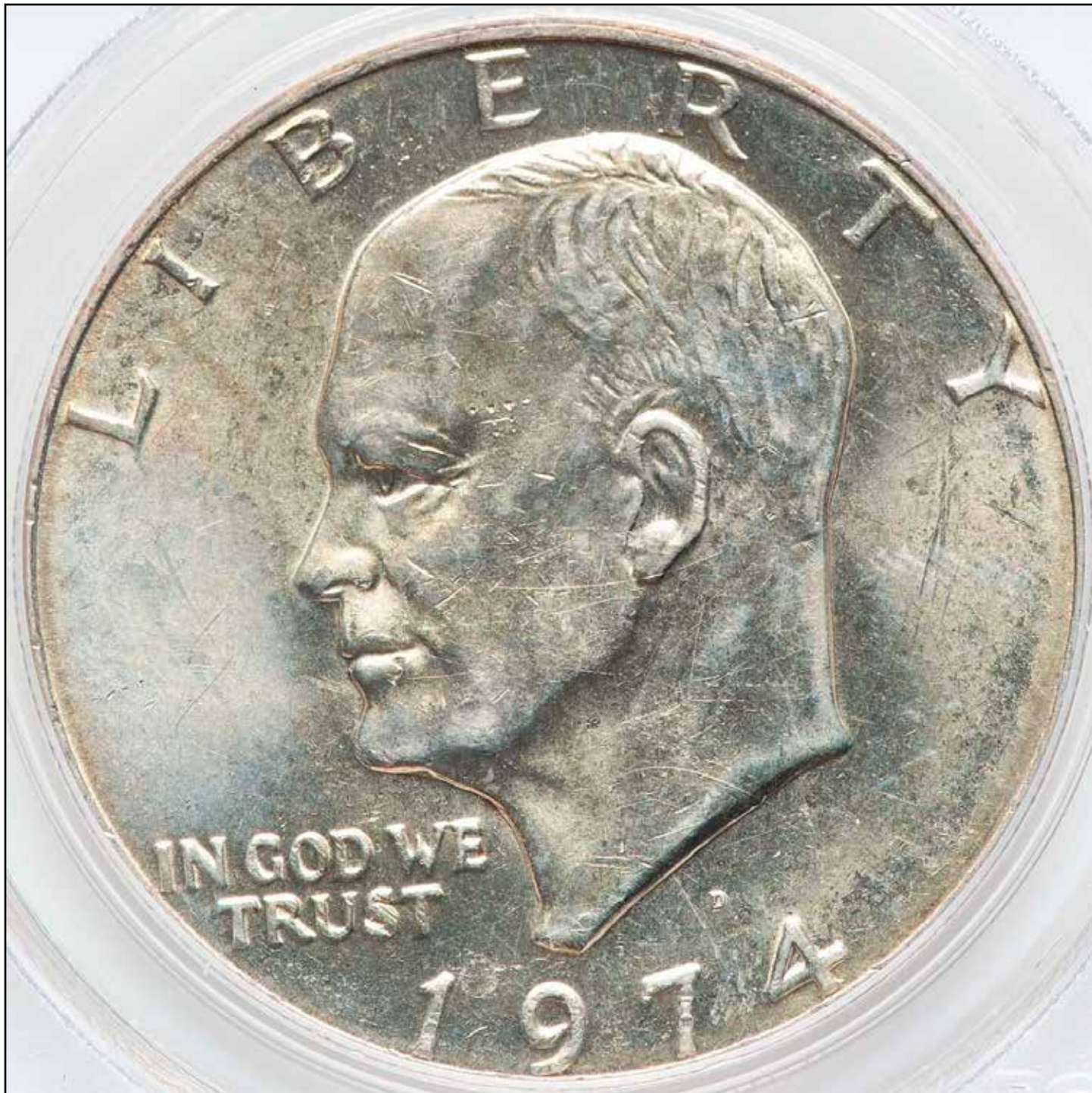






**1974-D Eisenhower Dollar**  
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# UNIQUE 1937 GREAT BRITAIN FLORIN REVERSE DIE TRIAL IMPRESSION FROM THE MASTER DIE (MATRIX)

by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)

This is a historic numismatic treasure! It is a unique 1937 Great Britain Florin (Two Shillings) reverse die trial, which has been authenticated and certified by PCGS. Although graded MS 63, it

is virtually as struck. It is a uniface impression from the master die (matrix) of the reverse design. There are lathe rings visible on both the obverse and reverse. It was struck prior to producing the hubs and dies.



## UNIQUE 1937 GREAT BRITAIN FLORIN REVERSE DIE TRIAL IMPRESSION FROM THE MASTER DIE (MATRIX)

It weighs 65.6 grams, and has a diameter of 40 mm, with a thickness of 6 mm. It was struck in tin on two pieces of metal joined together around the perpendicular plain edge. PCGS encapsulated this unique die trial in a special holder. It is one of the most dramatic and unique die trials that I have ever encountered in my 50 years as a professional numismatist specializing in mint errors, die trials, and patterns.

In January 1936, Edward VIII became king. On December 10th of the same year, he signed an Instrument of Abdication, giving up the throne. Edward's brother Albert was next in line and was crowned King George VI.

The Royal Mint had scheduled to produce coins of Edward VIII, commencing on January 1, 1937. His abdication prevented the Royal Mint from ever issuing coinage in his name. There were a few patterns struck in 1936 in preparation for his coinage in 1937. The patterns of Edward VIII are world famous and bring record prices when they are offered for sale. In a recent auction, a 1937 Gold Pattern 5 Pound in Proof, of Edward VIII, realized \$2.28 million.

King George V reigned from 1927-1936. The Florin featured his portrait on the obverse and a cross of crowned scepters and shields on the reverse.



## UNIQUE 1937 GREAT BRITAIN FLORIN REVERSE DIE TRIAL IMPRESSION FROM THE MASTER DIE (MATRIX)

After his death, the Royal Mint produced a new design for the Florin for King Edward VIII. The obverse portrays his portrait and the reverse depicts a crowned Tudor rose, a thistle with the letter E underneath, and a shamrock with the letter R underneath.



When King Edward VIII abdicated, the Royal Mint used the same Florin reverse design for George VI, only changing the E to G.



## UNIQUE 1937 GREAT BRITAIN FLORIN REVERSE DIE TRIAL IMPRESSION FROM THE MASTER DIE (MATRIX)

This impression from the master die was struck prior to producing the hubs, working dies and dies. It is a part of Great Britain's numismatic history, a unique die trial

transitioning from King Edward VIII to King George VI, and truly belongs in the Royal Mint Museum or in a world class collection of English coinage.



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# Two-Headed CANADIAN CENT

by Jimmy Pease

*Editor's Note:* One of our readers wanted to share this intriguing Canadian mint error.



"Two Heads" are better than one. I recently purchased in a GreatCollections online Auction that closed April 19, 2026, a "Two Headed" no date Canada cent (c. 1978-1989) flip-over double-struck, uniface reverse strikes mint error,

certified and graded Mint State 62 Brown by CACG. This unique combination in the striking process resulted in creating a two-headed error coin bearing two double-obverse images of Queen Elizabeth II.

# TWO-HEADED CANADIAN CENT



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# Private Mint News

Private mints and their issues have a long and illustrious history, but it is often hard to assemble, often years later without good documentation. When working with sovereign mints like the United States Mint, there is often a lot of archives and records available to research which is not available for private mints.

To address this, Private Mint News is a new online publication focusing on numismatics from by private mints. Private mint issues or creations, often in the form of tokens and medals called exnumia, is a rich and evolving area, however, research information can be thin on both classic and recent issues, especially the latter. The goal of Private Mint News is to assist in rectifying this situation by documenting and discussing issues from Private Mints of all eras.

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# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

by Christopher Talbot Frank, CTF Error Coins



With the United States of America Semiquincentennial upon us, I decided to showcase some USA Bicentennial mint error coins. Unique, one year designs were produced for the quarter, half dollar, and dollar coins. These coins have always been popular. Some error collectors collect a short set of mint error coins dated 1976. Although the cent, nickel, and

dime do not have unique designs, they do have the bicentennial date, so I have included a couple of those denominations. These 50 year old bicentennial mint error coins would make a great addition to any error coin collection.

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# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 PCGS MS64 Struck 60% Off-Center Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

This is an extremely nice way off-center Bicentennial Half Dollar with a full date and a nice profile of Kennedy.



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1976 PCGS MS64 Struck 60% Off-Center  
Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error



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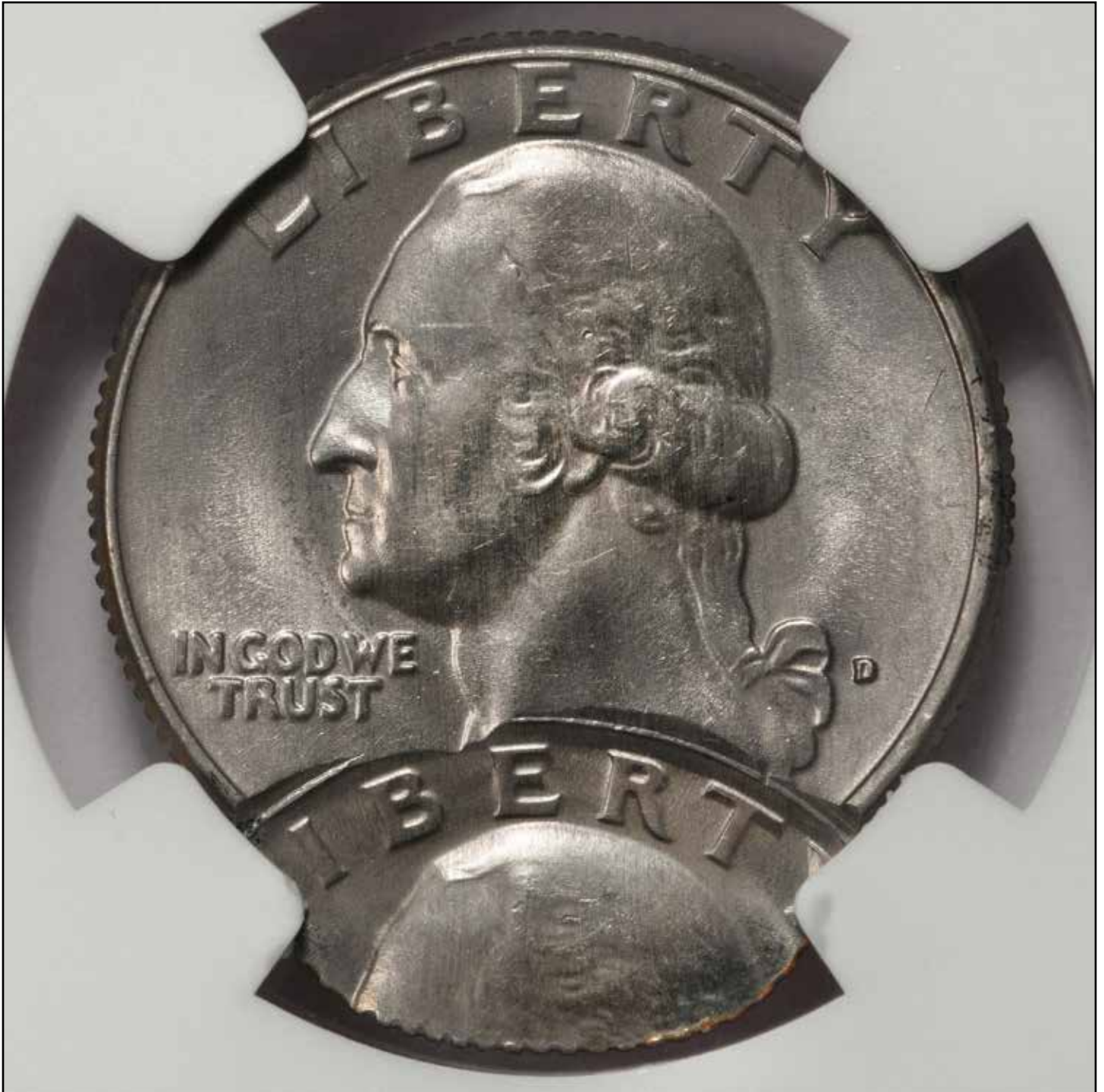
## 1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Strike Off-Center Bicentennial Quarter Error

Double struck errors on bicentennial coins are rare and highly collectable. The second strike is off-center which really adds to the eye appeal of this coin.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Strike Off-Center  
Bicentennial Quarter Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 PCGS MS64 Curved Clip Bicentennial Ike Dollar Mint Error

This coin shows a very nice Blakesley Effect opposite the curved clip. Big errors on Bicentennial Dollars are quite rare.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976 PCGS MS64 Curved Clip  
Bicentennial Ike Dollar Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976-D PCGS MS65 60% Struck Thru Cloth Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

This is an amazing example of a Bicentennial Half Dollar struck through cloth. The weave pattern of the cloth is very strong. The date is visible on the obverse with a nice clean profile of Kennedy.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

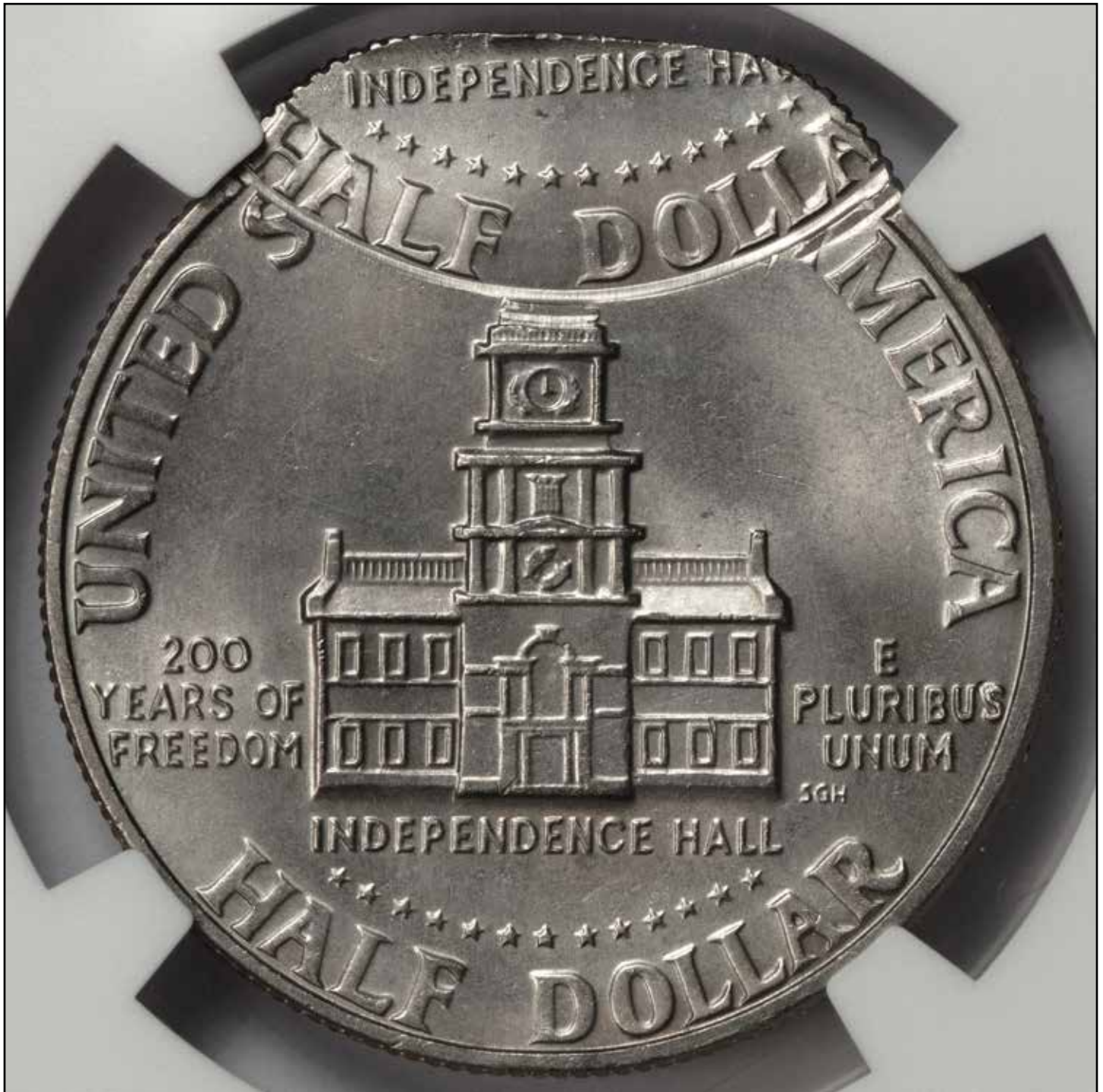
1976-D PCGS MS65 60% Struck Thru Cloth  
Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Off-Center Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

The reverse of this rare double struck Bicentennial Half Dollar has close to perfect eye appeal with the placement of the second off center strike.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976 NGC MS64 Double Struck 2nd Off-Center  
Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976-D NGC MS63 Off-Center Mirror Brockage Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

This is a highly collectable Bicentennial Half Dollar with two major errors and nice eye appeal.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976-D NGC MS63 Off-Center Mirror Brockage  
Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976-D PCGS MS64 RED Missing Clad Layer Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

This Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error really stands out. The bright red copper color on the reverse is stunning and would make a great addition to any error coin collection.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976-D PCGS MS64 RED Missing Clad Layer  
Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 PCGS MS63 Missing Clad Layer Bicentennial Quarter Mint Error Red Copper

This is one of the nicer examples of a Bicentennial Quarter missing a clad layer. The bright red copper color on the reverse stands in stark contrast to the nickel colored obverse.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

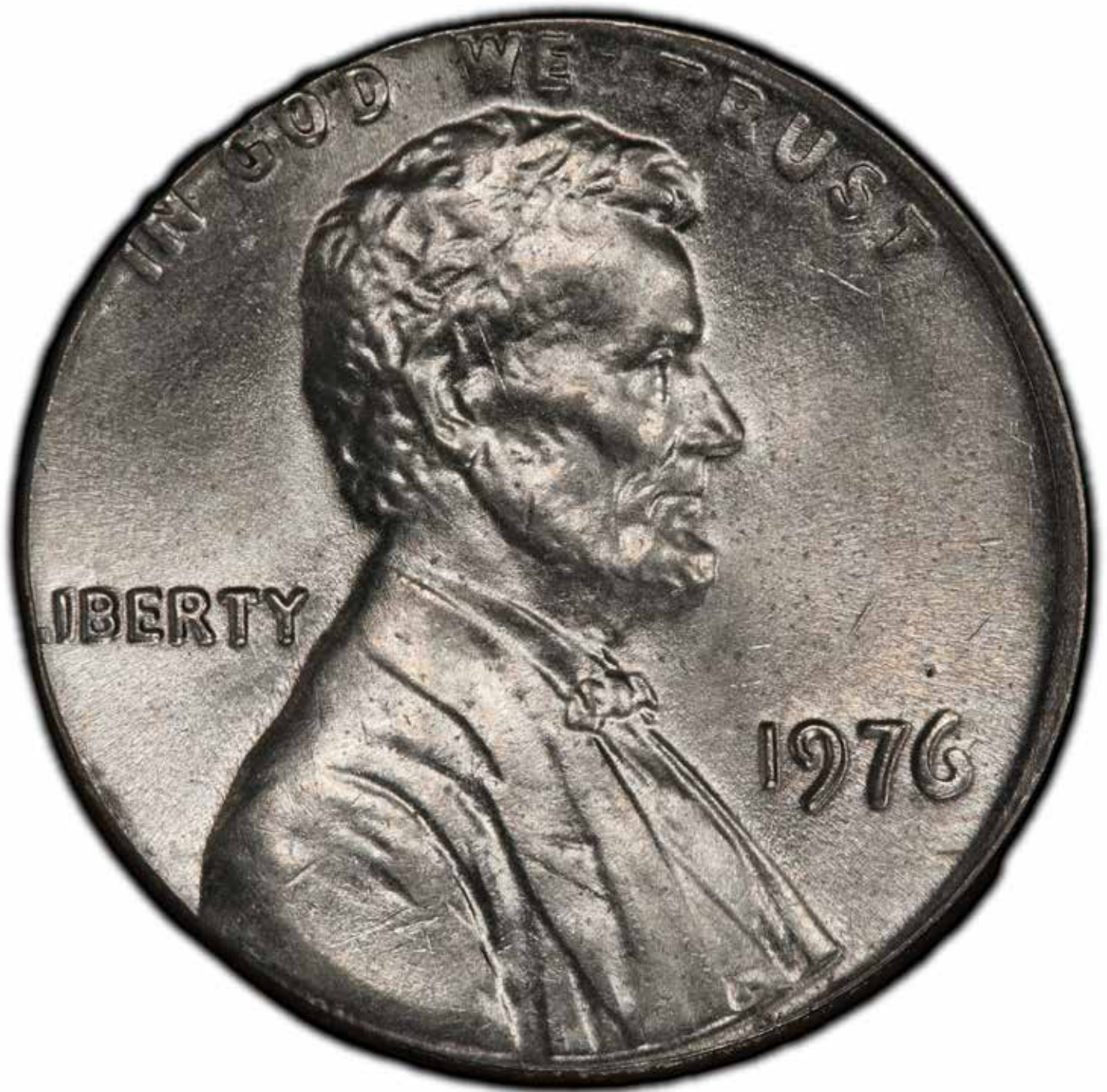
1976 PCGS MS63 Missing Clad Layer  
Bicentennial Quarter Mint Error Red Copper



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 PCGS MS64 Fred Weinberg Collection Cent Struck On Dime Blank Mint Error

This 1976 dime error does not have a bicentennial design but it does have the bicentennial date. The Lincoln cent was struck on a dime planchet with a pedigree PCGS label stating this came from Fred Weinberg's Collection.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976 PCGS MS64 Fred Weinberg Collection  
Cent Struck On Dime Blank Mint Error



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976 PCGS MS64RB Nickel Struck on Struck Cent Mint Error Double Denomination

This is an amazing example of a bicentennial dated double denomination coin. A 1976 Lincoln Cent was over struck with 1976 Jefferson Nickel dies creating this bicentennial dated six cent piece. Design elements of the Lincoln cent are visible making this a very collectable mint error coin.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

1976 PCGS MS64RB Nickel Struck on Struck Cent  
Mint Error Double Denomination



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

## 1976-S ANACS PF66 Struck Thru Threads Silver Bicentennial Half Dollar Mint Error

I will end with this silver proof Bicentennial Half Dollar with a major struck thru threads mint error. This unique proof error with an amazing strike thru is also silver making it even more collectable.



# BICENTENNIAL MINT ERROR COINS

**1976-S ANACS PF66 Struck Thru Threads  
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# Transitionals

## A Census of 1943 Copper Lincoln Cents

by Brenden Lamp  
Edited by Mike Byers



***Editor's Note:*** This is the first in a census series of Transitional mint errors. According to the research conducted by Brenden Lamp and Mike Byers, there are *25 different* 1943 Copper Lincoln Cents. There are 17 from Philadelphia, 7 from San Francisco, and 1 from Denver. Click on each item for more info.

# Transitionals: A Census of 1943 Copper Lincoln Cents

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Item Links	Notes	Sales
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS MS63 RD</a></u> <u><a href="#">#32839117</a></u>	91.7% Cu, 7.5% Zn, 0.8% Ag	SB 1/13 \$164,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS MS62 BN</a></u> <u><a href="#">#41955782</a></u>	front CoinFacts MS62	HA 8/17 \$282,000, HA 4/21 \$372,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS MS62 BN</a></u> <u><a href="#">#40273606</a></u>	blueish MS62	?/59 \$40,000, SP 10/00 \$60,375, GB 2/03 \$97,750, HA 2/21 \$372,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS MS61 RB</a></u> <u><a href="#">#50040291</a></u>	John R. Sinnock specimen	BR 7/81 \$10,000, LG 3/20 Not Sold
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS MS61 BN</a></u> <u><a href="#">#19028068</a></u>	MS61 one	HA 2/01 \$46,000, High Desert Collection
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">NGC MS61 BN</a></u> <u><a href="#">#2067200-001</a></u>	obv. die break	HA 1/18 \$180,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU58</a></u> <u><a href="#">#25510132</a></u>	first AU58 in census on site	HA 1/16 \$305,550 HA 8/19 \$252,000 GC 9/24 \$286,875
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU58</a></u> <u><a href="#">#5671104</a></u>		HA 1/10 \$218,500

# Transitionals: A Census of 1943 Copper Lincoln Cents

<b>Item Links</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Sales</b>
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU55</a></u> <u><a href="#">#26441689</a></u>	first AU55 in census on site	SB 1/13 \$317,250 LG 5/14 \$329,000 HA 5/25 \$312,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU55</a></u> <u><a href="#">#48302194</a></u>	second AU55	HA 4/21 \$240,000 HA 1/25 \$264,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">NGC AU53</a></u> <u><a href="#">#4629671-001</a></u>		HA 1/19 \$204,000 HA 8/19 \$204,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU50</a></u> <u><a href="#">#41418296</a></u>	first AU50 in census on site	GC 1/22 \$250,875 HA 1/23 \$240,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU50</a></u> <u><a href="#">#45275965</a></u>	second AU50	MC 4/85 HA 7/22 \$336,000
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS AU50</a></u> <u><a href="#">#45912573</a></u>	third AU50	HA 7/19 \$186,000 GC 11/22 \$298,125
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS XF45</a></u>	number 15 in article	GB 2/17 \$193,875
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">PCGS XF Details</a></u> <u><a href="#">#32968857</a></u>	large cuts, different cert than in photo	GB 9/07 \$60,375 HA 11/13 \$88,125
<u><a href="#">1943 1C Copper</a></u> <u><a href="#">Uncertified Est. XF</a></u> <u><a href="#">Acid Dmg.</a></u>		HA 8/99 \$32,200 HA 1/01 \$23,000

# Transitionals: A Census of 1943 Copper Lincoln Cents

Item Links	Notes	Sales
<u>1943-D 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS MS64 BN</u> <u>#40273607</u>		SP 5/96 \$82,500 GB 2/03 \$212,750 HA 1/21 \$840,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS MS63 BN</u> <u>#40273637</u>	front MS63 CoinFacts	SP 6/74 SP 6/77 \$49,500 GB 2/00 \$115,000 HA 11/20 \$504,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS AU58</u> <u>#18523980</u>	AU58 on CoinFacts	ANA 3/04 \$138,000 HA 2/16 \$282,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS AU55</u> <u>#25653505</u>	AU55 on CoinFacts	HA 1/16 \$211,500 SB 3/26 \$456,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>NGC AU55</u>	not seen in a while	HA 3/89 HA 7/97 Not Sold?
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>NGC AU53</u> <u>#3184796-001</u>		7/08 \$72,500 8/08 \$173,000 HA 1/18 \$228,000 HA 8/19 \$216,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS VF35</u> <u>#3457896</u>		BM 8/99 \$51,750 SP 10/00 \$60,375 BM 11/01 \$62,100 HA 2/10 \$207,000 HA 11/13 \$141,000
<u>1943-S 1C Copper</u> <u>PCGS VF30</u> <u>#43961907</u>		N/A

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# A Collection of Error Coins From Lonesome John

by Daniel Sassa



**Editor's Note:** Daniel Sassa discovered this collection of raw mint errors sold decades ago by John Devine, *AKA Lonesome John*. He wanted to share this with the readers of *Mint Error News*. Error coins with the *Lonesome John* pedigree are always of interest among mint error collectors.

# A Collection of Error Coins From Lonesome John

This incredible group of over 40 raw mint errors resided in a collection since the early 1980s. These were purchased directly from the historic mail order service of John Devine, *AKA Lonesome John*.

John Devine was a legendary pioneer in the error coin hobby who founded the Error Coin Museum and was a founding member of CONECA. He was the first full-time error coin dealer and was famous among numismatists and collectors for his inventory of major mint errors.

Several of the error types in this collection included die caps, clipped planchets and late stage brockages. Many of these were preserved in a signature *Lonesome John* blue flip.

One of the highlights in this collection is a rare 1943 steel cent that was double struck on both the obverse and reverse. I submitted it to PCGS to be authenticated and certified. It was determined to be AU55 double struck.

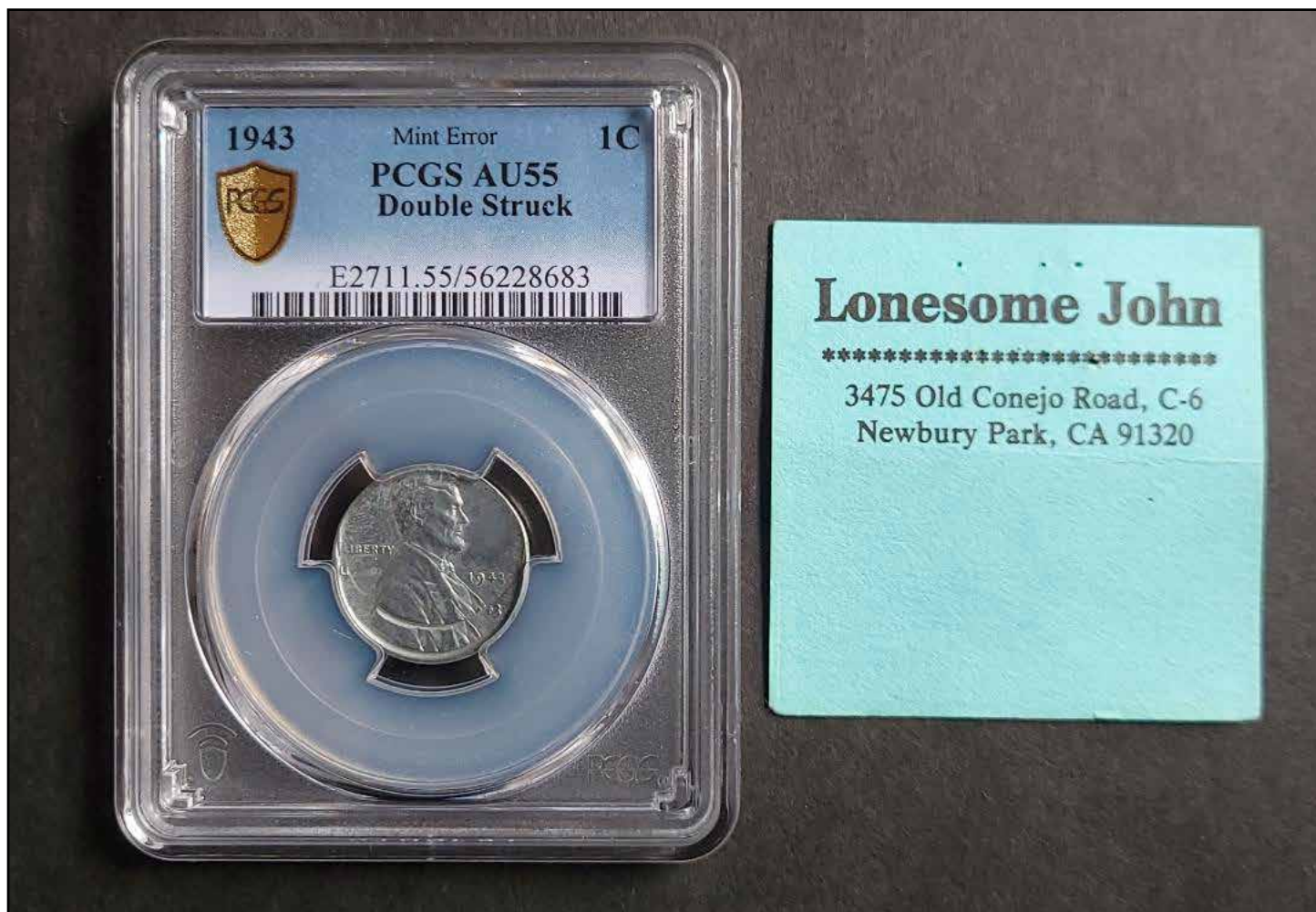
Major mint errors on wartime steel cents are coveted because the 1943 production was a unique 1 year only event due to the copper shortages during World War II. Any major mint error on a 1943 steel cent is rare and very collectible.

More of these mint errors will be submitted for authentication and grading and I will share these with the readers of *Mint Error News* once they are returned to me from the grading services.

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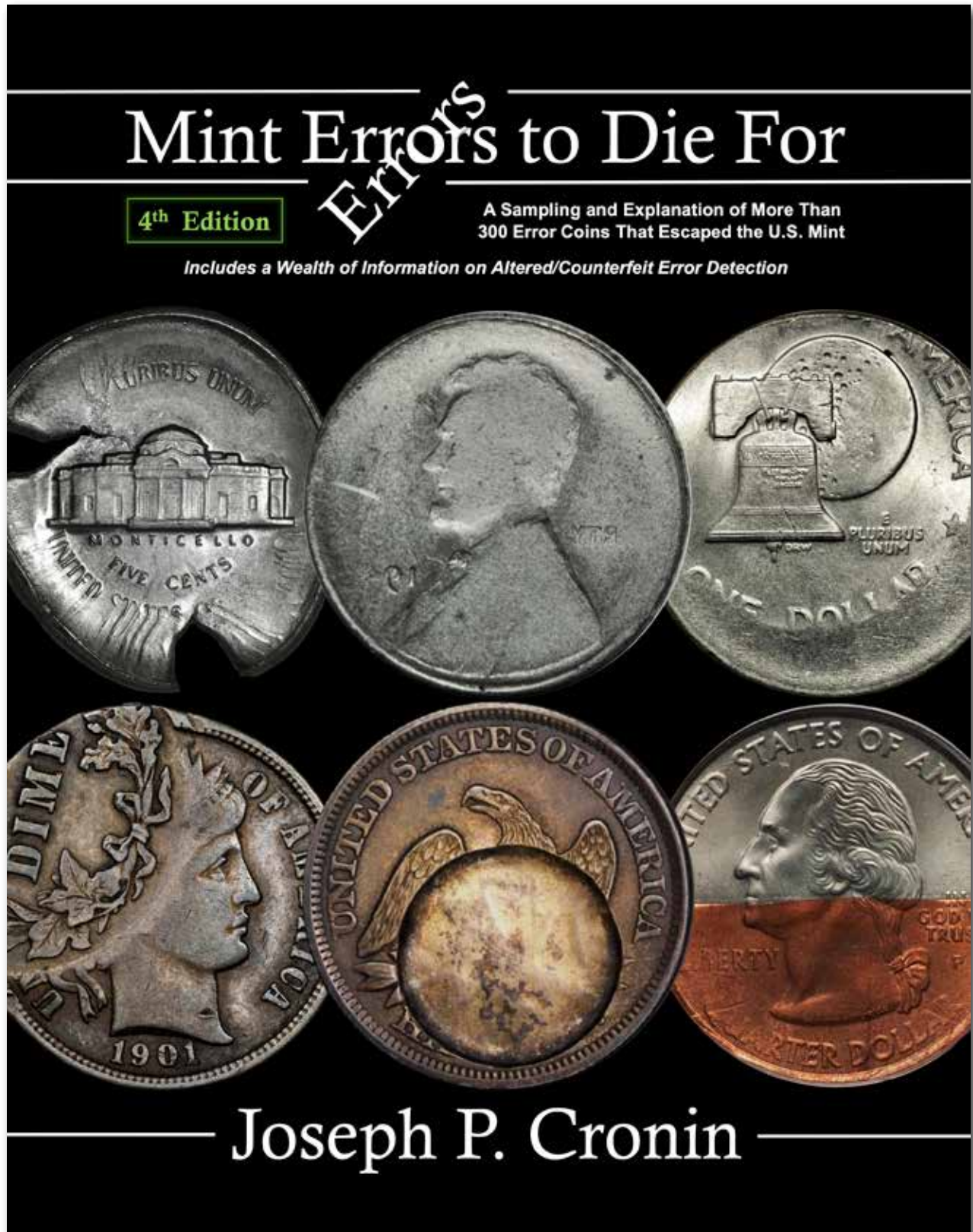
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## **35% Silver “War” Nickel Blank**

Ever since the U.S. Mint started producing 5¢ nickels in 1866, the composition has been a mix of 75% copper and 25% nickel. However, like Lincoln cents produced in 1943, the metallic composition of a U.S. nickel changed during the World War II era. Since nickel is a metal used in part for armor plating, America’s wartime need for it was much more important than using it for common coinage. Thus, after some 1942 issues were already produced with the 75% copper and 25% nickel mix (known as “Type 1”), nickel (the metal) was no longer used to produce nickels (the coins) through 1945. Instead, this new “war” nickel composition (known as “Type 2”) consisted of 56% copper (down 19% as copper was also in great demand) mixed with 35% silver (a metal in great supply and already used in U.S. coinage) and 9% manganese.

Unstruck 35% silver banks and planchets are super rare, and since the Type 1s and Type 2s are the same color and weight, often the only way to differentiate one from the other is to have them scanned. In other words, some people might have these and not even know it. This 35% silver “war” nickel blank certified by NGC sold for \$1,020 in 2023 at Heritage Auctions.

*5¢ photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com*



## **40% Silver Proof Eisenhower \$1 Planchet**

In 1971, the U.S. Mint released the first dollar coin since 1935 – the Eisenhower or “Ike” dollar. Dwight Eisenhower is viewed by many historians to be one of the best and most successful presidents in American history, and his death in 1969 made him an almost uncontested candidate to grace the new dollar coin set to be released in 1971. His creation of NASA in 1958, combined with the moon landing in 1969 (which he didn’t live another four months to witness), was the inspiration for the reverse design for the series – a bald eagle landing on the moon. Even the bicentennial issue in 1976 has the moon behind the Liberty Bell.

Minted from 1971–1978, it became a popular series to collect and is among the easiest and most affordable sets to complete, be it circulated (clad) issues from both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints, proof non-silver-clad issues from San Francisco, and 40% silver-clad proof and non-proof issues, also struck in San Francisco. To the right is an unstruck 40% silver-clad proof \$1 “Ike” planchet. While unstruck blanks and planchets intended for circulation are readily available for roughly \$100, proof issues – both silver-clad and non-silver clad – are much more scarce and expensive. (I paid \$214 for this one in November of 2024.)



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## Coins Struck on Experimental Planchets

### 1942 Lincoln Cent: Struck on an Aluminum Experimental Planchet (Judd-2079)

According to Heritage Auctions®, this coin was once thought to be made of “white metal” and was placed in their March 2009 auction. However, they withdrew it to have it resubmitted to PCGS. “The results from PCGS showed that it was not white metal as originally thought, but aluminum” with a composition consisting of “aluminum 98.0%, silicon 0.7%, iron 0.6%,

silver 0.5%, magnesium 0.4%.” It’s weight is 1.563 grams, and “is almost twice as thick as a regular cent.”

Other materials, including amber glass, urea formaldehyde (resin/plastic), copper-plated zinc, zinc-coated antimony, and Bakelite were produced (among others), but ultimately 1943 cents were composed of zinc-coated steel. Graded PR-66 by PCGS, it has two known sales via Heritage Auctions: \$126,500 in 2006 and \$199,750 in 2014.



Wartime experimental Lincoln cents such as this one are not only incredibly desirable, but are often unaffordable for most collectors.

This particular one was struck with proof dies.



### 1999-P Washington Quarter State Series (PA): Struck on an Experimental Planchet

There are approximately 20-known 1999 State Quarters on experimental planchets (all Philadelphia issues) which include strikes for Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. (According to *MintErrorNews.com*, there is also one-known 2000-P-dated Massachusetts issue.) As to the nature of their origin, a 2002 Heritage Auctions FUN Sale lot 9001 states the Treasury Department “‘acknowledged the U.S. Mint conducted engineering and metallurgical tests as part of its development of an alloy for the Golden Dollar,’ but would not release any further information.”

The Heritage Auctions® FUN Sale lot also states “[t]here are four-known types of experimental compositions” for these coins, which include: (Type 1) It has the color of a Sacagawea Dollar and a copper center core; (Type 2) it has the color of the Sacagawea Dollar but does not have the copper center core; (Type 3) it has a slight green coloration and a copper center core, and; (Type 4) It has a slight green coloration but does not have the copper center core. This one, graded MS-66 by NGC, sold for \$3,600 in 2022; another PA-issue graded MS-67 by PCGS sold for \$9,775 in 2006, while an MS-64 graded by PCGS sold for \$2,640 in 2020 – all at Heritage Auctions.



“The predominant metal on these experimental quarters is copper, followed by zinc. There are also small percentages of manganese and nickel present.”

~ 2002 FUN Sale Description via Heritage Auctions®.

Photos for both coins are courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com.



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Above: Notice the upside-down and reversed die clashes of the *Mayflower* despite being reverse designs.

Below: Unlike on the obverse, there are hardly any noticeable obverse markings on the reverse.



Note how the colored arrows identify specific design clashes on the *Mayflower* which are not only upside-down but reversed. This is because the backwards-facing dies smashed into each other leaving some of the reverse designs on the obverse die.



All photos courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com

## (B) Clashed Dies

### 1920 "Pilgrim" Commemorative Half Dollar: Clashed Dies

In the coining press, the degree to which the dies are spaced apart from each other is known as the **die clearance**, and they're supposed to be set close enough to each other to ensure a strong strike to a planchet. However, if (a) the minimum die clearance is not calibrated properly (a human error), or (b) the setting shifts during striking (a mechanical error), the dies can become too close and ram each other should a planchet fail to enter the chamber. The consequence of this can be the partial transfer of designs from an obverse die to the reverse die and vice versa. Naturally, those imperfections can be mirrored on struck coins; these are referred to as **die clashes** or **clashed dies**. The extent as to how much design is transferred can vary greatly depending both the degree of die clearance and how deep certain recessed designs are on a particular die.

Again, the result of a planchet struck with clashed dies is a coin showing both a normal design as well as some mirrored markings from the opposite die all on the same side. Some die clashes can be very strong or faint, and often they are more prominent on one side than the other. They can also appear on only a small area of one or both sides. Normally, coins with more prominent clashes are more valuable than others with weaker clashes. Some coins even feature multiple clashes on both sides, and there's even something called a counterclash (more on that soon). Those featuring fully clashed dates are super rare and can jump in price significantly for what is traditionally a very inexpensive error type. Of course, those struck on proof coins and/or higher denominations (quarters and up) can normally fetch higher premiums.

When significant clashes are discovered at the Mint, at times press operators have attempted to remove clash marks by polishing off or **abrading** affected areas on a clashed die. However, in doing so workers run the risk of accidentally removing some of the designs, and also leaving the telltale signs of very fine linear scratches which can be seen on struck coins.

Presented here are some moderate clashes on the obverse of a 1920 "Pilgrim" commemorative half dollar. Graded MS-64 by NGC, it sold for \$144 in 2018 at Heritage Auctions.

### Image Reversed to Simulate a 1920 "Pilgrim" 50¢ Commemorative Reverse Die

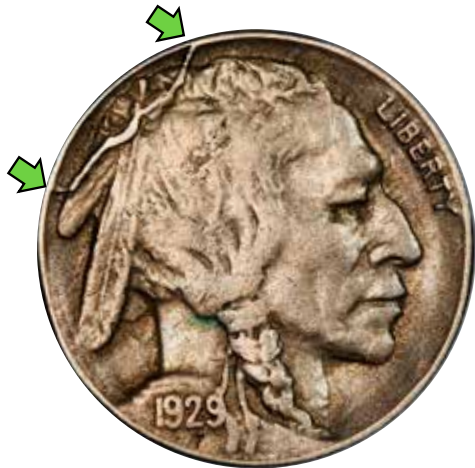
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## (J) Retained Die Breaks/Cuds

1929-S Buffalo Nickel (Obv.),  
(No Date) Washington Quarter (Rev.), and a  
1971-S JFK Half Dollar (Obv.): Retained Cuds

As mentioned on the previous page, a “cud” is a small section of a coin die along the outer perimeter (or “shank”) that broke away from the die; this is what

results in those “blobs.” However, before it becomes a fully-fledged cud, a section of the die along the rim might fully separate from the rest of the die, but yet it doesn’t fall out and remains in place; these are referred to as **retained cuds**.<sup>\*</sup> Lastly, note how the Washington quarter below has *both* a cud (obverse) and a retained cud (reverse), while the Kennedy half dollar is a proof issue (which are considerably more rare.)



**1929-S Buffalo Nickel:  
Obverse Retained Cud**

Graded VF-35  
by PCGS

Part of the 2024  
“Fred Weinberg  
Collection.”

Sold for \$240 in 2024

*Photos courtesy of  
Collectors Universe via  
Heritage Auctions/HA.com*



**(No Date)  
Washington Quarter:  
Obverse Cud and  
Reverse Retained Cud**

Graded MS-64  
by NGC

Sold for \$156 in 2020



**1971-S Proof  
JFK Half Dollar:  
Obverse Retained Cud**

Graded PF-66\*  
by NGC

Sold for \$132 in 2021

*All three coins sold via,  
and all photos courtesy of,  
Heritage Auctions/HA.com.*



<sup>\*</sup>According to Error-Ref.com, “[r]etained cuds involving the anvil die are held in place by the collar,” while “while retained cuds of the hammer die are presumably held in place by the bolts that secure the die in its recess. Retained cuds of the hammer die are much rarer, as die fragments tend to fall out with the assistance of gravity.”

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## Double-struck and Multi-struck Coins

Periodically, coins don't eject after the first strike and can spin around, flip over, move off-center, or even position vertically on edge before further strikes occur. The degree to which designs are visible from added strikes can vary greatly. Factors including the striking pressure, the coin's relief, how many coins/planchets were in the chamber, and how far off-center the coin was for those additional strikes can affect what designs are showing. For example, observe how both Roosevelt dimes on the right and below were each **double-struck** with the second strike struck off-center. Yet, while the 2000-P dime has two sets of designs on each side, the 1978-D dime's reverse has only one. *Why?* Because an additional planchet entered the chamber after the first strike between the reverse die and reverse side of this coin. Thus, when the second striking action occurred, the unobstructed obverse die left a second set of designs on the obverse, while the obstructed reverse die failed to make direct contact to the reverse side; it also stretched out some designs from the first strike. The 2000-P dime didn't have a second planchet in the chamber, and that's why it has two sets of designs on each side. Coins like the 1978-D dime are called **uniface double-strikes** because only one side has two direct strikes; in this case, it's a uniface *reverse* double-strike.

Other popular double-struck/multi-struck coins include rotated in-collar and flipover in-collar strikes. A **rotated in-collar** error is when a coin is struck, spins or rotates around, and is then struck again. With this error type you should see at least some degree of two sets of obverse designs on the obverse side and two sets of reverse designs on the reverse side. However, often one side has more visible doubled designs than the other side. Then there is a **flipover in-collar strike** where – you guessed it – the coin was struck, flipped over like a pancake, and had an additional strike(s). Unless there was an obstruction between strikes, each side of a flipover should also show at least some obverse and reverse designs. But again, often the doubled details can be much fainter on one side than the other. For both of these error types, if all strikes were in-collar, they should still have a normal diameter and maintain a somewhat symmetrical shape. Lastly, the original strikes are referred to as **understrikes**, while the secondary (and additional) strikes are called **overstrikes**.

## (A) Double-strikes



### 2000-P Roosevelt : Double-struck with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Strike 40% Off-center

Graded MS-64 by NGC, it sold for a surprisingly low \$240 in 2019 via Heritage Auctions. It would likely sell for around \$650 in today's market.



### 1978-D Roosevelt Dime: Double-struck with a Uniface Reverse

Though double-struck, only the obverse has two sets of designs. An additional planchet blocked the reverse die face on the second strike, thus it has one set of struck designs, known as a "uniface" reverse double-strike. Graded MS-63 by ANACS, it sold for \$264 in 2022 via Heritage Auctions.



**Coin Trivia:** Initially, the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia used horses, oxen, and people's human strength as its source of power to operate the coin presses until 1816. (Source: USMint.gov)

10¢ photos are courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com

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## More Broadstrikes

### 1943 Steel Lincoln Cent: Uncentered Broadstrike

This neat type coin boasts sharp details on both sides and a pleasing 12 o'clock placement. Also, note the obverse die cracks and reverse retained die break. Graded MS-63 by NGC, it sold for \$169 in 2023 at Heritage Auctions.



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### 1944 Mercury Dime: Centered Broadstrike

Graded MS-65 by PCGS, this absolutely stunning, wonderfully lustrous, and nearly perfectly-centered broadstrike is total gem of a coin – and just a hair away from having fully split bands on the reverse. Significant errors on this series are very scarce; it sold for \$186 in 2024 at Heritage Auctions.



### 1976 Washington Quarter: Uncentered Broadstrike

Type coin errors like this bicentennial issue are often more popular than standard issues. This uncentered broadstrike, positioned approximately at 3 o'clock, is blessed with lots of natural Mint luster; it sold for \$222 in 2020 at Heritage Auctions. Graded MS-63 by PCGS.



### 1889-O Morgan Dollar: Uncentered Broadstrike

Most non-collectors might not even notice the error here, but this very slight broadstrike is positioned at roughly 2 o'clock. Graded XF-45 by PCGS, this coin sold for \$517 in 2017. In contrast, a non-error with the same grade by PCGS sold for only \$45 in 2025; both sales were from Heritage Auctions.



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## Ragged Perforations (i.e., “Blow Holes”)

### 1963-D Franklin 50¢: Ragged Perforation (Blow Hole)

*Hole-y cow! Did someone fire a bullet through this half dollar?* No, but people do some bizarre things to coins. What we have here is a **ragged perforation** or “**blow hole**” error. Despite what some might imply by the name, a blow hole is not caused by a forceful burst of air which blew out weak areas of the planchet metal. The cause of this error type is the same as those ragged fissures on the previous page: Immense pressure was applied by the rollers pressing the planchet metal to its desired thickness which can cause brittle areas to crack,

split and tear. In this case, it literally left a hole and was then struck by the dies. According to the website *Error-ref.com*, these holes/openings that can appear “are usually characterized by an edge that is beveled on both faces,” which you can definitely see here. Ragged perforations are incredibly rare for all denominations yet are still relatively affordable for cents, but the sale price for this beauty is likely out of reach for most collectors. They just don’t come any better than this. Graded MS-64 by PCGS®, this doozy sold for \$1,920 in March of 2023 at Heritage Auctions®. Wow!



### **Blown Away**

Blow holes on anything other than copper Lincoln cents are very scarce, including on 90% silver coinage. They truly don’t come much nicer nor have better eye appeal than the one on this Franklin half dollar.



1963 photos courtesy of Great Collections® via Heritage Auctions®/HA.com



### 1960-D Lincoln Memorial Cent (Bronze): Blow Hole

Graded AU-50 by PCGS®, this linear blow hole is very dramatic and nearly splices this beautiful, chocolate-brown cent in half. (\$450)



Photos courtesy of PCGS®

**Coin Trivia:** Benjamin Franklin, among his many other trades and talents, ran a print shop in Philadelphia starting in 1728. Between 1730 and 1764, Franklin was responsible for printing almost all of Pennsylvania’s colonial paper currency. On most of them is the inscription “Printed by B. Franklin, and D. Hall.”

Below: The bottom of the reverse of a Pennsylvania Colonial 1764 20 Shillings Note



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## (F) Elliptical Clips and (G) Crescent Clips

### Two Jefferson Nickels: 1974 Struck on an Elliptical Clip, and a 1964 Struck on a Crescent Clip

No, this isn't an error coin produced on those exercise machines simulating cross-country skiing. **Elliptical clips** and **crescent clips** occur, according to *Error-ref.com*, when a previously punched-out blank "hangs up in its hole in the planchet strip. When the strip fails to advance properly, the blanking die slices through the 'hanging blank' producing both an elliptical clip [the featured coin] and crescent clip blank [the gray region]."

Like all error coins, elliptical clips with full, four-digit dates are more in demand than those with partially or completely missing dates, but those which are struck

on football-shaped planchets are perhaps the most desired and expensive. For crescent clips, the narrower and sharper the "crescent-moon" look with a readable date, the better. Both of these are near perfect examples of their respective error types, and on top of that each has strong eye appeal. The 1974 elliptical clip, graded MS-64 by PCGs sold in 2022 for \$780 via Heritage Auctions. As for the ungraded 1964 crescent clip, it is clearly at a minimum a mid-level MS grade. I estimate at least 70% of the clip is missing, and in today's strong error market I estimate it's value around \$700. (*Elliptical photos are courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com; 1964 photos are courtesy of CTF Errors via MikeByers.com*)

1974 5¢ Elliptical Clip

Perfect foot-ball and crescent-moon shapes like these are the most desirable for these types.

1964 5¢ Crescent Clip



The background images help provide context as to how much of the coin is missing.



Almost half of the 1975 and nearly 65% of the 1964 are missing; no weight was listed for either.

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## Transitional Off-metal Errors

Errors that occur when a coin is struck on a *planchet composition* intended for a different year, or struck with *dies with different designs* meant for a different year, are known as **transitional errors**. So, for example, when the Mint switched from 90% silver to non-silver clad planchets in 1965 for dimes and quarters, that was a transitional metallic (compositional) change; hence leftover silver planchets struck mistakenly by 1965 10¢ and 25¢ dies are transitional off-metal errors. (There are even a few which exist on dates after 1965!) Likewise, 40% silver 25¢ and 50¢ planchets meant for minting

special-issue 1976 bicentennial coins that get struck with 1977 25¢ and 50¢ dies are also transitional errors. (And as you'll see in a couple pages, transitional errors can also be found on coins struck on the wrong planchet.) In either case, expect to pay thousands of dollars for these even in low grades. Since many transitional errors are still the same color as "normal" coins (e.g., silver and non-silver half dollars are both gray) most people won't notice the difference. Thus, some these errors can circulate for years or even decades until an alert collector spots them, including the half dollar and nickel below.

### 1977-D JFK Half Dollar: Struck on a 40% Silver Planchet ~ Transitional Off-metal

Graded AU-55 by NGC®, it went for \$5,040 at Heritage Auctions in March of 2024.



Normal JFK  
40% Silver  
Half Dollar Weight:  
11.5 Grams

Normal JFK  
Non-silver Clad  
Half Dollar Weight:  
11.34 Grams

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### 1943-P Jefferson "War" Nickel: Struck on a 75% Copper /25% Nickel Type I Planchet ~ Transitional Off-metal

Jefferson "war" nickels (1942-1945) with the oversized mintmark above Monticello on the reverse are supposed to be struck on a Type II (35% silver) planchet. However, someone forgot to

tell that to this 1943-P "war" nickel which was struck on a Type I (75% copper and 25%) planchet. Similarly, there is also a 1946 nickel struck on a Type II 35% silver "war" nickel planchet and a few other 5¢ wartime Type I/Type II transitional mix-ups. Graded XF-40 by PCGS, it sold for \$7,800 in 2022 via Heritage Auctions.



All Type I and Type II Jefferson nickels weigh 5.0 grams. This means a scale wouldn't help determine if this coin was a transitional error.

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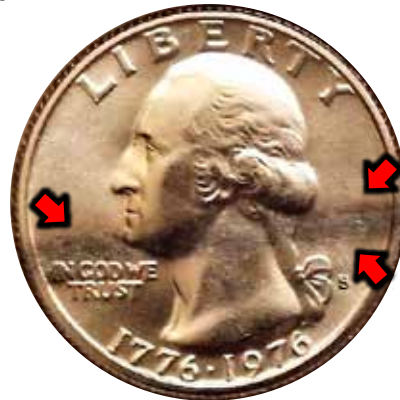
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## Coins with Post-Mint Damage



Left: **Wheel marks** happen if a coin makes contact with the spinning wheel of a coin counting machine. These vary in severity and size.

*Photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions@/HA.com*



Right: **Rubber bands** wrapped around mylar 2x2 paper flips can lead to unsightly dark toning streaks that don't come off.

*Photo courtesy of Jason Tungli*



Left: The **"Ring of Death"** is caused by a spinning crimper sealing the paper rolls shut.

Right: **Graffiti** is usually damage whereby someone used a sharp tool to intentionally etch markings, initials, or even personal messages into a coin.

*Photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com*



### Left: **"Hairline" Scratches (Improper Cleaning)**

Wiping a coin with anything – even microfiber towels – will still likely leave fine hairline scratches and eradicate natural luster. Please, leave this to the professionals.



### Right: **Corrosion –**

TPG slabs aren't airtight, thus factors like salt air and dampness can damage coins. I know for a fact the rust on this 1972-D cent struck on a steel washer happened after slabbing. Sadly, often corrosion/rust on coins can be permanent.



*Right photo courtesy of Heritage Auctions/HA.com*



### Left/Right: **PVC Residue (a.k.a. "Green Death") –**

This can form on coins via prolonged contact in plastic flips containing **polyvinyl chloride (PVC)**. Conservation can remove the green film, but sometimes it merely exposes the pitting and corrosion underneath it which unfortunately is permanent.

*Photos by Joe Cronin*



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## CAUTION



## Counterfeit Off-center Lincoln Wheat Cents

Incredible! Not only is this the most popular and coveted die variety of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is also 15% off-center! *Did I manage to find a discovery coin? Can it actually be real?* The answer to both questions is a resounding “No!” First, let me say that when a major die variety like a 1955 doubled die cent also happens to be a major Mint error like this one, the chances of it being authentic are incredibly slim. Second, it fails some pretty basic diagnostic tests for being genuine: (a) The rim pattern on both sides is uneven; (b) the edges of the coin should be smooth if this were a true planchet with raised rims, not looking punched and torn as blanks do with a rough surface (see close-up photo below); (c) it has very uneven wear as the letters and date are very strongly defined, yet Abe’s face is mushy and lacking details; and (d) the color doesn’t look right. Copper coins do tone some very interesting colors, but this one stands out as very unnatural. So even though the diameter is good and the weight is close at 3.09 grams, visually this coin screams fake and should be an easy call for most experienced dealers and collectors.

However even if this coin were real, there are still a couple issues that would make it difficult to sell. One is that those who collect expensive rare dates and die varieties like a 1955 doubled die cent generally do not want flawed or “problem” coins (e.g. stains, scratches, or those containing Mint errors which by definition are considered flawed); most collectors want their rare date coins “clean” (i.e., free from flaws). Another issue is that most error collectors care more about the type of error and how dramatic the error looks. The fact an error is on a low-mintage or key date coin is irrelevant to most and they won’t pay extra for that. Thus sometimes major errors on desirable and expensive rare coins can be a much tougher sell to both error and non-error collectors alike. Now would I love a genuine off-center 1955 doubled die? Absolutely!

Though this planchet appears to have a raised rim, notice the edges are rough and have a torn-looking appearance; they should be smooth. This is usually a good sign a planchet/coin is counterfeit, which this 1955 DDO cent is.

## Chinese Take-out

Several other dates exist for fake off-center cents, presumably made by the same Chinese counterfeiting operation as the 1955 cent above, which includes: 1909-S VDB, 1922 “No D”, 1946-S, and a 1951-D; there is also a 1914-D. Look for these sold on sites like Etsy®, eBay®, and various social media pages.



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Ungraded by NGC with a Weight of 12.60 Grams



## How Did this Coin Wind Up Getting Struck by Dies for a Franklin Half Dollar Instead of the Martha Washington Test Dies?

It's believed "either a U.S. Mint official placed this 75% silver and 25% copper planchet in the collar with the dies set up using the Franklin half dollar design, or it was accidentally mixed in with the 90% silver and 10% copper planchets and subsequently struck by Franklin half dollar dies."

## Why Is the Strike Weak?

"This Franklin Half Dollar planchet has a composition of 25% copper, not 10%. Copper is less dense than silver, the metal is harder, and the dies were set up with the correct pressure to strike 90% silver planchets. This accounts for the weak strike."

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## 1963 Franklin Half Dollar: Struck on a 75% Silver and 25% Copper Planchet; Likely an Experimental Test Strike

This coin came to light in 2025 and wound up in the possession of Las Vegas coin dealer and publisher of *Mint Error News*, Mike Byers. Below are some key excerpts of his write-up about this unique discovery piece. (You can find the article in its entirety at [MikeByers.com/8423309-013html](http://MikeByers.com/8423309-013html).)

"In 1963, the U.S. Treasury Department hired the Battelle Memorial Institute to investigate and study solutions to address the upcoming transition from 90% silver to other compositions, and to oversee the production of pattern dime-sized, quarter-sized, and half dollar-sized experimental coins. Battelle supplied the U.S. Mint with experimental planchet strips of different compositions that were used to produce planchets for test strikes..."

As to why the Mint needed to look into changing the metallic composition of our silver coinage, it was because in 1963 "there was a deficit of 209 million ounces of silver. This fact, and the rising price of silver, created the urgent need to produce new coinage with less silver, and eventually with no silver at all." (1963 was the Franklin half dollar's last year.)

"...On Feb. 12, 1965, the Battelle Memorial Institute issued their *Final Report on A Study of Alloys Suitable for Use as United States Coinage* to the U.S. Department of the Treasury..." In the report it discussed "all options for the new compositions, the different percentages of silver, silver-copper, silver clad, and clad, both with bonded layers and with mixed alloy..."

Byers goes on to say that "[u]pon examining this Franklin Half Dollar, several scenarios immediately came to mind. Based on my 50 year experience as a internationally recognized expert on mint errors, die trials, patterns and experimental strikes, I quickly eliminated two possibilities: (1) *It was not struck on a foreign planchet.* No foreign coins struck by the U.S. Mint match anything even close to this composition and weight."\* Byers also contends that "(2) *it was not struck on a planchet with an improper alloy mix.* NGC, after conducting a metallurgical analysis, determined that it was struck on a wrong planchet with a composition of 75% silver and 25% copper. There are no known Franklin Half Dollars struck with an improper alloy...For example, if this Franklin Half dollar had a composition of 88% silver and 12% copper, which is close to the regular composition of 90% silver and 10% copper, then the most logical explanation is an improper alloy mix."

"Since this Franklin Half Dollar is designated as struck on a wrong planchet with an exact ratio of 75% silver and 25% copper, this unique discovery coin is likely an *Experimental Test Piece*..." As of 5/14/26, this coin is listed at [MikeByers.com](http://MikeByers.com) for \$40,000.

\*Based on Byers' research, he states "[t]he only foreign coins struck by the U.S. Mint on 75% silver and 25% copper planchets were for the Philippines decades before this Franklin Half Dollar was struck. All of those planchets were smaller in diameter and thickness when compared to a Franklin Half Dollar planchet."

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# Contemporary Forgery of British India Coin Die With an Error!

by Martin Wettmark



Here is a contemporary British India Coin Die which I recently found at a Swedish coin fair. The Die was intended for the reverse of a one Rupee coin with the date 1840.

Silver Rupees from 1840 are common. However, a funny thing

with the die is that when the engraver made the date, it looks almost like 1940 instead of 1840! The weight is 307 grams and the composition appears to be steel. I'm guessing that the punishment for making a counterfeit die during this time period in India would have been quite harsh!

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# A SELECTION OF MY FAVORITE MINT ERRORS, PATTERNS & DIE TRIALS - PART ELEVEN -

by Mike Byers

Here are some more of my favorite Mint Errors, Patterns & Die Trials that I have handled throughout my 50 year career.

**2018-P Roosevelt Dime Struck on a Steel Planchet**  
**98% Iron / 1.5 Grams**  
**PCGS MS 60**  
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1943 Lincoln Steel Cent Split Before Strike (1.42 Grams)

Uniface Obverse

PCGS MS 62

UNIQUE



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1827 German Baden-Durlach 5 Gulden Specimen Striking In Copper

Ex Ernst Otto Horn Collection

PCGS SP 66 RB

UNIQUE & UNLISTED



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198X Lincoln Cent Struck 20% Off-Center on a 1967 Dime  
Double Denomination  
PCGS MS 65  
UNIQUE



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1870 Pattern 25¢ J-896  
Incomplete Punched Planchet  
PCGS PR 64 RB  
UNIQUE



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**1997 Russia 50 Roubles “TWO-HEADED” & OFF-METAL  
(Should Be Struck in Gold and in Proof)  
Struck With Two Obverse Dies And On A Bi-Metallic Planchet  
PCGS MS 65 - 3 Known**



<https://mikebyers.com/84126968.html>

**1880-A Germany Pattern 1 Mark Nickel Trial Strike  
Unlisted in Schaaf  
PCGS SP66  
UNIQUE & UNRECORDED**



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**5 Denomination Canada Reverse Die Trials  
For The Gold Maple Leaf Series Struck in Brass and Gold Plated  
Issued by the Royal Canadian Mint  
10 Known Sets in Lucite**



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**\$1 1995 Set of (5) U.S. Notes  
Printed Fold Mated To (4) Consecutive Offsets  
PCGS Currency About New 55-58  
UNIQUE**



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Set of German Proof Zinc Off-Metals  
Wurttemberg 1914 2 Mark NGC PF 62  
Wurttemberg 1914 3 Mark NGC PF 61  
Unlisted in Schaaf, Beckenbauer and KM - UNIQUE



<https://mikebyers.com/unique-set-of-german-zinc-off-metal-errors.html>

194X Lincoln Cent  
Counterbrockage & Clashed Cap Brockage  
NGC MS 63 BN  
Extremely Rare



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For the 1986 German 5 Mark  
Frederick the Great Commemorative



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# ***WORLD'S GREATEST MINT ERRORS*** **NLG AWARD: BEST WORLD COIN BOOK** **- AN INSIDE LOOK - PART III**

**by Mike Byers (mikebyers.com)**

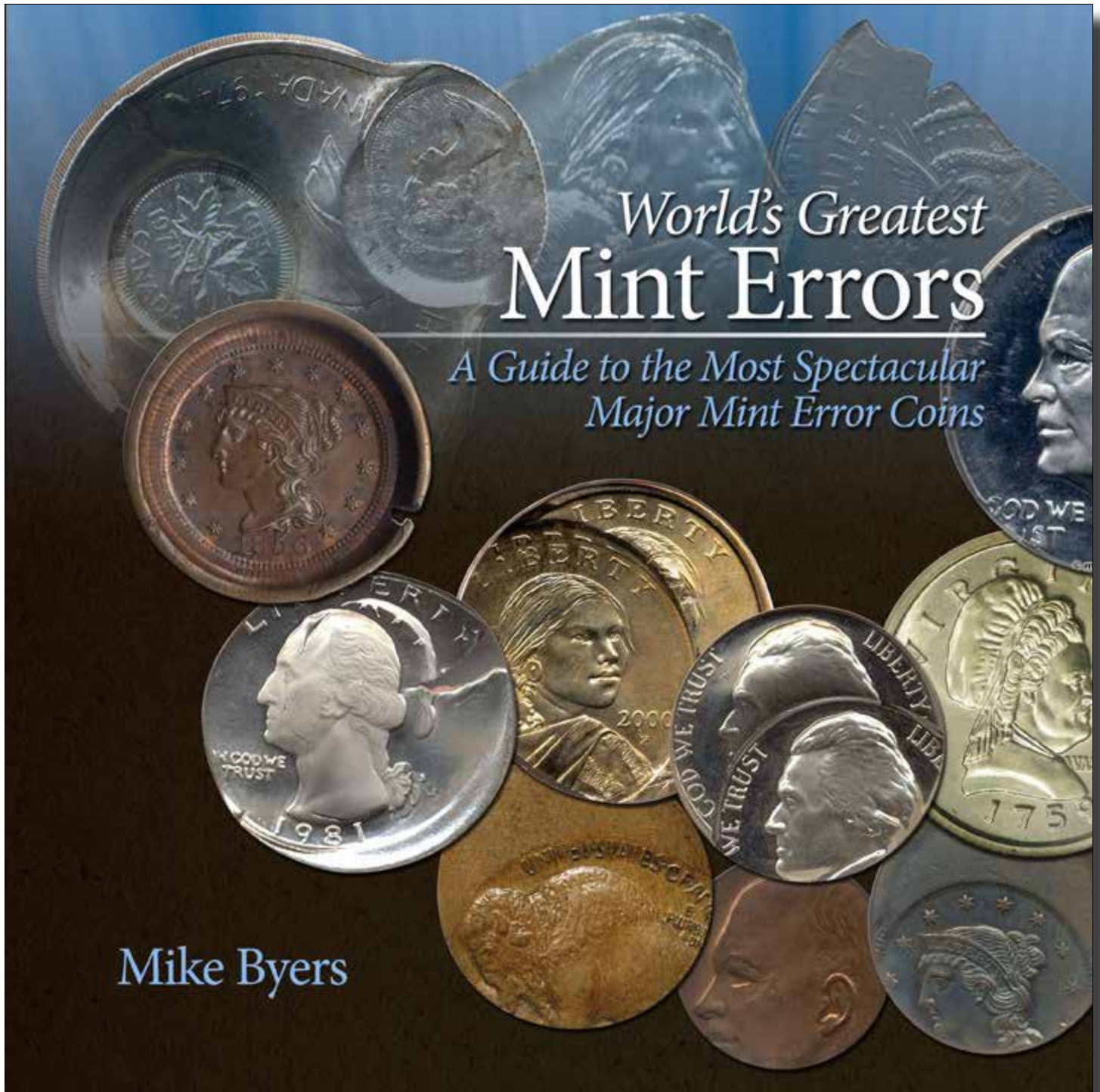


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Chapter 11

# Fold-Over Strikes



**A** folded, or fold-over strike, is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when a planchet is struck while standing vertically on its edge between the dies. The pressure imparted during the striking process is so great that it causes the planchet to bend and fold over.

Fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and they come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs that are also examples of other types of errors. Fold-overs are rarely encountered on planchets larger than those intended for Quarters.

## Undated (1999) Connecticut Statehood Quarter

*Fold-Over—As Struck*

This is the only fold-over error known on a Connecticut Statehood Quarter, and it is also one of only two fold-over errors discovered from the entire Statehood Quarter series.

Only the left obverse and the corresponding portion of the reverse were struck on the planchet, and portions of the words UNITED and LIBERTY are struck over the fold on the obverse.

Although fold-over errors are known for all denominations from the Cent through the Half Dollar, most examples are Cents. Quarter and Half Dollar fold-overs are particularly elusive, and they are seldom present in even the most extensive error coin collections.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$7,500*



2.

### 1999 Lincoln Cent

*Multi-Struck Fold-over—ANACS MS-63 Red*

Folded over three times and struck five times, the planchet has expanded to approximately the size of a Half Dollar. Quite a bit of detail is evident from at least one of the obverse impressions, including the date. This is one of the most intriguing fold-over errors that I have seen.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$2,000*



3.

### 1981 Lincoln Cent

*Fold-over—ANACS MS-63*

Lincoln's portrait, the word LIBERTY and the date are all clear on the obverse. The reverse has even more definition, and only the denomination ONE CENT is off the planchet.

One of the earlier fold-over errors from the Lincoln Cent series that I have handled, this 1981 example is struck on a bronze planchet as opposed to a copper-plated zinc planchet as introduced in 1982.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$1,500*



4.

## Undated Lincoln Cent, Memorial Reverse Type

*Fold-over—PCGS MS-65 Red*

The planchet was horizontal when the dies came together, and it folded into this dramatic error. The planchet also expanded in size as a result of the error.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$1,000*



## Chapter 12

# Gold Errors



Other than a few known U.S. Mules, major errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the \$75,000 to \$150,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for \$15,000 to \$40,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under \$10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection. World Gold errors are highly coveted and just as rare as their U.S. counterparts. Despite this, they are undervalued, selling for a fraction of the price.

### 1. 1866 Liberty Quarter Eagle

*Struck on a Three-Cent Nickel Planchet—NGC MS-66*

The similarity in diameter between these two coin types (17.9 millimeters and 18 millimeters, respectively) allowed this Three-Cent Nickel planchet to fit nicely into the collar in a Liberty Quarter Eagle press. The planchet did not completely fill the press, however, and the impression is drawn ever-so-slightly toward the upper-right obverse and lower-left reverse borders. All design elements from the Quarter Eagle dies are present, nonetheless, and the overall definition is quite sharp.

An important discovery piece, this wrong planchet error on an 1866 Liberty Quarter Eagle was authenticated and certified by NGC in 2007. This piece is one of only two wrong planchet errors in the entire United States gold coin series that are listed at the major third-party certification services (PCGS and NGC). The other example is an 1851 Liberty Double Eagle struck on a Cent planchet that has also been authenticated and certified by NGC.

In addition to its status as a unique error on a 19th century U.S. gold coin, this piece is significant because the 1866 is a low-mintage issues with just 3,080 business strikes produced. It is one of the leading rarities in the regular-issue Liberty Quarter Eagle series of 1840-1907.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$250,000*



2.

### 1806 Capped Bust Right Half Eagle, Pointed 6, Stars 8x5, BD-3, HBCC-3098, Rarity-7 (as a Die Pair)

*Triple Struck—PCGS AU-50*

The coin was first struck 10-15% off-center in normal alignment. It then rotated 90 degrees and was struck a second time properly centered between the dies. A third strike occurred after the coin rotated again, although this time the rotation was minimal.

This coin is pictured on the front cover of *Mint Error News Magazine*, Issue 16, Winter 2006. It is the earliest die state known for the extremely rare 1806 BD-3 Half Eagle variety. The stress caused by the striking of this error severely damaged the obverse die, which was in the anvil position in the press. A field break developed behind Liberty's head, as did a crack from stars 6-8. Very few additional coins were struck from this die pair before it was retired. Indeed, only six-to-ten examples of the 1806 BD-3 Half Eagle are believed to have survived. With the exception of this remarkable error, all known examples struck from this die pair display the aforementioned cracks on the obverse.



*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$150,000*

3.

## 1804 Capped Bust Right Quarter Eagle, 14-Star Reverse, BD-2, HBCC-3011, Rarity-4 (as a Die Pair)

*Double Struck—NGC Fine 15*



The first strike is off-center, but the second is well centered on the planchet. The coin has acquired considerable wear, which could mean that the error was overlooked for many years. On the other hand, most pre-1834 United States gold coins remained in vaults as bank reserves, and it is unusual to find an example that grades less than XF-40. At the Fine grade level, this coin may have been identified as an error by a contemporary bank teller or bullion dealer who then carried it as a pocket piece for many years, thereby explaining the considerable wear that is present on both sides. Regardless of which of these theories is true, this remarkable piece remained unknown to the general numismatic market until the early 21st century. Today, it ranks as one of the most important U.S. gold coin errors of any type.

There are fewer than a dozen double-struck United States gold coins known, a total that includes all types from the Gold Dollar through the Double Eagle. This 1804 Quarter Eagle is of even further importance as an example of the first major design that the U.S. Mint used on a coin of this denomination.

As an issue, the 1804 has an estimated mintage of just 3,327 pieces. Fewer than 3,000 of those coins are believed to have been struck using the 14-Star reverse die.

*Rarity: 1 of 2 Known  
Value: \$50,000*



4.

## 1904 Liberty Double Eagle

*Double Struck—ANACS MS-60 Prooflike*

Double struck in the collar, this coin rotates several degrees counterclockwise between impressions. The obverse stars, Liberty's portrait, the date and the word LIBERTY inscribed on the coronet all exhibit a wide spread between the two strikes. The double-struck error is less dramatic on the reverse, but it is still visible upon careful examination.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$50,000*



5.

## 1802/1 Capped Bust Right Half Eagle, BD-3, HBCC-3081, Miller-57, Rarity-4 (as a Die Pair)

*Obverse Triple Struck—ANACS-Certified*

This is an overdate Draped Bust \$5 that has been struck three times on the obverse. It is an incredible major mint error on a 200 year old U.S. Gold coin.

The three separate strikes are clearly visible. Each strike shows a row of stars, the portrait, the Liberty Cap and the word Liberty above the portrait. This piece is one of only two known U.S. \$5 Gold Coins that are struck three or more times.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



6.

## Proof 1865 Gold Dollar

*Reverse Triple Struck—PCGS Proof-64 Cameo*

A unique multi-struck error on a proof 1865 Gold Dollar, this coin actually appears to have been struck upward of five times on the reverse. The multi-strike error occurred in the collar, and detail from each separate impression is discernible upon close examination with the aid of a loupe.



The 1865 is a very rare proof in the Gold Dollar series. Only 25 coins were originally struck, and many examples failed to survive this tumultuous final year of the Civil War. I believe that no more than 15-20 examples are known today, an estimate that includes this multi-struck error.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



7.

## Great Britain, 1965 Penny, Spink-4157

*Struck on a Gold Planchet—PCGS MS-62*

Instead of being struck on a bronze planchet, this 1965 British Penny is struck on a gold planchet that weights 18.3 grams and is slightly larger than a United States Kennedy Half Dollar. I have neither seen nor heard rumor of a similar wrong planchet error on a British Penny.



*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



8.

## 1901/0-S Liberty Half Eagle, FS-301

*Struck 10-15% Off-Center—PCGS AU-55*

Although PCGS has certified this coin as being struck 10% off-center, I would describe it as being struck 15% off-center at 12 o'clock. The error has caused the planchet to expand to a greater size than that which is normal for a properly struck Liberty Half Eagle.



Free of all but the lightest friction, this Choice AU is even more desirable because the error occurred on an example of the 1901/0-S. This is a very bold overdate that is a scarce variety in its own right.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$50,000*



9.

## 1803/2 Capped Bust Right Half Eagle, BD-3, HBCC-3081, Rarity-4 (as a Die Pair)

*Misaligned Obverse Die—PCGS XF-45*

The obverse die was misaligned in the press by 10% relative to the position of the reverse die, causing the obverse impression to be drawn toward the lower-right border of the coin. Although it is partially obscured, the date remains clearly visible. The reverse impression is properly centered, although the strike on that side of the coin is a bit soft along the lower-left border.



Major mint errors are rare even when they affect later-date U.S. gold coins beginning with the Liberty types introduced beginning in 1838. Early U.S. gold errors are even rarer and, indeed, I have never seen another misaligned die strike on an early Half Eagle of the Capped Bust Right, Capped Bust Left, Capped Head Left or Classic types.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



10.

## 1893-O Liberty Eagle

*Broadstruck—PCGS AU-58*



Another impressive example of a broadstruck error on a Liberty gold coin, this 1893-O Eagle was not seated in the collar when the dies came together during striking. The reeding around the edge is missing, and the diameter is greater than that which is normal for properly struck Liberty Eagles.

In addition to its status as a gold coin error, this 1893-O Eagle is of profound significance to specialized collectors because very few error coins of any kind are known from the New Orleans Mint.

*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$25,000*



11.

## 1855 Three-Dollar Gold Piece

*Broadstruck—PCGS AU-50*

Some collectors might describe this coin as having been struck 5% off-center. In actuality, this is an uncentered broadstrike error on an 1855 Three-Dollar gold piece. Both sides retain most of the original mint luster, and the eye appeal is superior to what I would expect to see in a 19th century United States gold coin that grades "only" AU-50.



Three-Dollar gold pieces are scarce-to-rare pieces even as regular-issue type coins. Major mint errors on coins of this type are all but unknown. In fact, I believe that this error is one of only two broadstruck Three-Dollar gold pieces in existence. It is also the only such example dated 1855.

*Rarity: 2 Known*  
*Value: \$20,000*



12.

## 1897 Liberty Half Eagle

*Struck 10% Off-Center—ANACS AU-55*

A unique error when encountered on a Liberty Half Eagle that dates to 1897, this coin is struck 10% off-center at 6 o'clock. As with all off-center strikes, this piece is missing the reeding on the edge because it was struck out of the collar. Conservatively graded by ANACS, I believe that this coin is more accurately described as Mint State. There are no distracting abrasions or other blemishes evident to the naked eye.

Very few off-center errors are known in the U.S. gold series, and most examples are Indian Quarter Eagles that are struck only 3-5% off-center. An off-center error on a larger gold denomination is an extremely rare find, particularly when the strike is more than 5% off-center.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$15,000*



13.

## 1912 Indian Quarter Eagle

*Struck 10% Off-Center—PCGS AU-55*

This gold coin is struck 10% off-center at 2 o'clock. The date is full, and the central design elements are boldly-to-sharply defined.

An important error, this Indian Quarter Eagle is one of very few U.S. gold coin errors of any denomination that is struck more than 5% off-center.

*Rarity: 10-12 Known  
Value: \$15,000*



14.

## 1855-C Liberty Half Eagle

Reverse Cud—NGC MS-61

The cud is located at the right-reverse rim outside the letters AMER in AMERICA.



Cuds are very rare errors on U.S. gold coins of any denomination or type, particularly when they are as large as the one on the reverse of the present coin. As a Mint State Charlotte Mint Half Eagle, this coin will appeal not only to error specialists, but also to collectors assembling high-grade sets of Southern gold coinage.

Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$12,500



15.

## 1857 Gold Dollar

Struck 5% Off-Center—PCGS AU-53



An early Philadelphia Mint issue in the Type III Gold Dollar series, this 1857 is struck a full 5% off-center at nearly 6 o'clock. The major design elements are not affected by the error, but some of the denticles along the lower-obverse and upper-reverse borders are either wholly or partially off the planchet.

Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$12,500



16.

### 1912 Indian Quarter Eagle

*Struck 5% Off-Center—ANACS MS-63*



The strike is a full 5% off-center at 3 o'clock, giving the appearance that this coin has an extra wide rim along the left border on both sides. The devices along the right borders are partially off the planchet.

*Rarity: 10-12 Known  
Value: \$8,500*



17.

### Great Britain, 1876 ½ Sovereign, Spink-3860D

*Reverse Full-Mirror Brockage—ANACS AU-58*



The reverse displays a lovely first-strike brockage of the obverse design. As with all errors of this type, the brockage is incuse.

Brockage errors are rarely encountered on gold coins irrespective of country of origin, denomination or type.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$5,000*



18.

## Mexico, 1947 50 Pesos, Fr-172

*Broadstruck—MS-62*



Broadstruck out of the collar, the resulting coin looks as though it is struck 5% off-center at 5 o'clock.

I have encountered very few Mexican gold coin errors of any kind—a testament to the significance of this large 50 Peso piece.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$3,000*



19.

## Netherlands, 1928 Ducat, Fr-352

*Struck 20% Off-Center—ANACS MS-66*

The impression is off-center at 12 o'clock, which is one of the most desirable positions for error coins of this type.



I know of only two modern Ducats from the Netherlands that were struck off-center in error. The present example is Gem Mint State with full luster and beautiful surfaces.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$2,500*



Chapter 13

# Hub and Die Trials



**H**ub and die trials are usually uniface (or struck on one side) impressions using either an obverse or reverse hub/die. These trials can be from either finished or unfinished designs. In either case, they are deliberate strikes to test the progress of a design and/or its suitability for regular-issue production.

Hub and die trials are often struck in metals other than those intended for regular-issue coinage. Softer metals such as tin and lead have often been used in the creation of hub and die trials, and there are some pieces known that were struck in cardboard or wax.

*Traditionally, only pattern specialists pursued hub and die trials. Beginning in the late 1990s, however, I have seen increased demand for these pieces among error coin specialists who feel that these pieces would fit nicely into their collections due to their exotic appearance and the unusual circumstances under which they were produced.*

1.

### Undated Jefferson Nickel Reverse Die Trial, Judd-C1938-1

PCGS MS-62

Copper plated over a silver base metal. This important piece is a reverse die trial that features a portrait of Monticello that the Mint did not adopt for the regular-issue Jefferson Nickel design introduced in 1938. The proposed design is attributed to Anthony de Francisci, the artist that designed the Peace Dollar of 1921-1935.



This coin is the only die trial known from the entire Jefferson Nickel series. It is the plate coin on page 318 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$100,000



2.

### Undated (1838) Liberty Half Eagle Reverse Die Trial Splasher, Judd-A1838-6

PCGS MS-65

White metal. This die trial is a splasher and is struck on soft white metal using only the reverse die. The reverse is the Small Letters type used to strike regular-issue Liberty Half Eagles from 1839 through the early months of 1842. The die trial itself, however, was struck in 1838.



This piece is the plate coin on page 294 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins*, Ninth Edition by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000



3.

## 1851 Three-Cent Silver Obverse & Reverse Die Trials, Judd-A185-1

*As Struck*

Cardboard. 0.35 millimeters thick, 85 millimeters x 50 millimeters. The card is glaze-surfaced and the impressions are clearly embossed with the devices and lettering fully defined. After the dies struck the cardboard, a bronze-gold ink was applied to show the high relief of the impressions to best effect.

This die trial is plated on page 296 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.



*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$40,000*

4.

## 1910 Lincoln Cent Obverse Die Trial, Judd-Unlisted

*PCGS AU-58*

Bronze. This 1910 Lincoln Cent is a uniface die trial with sharp definition to all elements of the obverse design.

Despite the fact that the Lincoln Cent series is one of the most popular and widely collected in all of U.S. numismatics, this piece was unknown in general numismatic circles until the early years of the 21st century. It was the subject of a feature article in the September 22, 2003 issue of *Coin World*.



*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$40,000*

5.

## Undated (1860) Pattern Half Eagle Reverse Hub Trial, Judd-A1860-6

NGC MS-64 Brown

Copper, 31 millimeters. This remarkable piece is a reverse hub trial for the 1860 Judd-271 Pattern Half Eagle. Interestingly, only the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the denomination FIVE DOLLERS are present, both of which are incuse since this is a hub trial. The word DOLLERS is misspelled, and the letter V in FIVE is actually an inverted A. Neither of these seeming mistakes would have bothered Mint personnel in 1860 because their sole purpose in producing this hub trial was to test to layout of the inscriptions.



There are only 43 hub trials known for the entire United States pattern coin series. To place this figure into context we must remember that there are several thousand U.S. patterns known, as well as 272 splashes. This piece is the plate coin on page 300 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd and page 410 of the 1994 book *United States Patterns and Related Issues* by Andrew W. Pollock III.

*Ex: Robert Coulton Davis; F.C.C. Boyd; Rare Coins from the Abe Kosoff Estate (Bowers and Merena, 11/1985), lot 1166; Stack's sale of January 1989, lot 674. Dr. A. Roter.*

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$35,000

6.

## 1822 Capped Bust Half Dollar Double Struck Obverse Die Trial, Judd-A1822-A

NGC MS-64 Brown

Copper. A double struck uniface die trial, there are two complete impressions of Liberty's portrait as well as the stars, date and denticles.

This piece was struck outside the Mint from a discarded die that is not listed in the 2005 book *United States Early Half Dollar Die Varieties: 1794-1836* by Donald L. Parsley (based on earlier editions of the same title by Al C. Overton).

The present example is the plate coin on page 292 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.



Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$25,000

7.

## 1865 Anthony C. Paquet Andrew Johnson/George Washington Medal Uniface Die Trial Splasher Pair

*As Struck*

White Metal. Struck in high relief, these unique splashers have been remarkably well preserved considering that they were prepared during the chaotic final year of the U.S. Civil War.

These splashers were created by Assistant Engraver Anthony C. Paquet. The obverse depicts a right-facing bust of President Andrew Johnson. The reverse depicts an Indian peace motif with a small bust of President George Washington.

**Rarity:** *Unique*  
**Value:** *\$25,000*



8.

## Undated (1857) Pattern Half Dollar Reverse Die Trial, Judd-A1857-A

*NGC MS-63*

White metal. The reverse design used to create this die trial is credited to Assistant Engraver Anthony C. Paquet, who prepared many of the pattern coins struck in the U.S. Mint during the late 1850s. An unfinished design, this die was never used to strike any pattern or regular-issue coinage for the United States.

This piece is plated on page 296 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd and also on page 404 of the 1994 book *United States Patterns and Related Issues* by Andrew W. Pollock III.

*Ex: Stephen K. Nagy; 1958 ANA Sale; Rare Coins from the Abe Kosoff Estate (Bowers and Merena, 11/1985), lot 1147; Jascha Heifetz Collection Sale (Superior, 10/1989), lot 3398.*

**Rarity:** *Unique*  
**Value:** *\$10,000*



9.

## Undated (1877) Pattern Half Union Reverse Hub Trial, Judd-A1877-11

NGC-Certified

Lead. This is the unique reverse hub trial of the famous pattern 1877 \$50 Half Union. It is plated on page 306 of the 2005 edition of the book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd. Only the eagle, scroll, arrows and laurel branches in the reverse design are present.

Ex: Stephen K. Nagy; 1958 ANA Sale; Kagin's Sale of November 1964; Bowers and Ruddy Galleries (5/1973); 1993 Baltimore ANA Sale (Heritage, 7/1993), lot 5883.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$10,000



10.

## Pattern 1867 Five-Cent Piece Obverse Hub Trial, Judd-A1867-9

NGC MS-63 Brown

Copper. The device punches used to prepare this hub trial were also intended for use in the production of working dies, hence the incuse and inverted nature of the devices on this piece.

This hub trial is plated on page 302 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$10,000



11.

## Pattern 1867 Five-Cent Piece Obverse & Reverse Hub Trial, Judd-A1867-15

NGC MS-64 Brown



Copper. This unique obverse and reverse hub trial shows the incomplete design of Liberty's portrait that the Mint later used to strike patterns in nickel and copper with a plain edge (Judd-566/Pollock-627 and Judd-567/Pollock-628).

This obverse and reverse hub trial gives us a glimpse into Longacre's creative process by illustrating a design that he made, and then personally changed before he arrived at his final product. It is the plate coin on page 302 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd and also on page 413 of the 1994 book *United States Patterns and Related Issues* by Andrew W. Pollock III.

Ex: Major Lenox R. Lohr; Robert Batchelder; R.B. White; Kissel & Victoria Collections (*Bowers and Merena*, 9/1989), lot 2583.



Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$10,000

12.

## Switzerland, 1855 Pattern 5 Francs Obverse & Reverse Die Trial Klippe

MS-63 Prooflike

Silver. This piece is double struck with mirror-finish surfaces and beautiful sea-green toning. All Swiss patterns are rare, and this klippe is of even greater desirability due to the exceptional eye appeal that it possesses.



Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$3,500



Chapter 14  
**Indents**



*A*n indent error occurs when two planchets are inadvertently fed into the same collar, with one planchet partially overlapping the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper planchet is forced into the lower planchet and creates a depression in the metal that is shaped like the upper planchet.

*A very rare type of indent error is one that involves planchets intended for two different denominations.*

*L*  
**1971-D Kennedy Half Dollar**  
*Reverse Indent from a Cent Planchet—ANACS MS-62*

The indent is just above center on the reverse, and it obscures much of the eagle as well as part of the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The fact that the indent is so well centered on the reverse, however, confirms this as one of the most appealing errors of this type that I ever handled.

United States coins that are fully indented by smaller blank planchets are very rare errors.

*Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$5,000*



2.

### 1971-D Eisenhower Dollar

*Reverse Indent from a Cent Planchet—PCGS MS-63*

The indent covers the left portion of the reverse, obscuring most of the eagle, more than half of the Latin motto E PLURIBUS UNUM and much of the word UNITED in the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Like the Kennedy Half Dollar pictured on the previous page, this Eisenhower Dollar is a particularly desirable indent error because the outline of the entire Cent planchet is present on the struck coin.

*Rarity: 3 Known  
Value: \$5,000*



3.

### Undated Indian Cent

*Obverse 40% Indent from a Cent Planchet—NGC MS-66*

The indent is positioned over the lower reverse, where it obscures the entire date area as well as the lower portion of Liberty's portrait. The appearance of the final product is very dramatic.

Although this is not a particularly rare error for a coin of this type, very few indented Indian Cents are encountered in Gem Mint State. This piece is easily among the finest known.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$1,500*



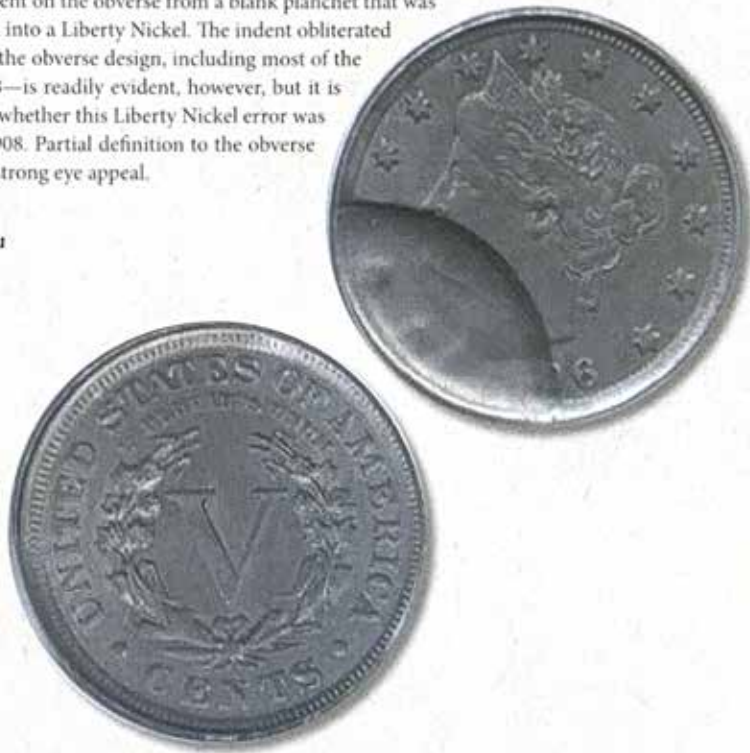
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## Undated Liberty Nickel

*Obverse 40% Indent from a Nickel Planchet—PCGS AU-55*

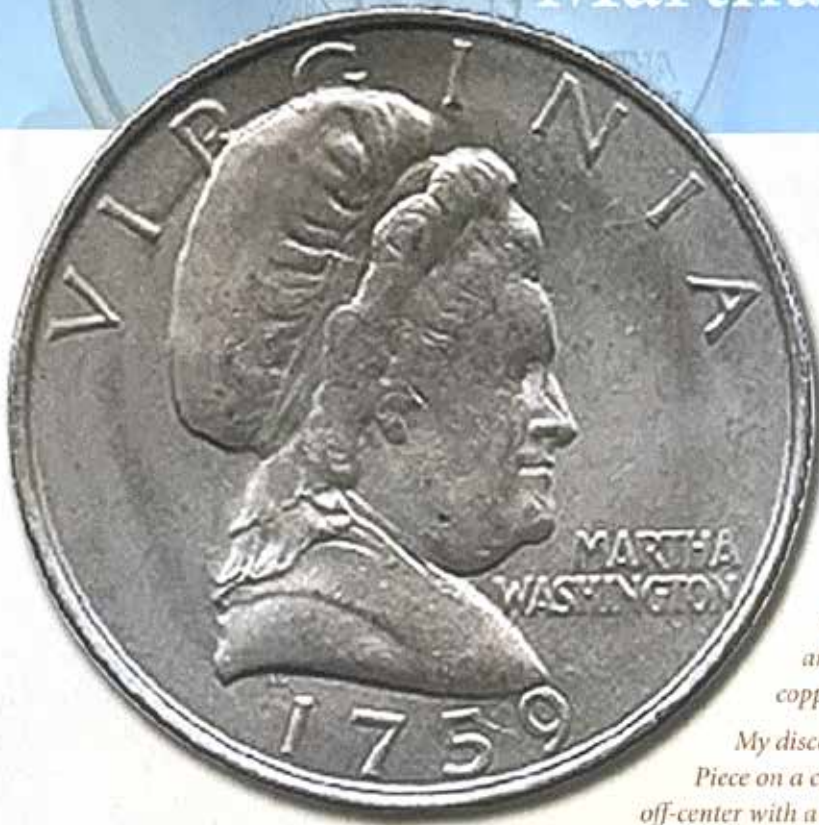
This coin has a 40% indent on the obverse from a blank planchet that was also supposed to be struck into a Liberty Nickel. The indent obliterated the lower left quadrant of the obverse design, including most of the date. The final digit—an 8—is readily evident, however, but it is not possible to determine whether this Liberty Nickel error was struck in 1888, 1898 or 1908. Partial definition to the obverse further enhances already strong eye appeal.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$1,000*



Chapter 15

# Martha Washington Test Pieces



*There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, "the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper."*

*My discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000. In a response to the Martha Washington Test Piece that I discovered, the Mint announced that "the dies are available to the Mint's metal and blank vendors for testing."*

1.

## "1759" Martha Washington Experimental Dollar-Size Medal

*Judd-2184, Experimental Edge, NGC MS-64 Prooflike*

Copper-nickel clad. 8.0 grams. This Martha Washington test piece is struck on a copper-nickel clad Susan B. Anthony Dollar planchet with an experimental edge. The edge is intermittently reeded.



*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



2.

## "1759" Martha Washington Experimental Dollar-Size Medal

*Judd-Unlisted, Experimental Edge, NGC MS-64*

Magnesium brass-coated, copper-clad metal. 8.0 grams. This piece was struck in 1999 in the alloy that the Mint would adopt for regular-issue Sacagawea Dollar production in 2000. It has an experimental edge that features intermittent reeding.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$35,000*



3.

## "1759" Martha Washington Experimental Quarter-Size Medal

Judd-2116, NGC MS-65

Cupronickel-copper, 5.7 grams. This Martha Washington test piece dates to 1965 and is one of only four examples of Judd-2116 in private hands. It is the plate coin for the type on page 294 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.



Rarity: 4 Known  
Value: \$20,000



4.

## "1759" Martha Washington Experimental Dollar-Size Medal

Judd-2185, NGC MS-65

Magnesium brass-coated, copper-clad metal, 8.0 grams. This Martha Washington test piece was struck in 1999 as part of the Mint's search for a suitable alloy for the Sacagawea Dollar introduced in 2000.



Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$20,000



5.

### “1759” Martha Washington Experimental Half Dollar-Size Medal

*Judd-2132, NGC MS-63*

Cupronickel-copper. 11.23 grams. Dating to 1965, this piece was produced as part of the Mint's search for a suitable replacement for the 90% silver, 10% copper alloy that had been used to strike Half Dollars since the 1836.

*Rarity: 3 Known  
Value: \$12,500*



6.

### “1759” Martha Washington Experimental Cent-Size Medal

*Judd-2180, NGC MS-66 Red and Brown*

Copper-zinc alloy. 2.5 grams. This Martha Washington piece was almost certainly used in the tests for a new Cent alloy that the Mint conducted in 1982. The composition is similar to that adopted for regular-issue Cent production partway through 1982, but the alloy is 97.5% zinc, 2.5% copper as opposed to 99.2% zinc, 0.8% copper with a pure plating of copper.

*Rarity: 3 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



7.

## "1759" Martha Washington Experimental Five-Cent Piece-Size Medal

Judd-2182, NGC MS-63

Nickel. 5.0 grams. This Martha Washington test piece dates to 1985 and is struck on a Five-Cent-size planchet.

Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$7,500



8.

## Undated ("1759") Experimental Cent Obverse Die Trial

Judd-A1982-1, NGC-Certified

Copper-Nickel. 2.5 grams. A uniface die trial, the obverse impression is 10% off center at 5 o'clock.

This piece was struck using the Martha Washington/Mount Vernon experimental design with the fantasy date 1759. It was produced in 1982, possibly by one of the private firms engaged in finding a suitable replacement for the bronze alloy that the Mint used to strike Cents from late 1864 through early 1982. This die trial is plated on page 312 of the 2005 book *United States Pattern Coins* by Dr. J. Hewitt Judd.

My discovery of this coin was reported in a front page article in the August 7, 2000 issue of *Coin World* magazine. After I made this discovery, the Mint announced that it had made the Martha Washington experimental dies available to private vendors for testing purposes. It is likely that this obverse die trial for the 1982 Experimental Cent is attributed to a private vendor and not the U.S. Mint.

Ex: California Sale (Ira & Larry Goldberg, 10/2000), lot 1972; Rarities Sale (Bowers and Merena, 1/2003) lot 996.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$5,000



## Chapter 16

# Mated Pairs



**M**ated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped when one of the coins is struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin is perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies are capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two that are dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half that was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This unique pair was then struck together.



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## 1963 Franklin Half Dollar

*Mated Pair of Wrong Planchet and Indent Errors—PCGS MS-62 and MS-66*

This exciting error was created when a Cent planchet came to rest over the lower half of a Half Dollar planchet in a press that the Mint was using to strike Franklin Half Dollars. The resulting impression from the dies created an off-metal error out of the Cent planchet and a dramatic indent out of the Half Dollar planchet. The Cent fit snugly into the indent.

This mated pair was once part of an old-time collection, and it has since become widely known as one of the most important mated pair error in all of U.S. numismatics.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$50,000*



2.

## 1986 Silver Eagle

*Mated Pair of a Reverse Strikethrough and a Sanding Disk—PCGS MS-66*



A three-millimeter sanding disk adhered to the reverse die and was struck into the reverse of a planchet that was subsequently fed into the press. The sanding disk is thin enough that the reverse design is still visible on the coin, although it has a noticeable "fuzzy" appearance due to the strike through. Both pieces were released from the Mint together, and the pair has been intact ever since.



This mated pair is one of the most unusual errors struck in the modern U.S. Mint.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$12,500*

3.

## 1965 Kennedy Half Dollar

*Mated Pair of a Double-Struck, Broadstruck and Indent Errors—As Struck*



The first coin in this mated pair features a double-struck reverse with a 20% indent over the upper portion of the obverse. The second coin is a broadstruck indent. Both pieces fit snugly together at the indent.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$7,500*



4.

## 1979 Kennedy Half Dollar

*Mated Pair of a Die Cap, Brockage and Counterbrockage Errors—ANACS AU-55 and MS-62*

Very similar to the mated pair of 1979 Kennedy Half Dollars on the next page, the first coin in this pair is a double-struck flip-over obverse with a counterbrockage reverse. The second coin is double struck with an obverse brockage.

There are only two mated pair errors known for the 1979 Kennedy Half Dollar, both of which are presented in this book.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



5.

## 1976-D Bicentennial Kennedy Half Dollar

*Mated Pair of Obverse and Reverse Die Caps—ANACS MS-65 and MS-60*

Both the obverse and reverse dies were capped when this extraordinary mated pair was struck. The reverse of the obverse die cap is a brockage that created a counterbrockage on the obverse of the reverse die cap. Both the brockage and the counterbrockage are relatively clear, which suggests that both die caps left the press immediately after formation of this mated pair.

Only two Kennedy Half Dollar mated pair errors are known in which both coins in the pair are die caps.

*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



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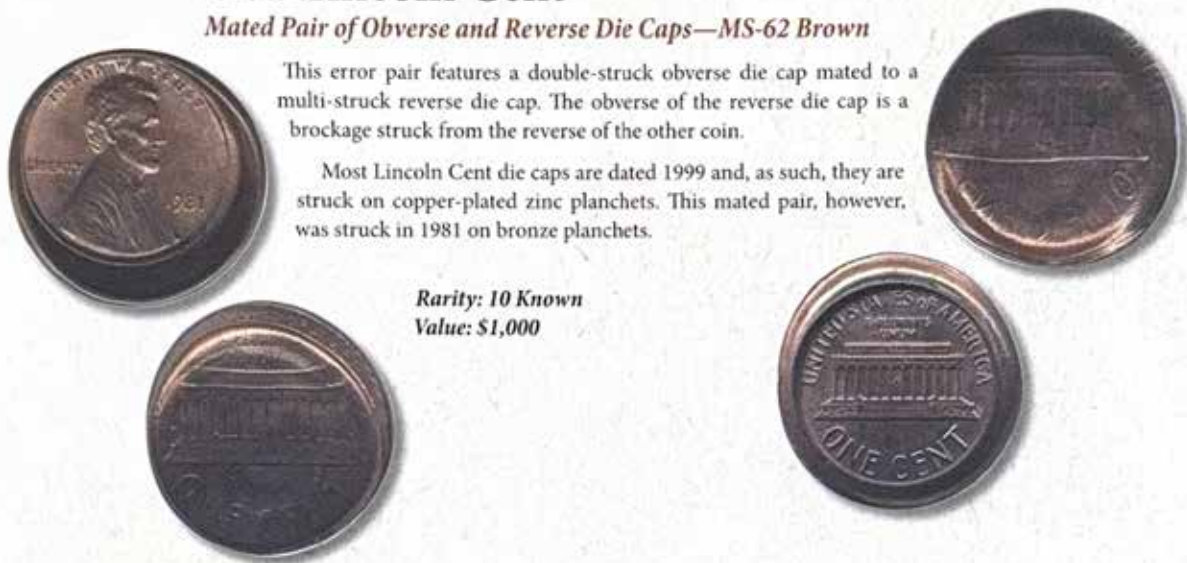
## 1981 Lincoln Cent

*Mated Pair of Obverse and Reverse Die Caps—MS-62 Brown*

This error pair features a double-struck obverse die cap mated to a multi-struck reverse die cap. The obverse of the reverse die cap is a brockage struck from the reverse of the other coin.

Most Lincoln Cent die caps are dated 1999 and, as such, they are struck on copper-plated zinc planchets. This mated pair, however, was struck in 1981 on bronze planchets.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$1,000*



7.

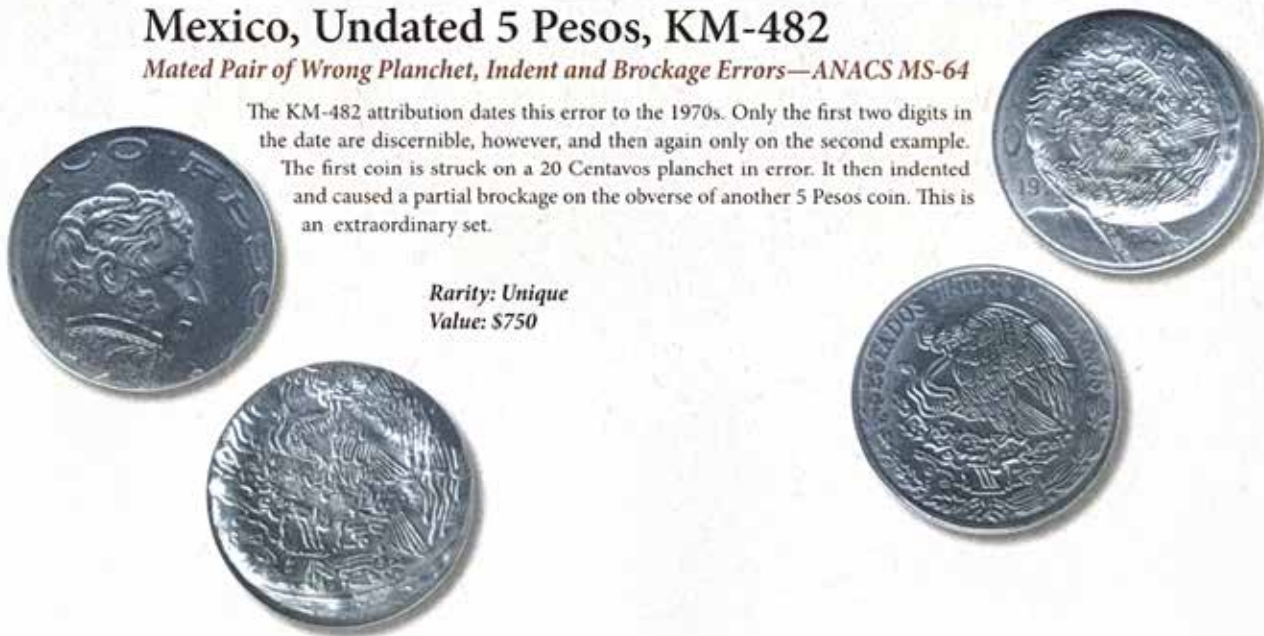
## Mexico, Undated 5 Pesos, KM-482

*Mated Pair of Wrong Planchet, Indent and Brockage Errors—ANACS MS-64*

The KM-482 attribution dates this error to the 1970s. Only the first two digits in the date are discernible, however, and then again only on the second example.

The first coin is struck on a 20 Centavos planchet in error. It then indented and caused a partial brockage on the obverse of another 5 Pesos coin. This is an extraordinary set.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$750*



Chapter 17  
**Mules**



*A mule is a coin struck with a mismatched combination of dies. In some countries, the Mints use dies of identical dimensions to strike coins of different denominations and/or for other countries. In these instances, mules have been reported for many years and are not really rare items. An example is a mule between a Bahamas 5 Cents obverse and a New Zealand 2 Cents reverse. Thousands of these errors were struck, and individual examples are worth only \$50.*



*Mules involving United States coins, however, are exceedingly rare and carry price tags in the thousands of dollars. One of the most famous U.S. Mint mules is the Statehood Quarter obverse/Sacagawea Dollar reverse discovered in early 2000.*

1

### 1999 Lincoln Cent Obverse Muled with a Roosevelt Dime Reverse

PCGS MS-65

This unique 1999 Lincoln Cent was struck with a reverse die intended for a Roosevelt Dime. The reverse detail is very sharp, while that on the reverse is weak along the left border. This coin is struck on a copper-plated zinc planchet, as is normal for Lincoln Cents produced beginning in 1982.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$125,000



2

### 1995 Roosevelt Dime Reverse Muled with a Lincoln Cent Obverse

PCGS MS-66

The planchet is copper-nickel as intended for a Roosevelt Dime and, indeed, the reverse was struck from a Roosevelt Dime die. The obverse, however, was struck from the obverse die of a 1995 Lincoln Cent.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$125,000



3.

## 1993-D Lincoln Cent Obverse Muled with a Roosevelt Dime Reverse

PCGS MS-64

This mule is struck on a copper-plated zinc planchet as intended for a properly produced Lincoln Cent.

Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$125,000



4.

## Great Britain, Dual-Dated 1829/1823 ½ Sovereign Mule

PCGS Proof-63 Cameo

The obverse die is the type used to strike ½ Sovereigns dated 1826-1828, and it is attributed as Fr-380. Interestingly, however, no regular-issue 1829 Half Sovereigns were struck either in proof or business strike formats. The reverse is a pattern die with a crowned shield in the center and the inscription ANNO 1823 around the border. A rose, shamrock and thistle are below the shield.

There are only two examples of this fascinating mule known to exist, and the other coin is impounded in the Royal Mint Collection. The piece pictured here, therefore, is the only one available for private ownership. No other gold mules are known regardless of denomination or country of origin. If this error were a product of the U.S. Mint, it would easily command a price of \$500,000+ in the numismatic market of the early 21st century.

Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$50,000



Chapter 18

# Off-Center Strikes



*Off-center coins are one of the most common and widely recognized errors in the numismatic market. This type of error is created when a planchet is improperly fed into the press and is not seated perfectly in the collar. When the dies strike the planchet, only that part of the planchet that overlays the collar will receive a portion of the coin's design.*



1.

### 1904 Liberty Double Eagle

*Struck 15% Off-Center—PCGS-Certified*

This incredible Liberty Double Eagle is the farthest off-center error known for a United States gold coin. It is struck approximately 15% off-center at 5 o'clock. The coin grades Choice Mint State.

*Ex: Fred Weinberg.*

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$250,000*



2.

### 1880-S Morgan Silver Dollar

*Struck 40% Off-Center—PCGS MS-63*

This coin was discovered in a sealed bag of 1880 Morgan Dollars from the San Francisco Mint. It is one of the finest off-center errors known from the 1878-1921 Morgan Dollar series. This 1880-S is struck 40% off-center at 12 o'clock. The clock position is ideal for an error of this type since it allows full appreciation of the date. Many consider this off-center Morgan to be the finest known example for the series.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$125,000*



3.

## 1921-S Morgan Silver Dollar

*Struck 45% Off-Center—NGC MS-63*

The strike is off-center at 7 o'clock which means that, while the S mint-mark on the reverse is clearly evident, the date is off the planchet on the obverse. Fortunately, the Mint adopted a modified design for the Morgan Dollar in 1921, so this error had to be struck during the final year of this long-lived and extremely popular series.

Morgan Dollars that are slightly off-center (or even as much as 10-20% off-center if they are in circulated condition) are only scarce when viewed in the wider context of the U.S. error coin market. Any example that is struck more than 20% off-center is rare, however, particularly if it is also Mint State. The present example is one of only two Morgan Dollars errors known that are struck this far off center.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$60,000*



4.

## Undated Large Eagle Draped Bust Silver Dollar

*Struck 15% Off-Center—PCGS VF-35*

A well-known and highly regarded rarity in the error coin community, this piece is the farthest off-center Draped Bust Dollar error known.

The impression is off-center at 4 o'clock. Both sides are attractively toned, and the coin has the appearance of an XF grade.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$35,000*



5.

### 1918-S Standing Liberty Quarter

*Struck 13% Off-Center—PCGS MS-63 Full Head*

This early date, San Francisco Mint Standing Liberty Quarter is struck 13% off-center at 12-1 o'clock. Since it was struck out of the collar, there is also no reeding on the edge.

Major errors of all kinds are seldom encountered on Standing Liberty Quarters. This particular example is pictured on page 79 of J.H. Cline's book *Standing Liberty Quarters*, Zyrus Press, 2007, where the author describes it as, "A very beautiful piece."



*Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$30,000*



6.

### 1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar

*Struck 40% Off-Center—ANACS VF-20*

This coin is struck farther off-center than any other Walking Liberty Half Dollar known. The impression is off-center at 12 o'clock. The date is discernible, but the mintmark position is off the planchet on the reverse. As such, it is not possible to determine whether this coin was struck in the Philadelphia, Denver or San Francisco Mint. The considerable wear that both sides exhibit suggests that a previous owner carried this coin as a pocket piece for many years. It is certainly a dramatic error, and it could still be used as an interesting conversation piece.

Off-center Walking Liberty Half Dollars are extremely rare, and most examples that are encountered in today's market are only struck 5-10% off-center.

*Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$15,000*



7.

## Undated New Orleans Mint Morgan Silver Dollar

*Struck 25% Off-Center—PCGS XF-45*

Although upward of 50 off-center errors are known from the Morgan Dollar series, most examples are only slightly off-center. This impressive piece, on the other hand, is a full 25% off-center at 5 o'clock. The O mintmark on the reverse is readily evident, and all devices that made it onto the planchet are actually quite bold.

*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$15,000*



8.

## 1857 Flying Eagle Cent

*Struck 25% Off-Center—NGC AU-55*

The strike is off-center at 3 o'clock, with the result that all four digits in the date are still readily evident. Additionally, most of the eagle is present on the obverse, and only half of the right-reverse wreath is off the planchet on the reverse.

Only a few off-center errors in the Flying Eagle Cent series are known, and most are struck only 5-10% off-center.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$15,000*



9.

### Undated Coronet Large Cent

*Struck 35% Off-Center—NGC MS-64 Brown*

Nearly in the Gem category, this sharp-looking Coronet Cent is off-center at 7 o'clock.



Off-center large Cents are relatively plentiful as far as U.S. Mint errors are concerned. On the other hand, most such errors are only 5-20% off-center, and they are typically encountered well worn. This high-grade example, therefore, is an extremely important coin both due to the nature of the error and the level of preservation.



*Rarity: 20-50 Known  
Value: \$15,000*

10.

### 1795 Flowing Hair Silver Dollar, Three Leaves, B-7, BB-18, Rarity-4 (as a Die Pair)

*Struck 5% Off-Center—NGC VF-30*

An impressive error that has been well-documented for many years, this early Dollar is struck 5% off-center at 10 o'clock. It is the only off-center error from the two-year Flowing Hair Dollar series of 1794-1795.



*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$10,000*



11.

## 1922-S Peace Dollar

*Struck 5% Off-Center—PCGS MS-62*

Struck 5% off-center at 1 o'clock, this coin is also broadstruck.

This is a very rare type as an off-center error. In fact, off-center Peace Dollars are hundreds of times rarer than similar errors from the Morgan Dollar series.

**Rarity: 2-3 Known**  
**Value: \$10,000**



12.

## 1879-S Morgan Silver Dollar

*Struck 15% Off-Center—PCGS MS-61 Prooflike*

This second-year Morgan Dollar from the San Francisco Mint is struck 15% off-center. Although the error is in the 6 o'clock position, a partial date is still present on the obverse.

Most off-center Morgan Dollar errors fall within the VF-AU grade range—a fact that speaks volumes about the significance of this Mint State example.

**Rarity: 20-50 Known**  
**Value: \$8,500**



13.

### 1861 Seated Quarter

*Struck 15% Off-Center—PCGS AU-58*

The strike is off-center at 5 o'clock with the date still fully evident on the obverse. Overall sharply struck, this coin is just the lightest rub away from a Mint State grade.

This is a very rare error for a Seated Quarter, particularly a No Motto example struck prior to 1866.

*Rarity: 5-10 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



14.

### 1903 Barber Half Dollar

*Struck 20% Off-Center—PCGS XF-45*

Struck off-center at 9 o'clock, this lightly worn example retains a full date and plenty of bold definition to Liberty's portrait and the reverse eagle.

Off-center errors in the Barber Half Dollar series are much rarer than they are in the Morgan Dollar series. This 1903 is the only Barber Half Dollar known that is struck more than 10% off-center.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



15.

## 1900-O Barber Half Dollar

*Struck 10% Off-Center—PCGS AU-50*

This New Orleans Mint Barber Half Dollar is struck a full 10% off-center at 2 o'clock. Both sides exhibit original toning over surfaces that are still predominantly lustrous.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$7,500*



16.

## 1911 Indian Quarter Eagle

*Struck 5% Off-Center—ANACS MS-64*

The strike is off-center at nearly the 6 o'clock position. The date is only partially visible, but all four digits are clearly discernible.

This is the "type coin" among off-center U.S. gold errors. Since there are only 10-12 Indian Quarter Eagles known that have been struck off-center, however, this 1911 is still an extremely rare coin when viewed in the wider context of the numismatic market.

*Rarity: 10-12 Known  
Value: \$6,000*



17.

## 1859 Indian Cent

*Struck 15% Off-Center—NGC MS-64*

Off-center at the 7 o'clock position, this coin still displays a full date on the obverse. Additionally, none of the reverse devices are affected by the error.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$6,000*



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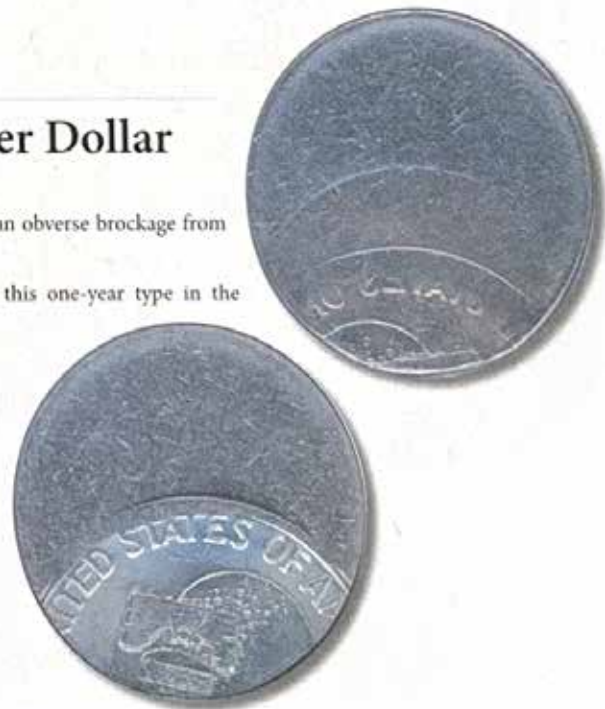
## 1976 Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar

*Struck 50% Off-Center, Obverse Brockage—MS-63*

A remarkable error, this coin is struck 50% off-center with an obverse brockage from another off-center Bicentennial Eisenhower Dollar.

This is a rare and visually impressive double error from this one-year type in the Dollar series.

*Rarity: 10 Known  
Value: \$6,000*



19.

## 1873 Arrows Seated Dime

*Struck 12% Off-Center—PCGS AU-55*

Struck 12% off-center at 1 o'clock, this Seated Dime displays a full date and overall sharp definition to the devices.

Very few Seated Dime errors of all kinds are known to exist, and the present example is even more important because it was struck on an example of the short-lived Arrows, Legend Obverse type of 1873-1874.



*Rarity: 2 Known  
Value: \$5,000*

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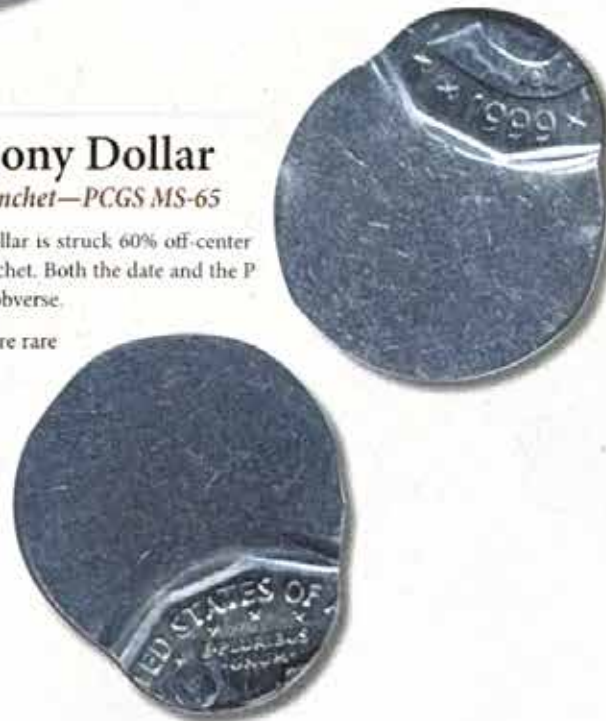
## 1999-P Susan B. Anthony Dollar

*Struck 60% Off-Center on a Quarter Planchet—PCGS MS-65*

An impressive double error, this Anthony Dollar is struck 60% off-center at 1 o'clock on a copper-nickel clad Quarter planchet. Both the date and the P mintmark are readily evident at the upper-right obverse.

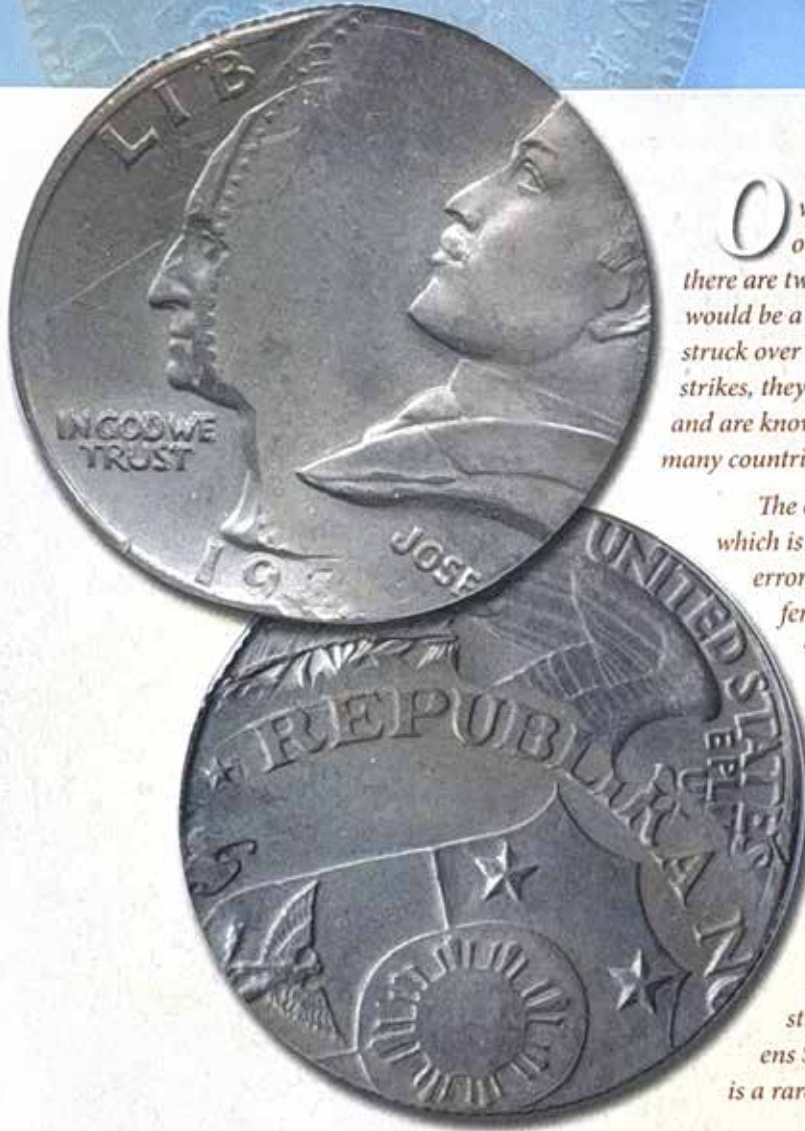
Multiple errors in the Anthony Dollar series are rare and seldom encountered in numismatic circles.

*Rarity: 3 Known  
Value: \$3,000*



## Chapter 19

# Overstrikes



**O**verstrikes are coins that have been struck over a struck coin. Generally speaking, there are two major types of overstrikes. The first type would be a double denomination (a Lincoln Cent struck over a struck Dime). Although these are overstrikes, they are referred to as double denominations and are known on many denominations of coins from many countries.

The other main type of overstrike is a coin which is struck (either deliberately or as a mint error) on a previously struck coin from a different era and country. In ancient times, it was not uncommon to strike coins over previously struck coins with portraits of earlier Kings. In Colonial times, coins circulating were sometimes struck using other coins that were in circulation, regardless of whether they were from the country striking the coin or from a different country.

A rare example of an overstrike is a 1915 Panama Half Commemorative which was struck in Proof over a cut down St. Gaudens \$20 gold piece. The example on this page is a rare overstrike from Panama.

1.

### Paraguay, Four-Piece Pattern Set

*Overstruck on Gold Coins from Chile and Argentina—NGC MS-66 and MS-65*

This is a unique four-piece set 19th century Paraguay pattern coins overstruck on previously struck gold coins from Chile and Argentina. Certified by NGC, this spectacular discovery set was published as a cover story in the Fall 2005 edition (Issue 11) of *Mint Error News Magazine*.

What is particularly fascinating about this set is that the dies for each of the four patterns were unfinished and include only the first two digits of the date. Additionally, several of the gold coins from Chile and Argentina that were used as planchets for the Paraguay pattern dies are rare types or issues. All were in high levels of preservation, which indicates that they were hand selected for this purpose. Based on this evidence, I believe that these four coins are a presentation set that was struck in an official government mint and has since been preserved with the utmost care on the part of its various owners.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$100,000*



*First Coin in Set:*

## Paraguay, Pattern 18XX Peso— Overstruck on a Chile, 1849 8 Escudos, Fr-41

NGC MS-66

Due to its large size, high level of preservation and the amount of detail that is discernible from both sets of designs, this is the most visually impressive piece in this set. A lovely Gem.

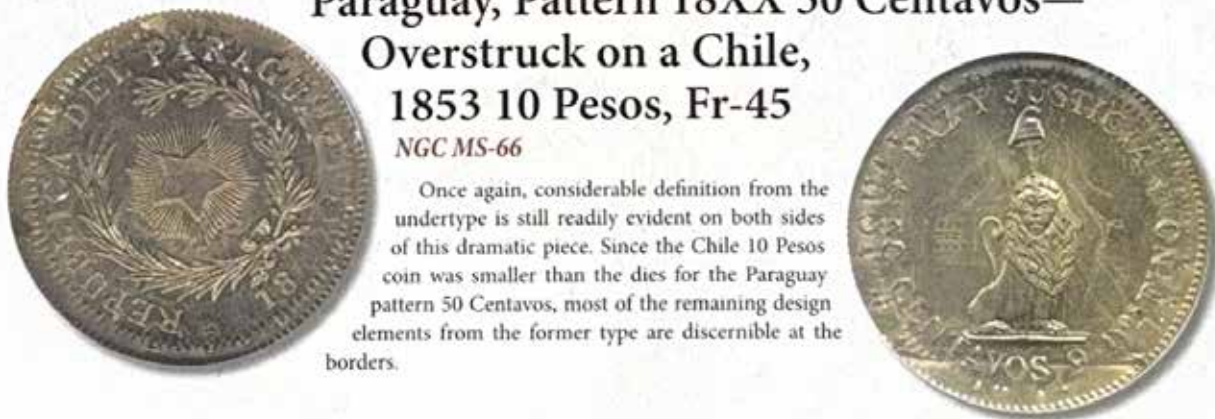


*Second Coin in Set:*

## Paraguay, Pattern 18XX 50 Centavos— Overstruck on a Chile, 1853 10 Pesos, Fr-45

NGC MS-66

Once again, considerable definition from the undertype is still readily evident on both sides of this dramatic piece. Since the Chile 10 Pesos coin was smaller than the dies for the Paraguay pattern 50 Centavos, most of the remaining design elements from the former type are discernible at the borders.





*Third Coin in Set:*

## Paraguay, Pattern 18XX 50 Centavos— Overstruck on a Chile, 1859 10 Pesos, Fr-45

NGC MS-65

This piece is struck from the same pattern 50 Centavos dies as those used to create the other pattern 50 Centavos overstrike in this set. Considerable portions of the Chile 10 Pesos design remain on both sides.



*Fourth Coin in Set:*

## Paraguay, Pattern 18XX 20 Centavos— Overstruck on an Argentina, 1887 5 Pesos, Fr-14

NGC MS-65

Unlike the other three coins in this set, this pattern 20 Centavos is overstruck on a gold piece from Argentina. It is an attractive Gem with plenty of detail to the undertype still readily evident.



2.

## Philippines, Undated Piso, KM-203

*Overstruck on an Undated Washington Quarter—PCGS MS-64*

The Philippine Piso dies were impressed into a struck Washington Quarter approximately 30% off-center at 2 o'clock. Additionally, the Quarter is rotated approximately 15 degrees counterclockwise in relation to the orientation of the Piso dies. Significant portions of both types are clearly discernible, and it includes the first two digits in the date for the Washington Quarter.

The United States Mint struck coins of several denominations for the Philippines during the 1970s, including the Piso. Examples of the KM-203 type were prepared solely with the dates 1972 and 1974, so it is likely that this error was created in one of those two years. A spectacular double denomination error, this piece combines two relatively large-denomination coins from two different countries.

*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$12,500*



3.

## Undated Coronet Large Cent

*Overstruck on a Great Britain, 1731 Halfpenny, Spink-3717—PCGS VF-20*

There is a tremendous amount of detail visible from the Halfpenny. In fact, the portraits of both Liberty and Britain's King George II are each clearly discernible even though they are nearly perfectly lined up on the obverse of the coin.

The portrait of Liberty on the obverse of the Coronet Cent is that used in the late 1830s before introduction of the Braided Hair type toward the end of 1839. That a British Halfpenny could have accidentally found its way into the Cent press in the United States Mint during this time period is not beyond the realm of possibility. Many foreign coins continued to circulate in the United States for several decades after the end of the Revolutionary War, and such pieces probably did not entirely disappear from commercial channels in this country until the mid-to-late 1850s. This important error is one of only two known for a U.S. Large Cent overstruck on a foreign coin.

*Rarity: 2 Known*  
*Value: \$10,000*



4

### Chile, 1836 8 Escudos, Fr-37

*Overstruck on a Chile, Undated 8 Escudos, Fr-33—  
ANACS AU-53*

There is considerable detail remaining from the undertype including the sun and lettering on the obverse. Both sides are minimally worn and problem-free for the assigned grade.

The Fr-33 attribution is reserved for those Chilean 8 Escudos struck from 1818 through 1834, which is the type immediately preceding that of the 1836 Fr-37. In the 2006 book *Standard Catalog of World Coins: 1801-1900*, 5th Edition, the authors state that overstrike errors involving coins of these types are "rarely encountered."

*Rarity: 5 Known  
Value: \$10,000*



5

### France, 1701-C ½ Louis d'or, Type of Fr-437

*Overstruck Off-center on a France, 1694 ½ Louis d'or, Fr-434—ANACS AU-50*

A C mintmark on French coins denotes that they were struck in Caen. I contacted several well-known experts in world gold coinage and none of them have ever seen or heard rumor of a ½ Louis d'or struck in Caen with a 1701 date. This piece, therefore, could be a trial piece, pattern or presentation coin prepared using a reverse die with the C mintmark. Regardless of the exact circumstances under which this coin was prepared, the minters seem to have had difficulty procuring a blank planchet and, instead, decided to use a previously struck 1694 ½ Louis d'or.

*Rarity: Unique  
Value: \$5,000*



6.

## Panama, 1982 ½ Balboa, KM-12b

*Overstruck on a 1976 Bicentennial Kennedy Half Dollar—ANACS MS-63*

Considerable detail from the undertype is still visible, including Kennedy's portrait and the date on the obverse as well as some of the lettering on the reverse.

This Choice Mint State example is a remarkable double denomination error that involves coins struck for two different countries with a six-year spread between the dates on the dies.



*Rarity: Unknown  
Value: \$2,000*



Chapter 20  
**Partial Collars**



*Partial collar errors occur when there is a malfunction in the press that causes the collar to be in an incorrect position at the time of striking. The collar is a critical component of the modern minting process because it ensures a uniform shape and diameter to all coins being struck during a given press run. If a planchet is not properly seated in the collar, it will receive only partial reeding around the edge when it is struck by the dies.*

*The anvil die, which is usually the reverse, is recessed in the collar. After the coin is struck, the anvil die raises upward to eject the coin from the collar. Around the turn of the 21st century, the United States Mint installed new machinery which allows either the obverse or reverse die to be installed in the anvil position in the press.*

1.

### 1875-CC Liberty Double Eagle

*Partial Collar—NGC MS-62*

A full partial collar error is easy to identify on this important Double Eagle, particularly because it is encapsulated in a special NGC holder that allows us to view the coin's edge.

This is an important piece, and for several reasons. First, major mint errors on gold coins are extremely rare coins. Second, this 1875-CC Double Eagle is one of only two major mint errors known on a United States gold coin struck in the Carson City Mint. Third, the Carson City Mint is one of the most popular coinage facilities in U.S. history, and it has a strong following among specialized gold collectors. Finally, the 1875-CC is a conditionally challenging Double Eagle even when properly struck, and only a couple of hundred Mint State examples are believed to have survived from an original mintage of 111,151 pieces (this estimate is per Douglas Winter and Jim Halperin, *Gold Coins of the Carson City Mint*, 2001).

*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$50,000*



2.

### 1873 Open 3 Liberty Double Eagle

*Misaligned Partial Collar—PCGS AU-58*

A multiple mint error, the obverse die was misaligned in the press with the result that the obverse appears to be slightly off-center. Additionally, this coin was also struck with a partial collar, which in itself is a rare error on a large-denomination U.S. gold coin.

The 1873 Open is one of the most easily obtainable issues in the Type II Double Eagle series of 1866-1876. As a whole, however, this type is one of the most difficult to collect in all of U.S. numismatics, particularly in the finer circulated and Mint State grades.

*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$10,000*



3.

## 1844-O Liberty Eagle

*Partial Collar—AU-50*

A full partial collar error, more than 50% of the reeding is missing completely around the edge of this coin.

The No Motto Liberty Eagle series from the New Orleans Mint has yielded only a few major mint errors of all kinds. As an issue, the 1844-O has a surviving population of only 250-300 coins in all grades (per Doug Winter, *Gold Coins of the New Orleans Mint: 1839-1909, 2006*), and the vast majority of those coins grade no higher than EF-45.



*Rarity: Unique*  
*Value: \$7,500*



4.

## 1900-S Liberty Double Eagle

*Partial Collar—ANACS MS-60*

This impressive error is a full partial collar that has the appearance of being broadstruck. It is another rare mint error on a large-denomination United States gold coin.

*Rarity: 2 Known*  
*Value: \$7,500*



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# Mint Error News Price Guide

*- Updated June 2026 -*

This price guide is brought to you by Mint Error News. It has been compiled by many of the top major mint error dealers.

This price guide is a guide. Prices fluctuate due to the date, grade, eye appeal and how dramatic the striking error is. Rarity is also a factor. The price is sometimes based on the rarity and grade of the type of coin as well as how rare the error is. The price can also vary depending on whether two collectors are bidding for the same rare major mint error. When purchasing a mint error, it is important to use multiple resources to determine value, as there are many mint errors that do not fit into one category.

## Proof Errors (Updated June 2026)



**P**roof coins are struck by technicians who hand feed the blanks into special presses. They are produced, examined, and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find major proof errors. A few broadstrikes, off-centers, double strikes in collars and off-metals have been known to be found in sealed proof sets. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

A very small group of Proof errors recently came from a collection that was auctioned by the State of California. The U.S. Secret Service inspected and released this collection to the State of California determining that it was legal to own. The State of California then auctioned the collection and it has been dispersed since the sale.

Denomination	Broadstrikes	Die Trials	Double/Triple Strikes	Off-Center Strikes	Partial Collar Errors
Proof Lincoln Cent	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$1,000
Proof Clad Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,250
Proof Clad Quarter	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,250
Proof Clad Half	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Proof Ike Dollar	\$15,000	-	\$25,000	-	\$4,000
Presidential Dollar	-	-	-	-	3 Known

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## Broadstrikes (Updated June 2026)



A broadstruck error occurs when a coin is struck without the collar to form the rim and edge that is part of the shape of the coin. Coins can be broadstruck on either type one or type two planchets. When a coin is broadstruck the blank being fed into the collar will spread and distort outward as it is being struck because the collar isn't in the correct position to retain it.

Denomination	(Small) XF/AU	(Small) Unc	(Large) XF/AU	(Large) Unc
Large Cent	\$150	\$300	\$400	\$1,500
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$50	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$50	\$150	\$100	\$250
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$100	\$75	\$200
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$400	\$1,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$5,000
Shield Nickel	\$400	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Liberty Nickel	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$600
Buffalo Nickel	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$500
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$2,500
Barber Dime	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$400
Mercury Dime	\$40	\$150	\$150	\$250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
Barber Quarter	\$600	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$2,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$75	\$150	\$100	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	\$25	N/A	\$50
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$750	N/A	\$1,000
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
Franklin Half	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$150	\$250	\$200	\$300
Kennedy Half Clad	\$40	\$60	\$50	\$75
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$200	\$500	\$400	\$1,000
Peace Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$200
SBA Dollar	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$200
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$1,000
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$1,500	N/A	\$2,500

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## Partial Collars (Updated June 2026)



**P**artial collar strikes occur when there is a malfunction of the striking press. This causes the collar to be in an incorrect position. The lower die (usually the reverse die) is recessed in the collar. This allows the coin which is going to be struck to have a formed rim. After a coin is struck the lower die raises upwards, pushing the struck coin out of the collar and ejecting it. If a blank entering the collar is not properly seated, it will only have partial reeding as it is struck. The edge of this coin will have a partial reeding and a partial blank surface area. Recently, the Mint has installed new machinery where either die can be installed in either position.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$100	\$200
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$500	\$1,500
Indian Cent	\$35	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$30	\$100
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$25	\$50
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$750
3 Cent Nickel	\$150	\$500
3 Cent Silver	\$250	\$750
Shield Nickel	\$200	\$600
Liberty Nickel	\$50	\$150
Buffalo Nickel	\$50	\$75
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$40	\$60
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$750	\$1,500
Seated Dime Legend	\$500	\$1,250
Barber Dime	\$75	\$150
Mercury Dime	\$30	\$100
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$1,250
Barber Quarter	\$300	\$750
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$1,250	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$40	\$75
State Quarter	N/A	\$15
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$1,500
Barber Half	\$1,000	\$1,500
Walking Liberty Half	\$1,500	\$3,500
Franklin Half	\$500	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$50	\$100
Kennedy Half Clad	\$20	\$30
Proof Clad Half	N/A	\$2,000
Morgan Dollar	\$150	\$300
Peace Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	\$50	\$100
SBA Dollar	\$20	\$30
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$100
Presidential Dollar	N/A	\$400
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$2½ Liberty	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$2½ Indian	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$3	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$5,000
\$5 Indian	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$7,500
\$10 Indian	\$7,500	\$10,000
\$20 Liberty Type 3	\$7,500	\$10,000

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## Uniface Strikes (Updated June 2026)



Uniface coins occur when there have been two blank planchets in the press at the same time. The other blank will obstruct the die on either the obverse or reverse side, which will prevent it from having that design on the coin. There are many different variations involving uniface errors. In addition to having a 100% blank obverse or reverse, a coin can be struck off-center, with a blank planchet in the collar which will obstruct one side of the off-center. There are also mated pairs which have a combination of multiple errors which can include a side which is uniface. Finally, there are uniface strikes due to a die cap which adhered to the die, forming itself in the shape of a die and striking blank planchets.

Denomination	Uniface Obverse XF	Uniface Obverse Unc	Uniface Reverse XF	Uniface Reverse Unc
Large Cent	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$750	\$3,000	\$700	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$250	\$500	\$200	\$400
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$50	\$100	\$40	\$75
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,250	\$2,500
Shield Nickel	\$1,750	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$300	\$750	\$250	\$500
Jefferson Nickel	\$20	\$40	\$20	\$40
Barber Dime	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$2,250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$150
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$40	\$75	\$35	\$60
Washington Quarter Silver	\$400	\$750	\$350	\$500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$125	\$75	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	\$300	N/A	\$500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,000	\$500	\$750
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000	N/A	\$3,000
SBA Dollar	\$500	\$1,000	N/A	\$750
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,500	N/A	\$1,000

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## Bonded Coins

(Updated June 2026)



**B**onded coins occur when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin will land on top of the previously unejected strike. These coins will then crush and bond together. This may occur many times as more coins bond.

Denomination	2 Planchets	3-4 Planchets	5-10 Planchets
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$5,000	\$15,000	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$600	\$2,000	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$6,000 - \$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$12,500	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$7,500	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,000	–	–
State Quarter	\$5,000	–	–
Kennedy Half Silver	\$12,500	–	–
Kennedy Half Clad	\$10,000	–	–
IKE Dollar	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	–	–
Sac Dollar	\$10,000	–	–

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## Struck Fragments

(Updated June 2026)



The blanking press takes the coils of metal strips and punches blanks out of it, ejecting the webbing at the other end. The webbing is cut into small scrap pieces to be melted and recycled. Occasionally a scrap piece will be mixed with the blank planchets and struck by the dies. Struck fragments are rare in the larger denominations. These can be uniface or die struck both sides and are very rare on type coins.

Denomination	Uniface	Die Struck Both Sides
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$750	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$3,000	\$3,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$100	\$200
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$500	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$150	\$250
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,250	\$1,500
Washington Quarter Clad	\$200	\$300
State Quarter	\$750	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$750	\$1,250
IKE Dollar	\$4,000	\$6,000
SBA Dollar	\$2,000	\$3,000
Sac Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000

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## Mated Pairs (Updated June 2026)



**M**ated pairs involve two individual coins with different errors that were struck together at the same time. Mated pair error combinations can be found in most error types and come in many shapes and sizes. Mated pairs can be overlapped when one of the coins is struck off-center on top of another coin. Another type involves a brockage where a struck coin was perfectly centered on a blank and restruck. Some mated pairs involve a die cap where the cap and brockage coin are discovered together, but this is a scarce find.

The rarest mated pair type involves two die caps (obverse and reverse) where both dies were capped at the same time and both die caps are mated. This last type is extremely rare and there are only a few known examples of mated pairs involving an obverse die cap and reverse die cap. There are several of these mated pairs known on Kennedy Halves including two dated 1976, which is the Bicentennial year. One of the most spectacular mated pairs involve two Barber Dimes, an obverse die cap mated to a reverse die cap and are unique.

Mated pairs can also involve an off-metal where a smaller blank planchet or smaller struck coin was struck on top of a larger coin. This type is extremely rare. The most spectacular pair known is a double struck Franklin Half which was mated to a Lincoln Cent. The Lincoln Cent blank was on top of the obverse of the struck Franklin Half. This pair was then struck together. It is unique.

Denomination	Overlapping	Full Brockage	Die Cap	2 Die Caps
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$500	\$750	\$750	\$1,250
Liberty Nickel	–	\$20,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel (pre War Time)	–	–	–	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500
Barber Dime	–	–	–	\$50,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	–
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$5,000	–	–	–
Washington Quarter Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
State Quarter	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	–
Kennedy Half Silver	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Kennedy Half Clad	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$20,000	–	–	–
SBA Dollar	\$10,000	\$12,500	–	–
Sac Dollar	–	–	–	–

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## Transitional Errors (Updated June 2026)



A transitional error occurs when a coin is struck on a planchet from a previous year with different metal composition. The most famous transitional is a 1943 copper cent struck on a 1942 copper blank. 1943 cents were struck in steel because of the copper shortage during World War II. Other famous transitionals include 1965 coinage struck in silver instead of clad.

There are also transitionals struck on blanks for the next year. An example is 1964 coinage in clad instead of silver. Most recently, transitionals were discovered involving the SBA and Sacagawea Dollars of 1999 and 2000. There are eight known 1999 SBA Dollars struck on the brass planchet for the 2000 Sacagawea Dollar, and four known 2000 Sacagawea Dollars struck on a clad planchet for the 1999 SBA Dollar.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
SBA Dollar Transitional	Sacagawea Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000
Sacagawea Dollar Transitional	SBA Planchet	N/A	N/A	\$7,500	\$10,000

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## U.S. Gold Errors (Updated June 2026)



Major mint errors on U.S. Gold coins are the most prized category of all mint errors. Gold errors are very rare and a few have traded in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range. Even a broadstruck U.S. Gold coin can easily sell for \$15,000 to \$30,000 compared to a broadstruck Cent, Nickel, Dime or Quarter which all sell for well under \$10. Many serious collectors of Gold Errors have to wait patiently for months and sometimes even years to acquire that one special piece for their collection.

The prices listed here are for common dates in AU-Unc. Better dates and errors that are in gem condition are worth considerably more.

Denomination	Partial Collar	Broadstruck	Clipped Planchet	3% - 5% Off-Center	10% - 15% Off-Center
\$1 Gold Type 1	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$1 Gold Type 2	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1 Gold Type 3	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$2½ Liberty	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$2½ Indian	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$7,500
\$3 Indian	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
\$5 Liberty	\$4,000	\$8,500	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$30,000
\$5 Indian	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$10 Liberty	\$4,000	\$20,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
\$10 Indian	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
\$20 Liberty	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$7,500	\$50,000	\$125,000
\$20 St. Gaudens	—	—	\$5,000	—	—
\$5 American Eagle	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$3,500
\$10 American Eagle	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,500
\$25 American Eagle	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
\$50 American Eagle	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000

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## Indents (Updated June 2026)



An indent error occurs when two blanks are fed inadvertently into the same collar, with one blank partly overlaying on top of the other. When the hammer die strikes this combination, the upper blank will be forced into the lower blank, creating a depression which is shaped similar to the upper blank. A scarce type of indent occurs when a blank intended for one denomination lands on top of a blank from a different denomination.

Denomination	10% - 25% XF	30% - 50% XF	10% - 25% Unc	30% - 50% Unc
Large Cent	\$300	\$600	\$750	\$2,000
Indian Cent	\$250	\$500	\$400	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$100	\$300	\$175	\$500
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$30	\$75	\$75	\$125
3 Cent Nickel	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$3,000
Shield Nickel	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,000
Liberty Nickel	\$400	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$300	\$1,000	\$600	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$200	\$400	\$400	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	\$10	\$25	\$15	\$30
Barber Dime	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Mercury Dime	\$300	\$750	\$500	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$30	\$60	\$50	\$100
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$10	\$20	\$15	\$30
Washington Quarter Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$300
Washington Quarter Clad	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$100
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$200	\$350
Kennedy Half Clad	\$150	\$300	\$200	\$400
IKE Dollar	\$350	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,500
SBA Dollar	\$200	\$400	\$250	\$500
Sac Dollar	\$300	\$500	\$400	\$750

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## Die Caps (Updated June 2026)



**D**ie caps are caused when a struck coin sticks to the upper hammer die. Once the coin is struck to the die face, the reverse of the struck coin becomes the new die face. When the next blank is fed into the collar and the strike occurs, the reverse design of the adhered struck coin impresses itself into the new blank. This struck coin is a brockage strike. The coin that adhered to the upper die is known as a die cap. This process repeats itself as more coins are struck by the cap. The greater the number of strikes, the higher the cap metal will be pushed around the upper die shaft. Eventually, the cap brakes away from the die in the shape of a thimble.

Denomination	Obverse Cap XF	Obverse Cap Unc	Reverse Cap XF	Reverse Cap Unc
Large Cent	\$25,000	\$50,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1859	\$20,000	\$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1860-1864	\$15,000	\$40,000	–	–
Indian Cent 1864-1909	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$2,500	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	–	–	–	–
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$500	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$150	\$200	\$50	\$100
2 Cent Piece	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
3 Cent Nickel	–	–	–	–
Shield Nickel	–	–	–	–
Liberty Nickel	\$12,500	\$25,000	–	–
Buffalo Nickel (1 Known)	–	\$30,000	–	–
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$10,000	–	–	–
Jefferson Nickel	\$200	\$350	\$150	\$250
Barber Dime	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime (2 Known)	\$5,000	\$7,500	–	–
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$750	\$1,250	\$500	\$750
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$200	\$400	\$200	\$250
Barber Quarter	\$20,000	\$50,000	–	–
Washington Quarter Silver	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$350	\$750	\$250	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$1,000	N/A	\$600
Kennedy Half Silver	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Bicentennial	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,750	\$2,500
IKE Dollar	–	\$30,000	–	–
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$10,000
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$15,000	N/A	\$15,000

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## Die Adjustment Strikes (Updated June 2026)



Die adjustment strikes are also known as die trials. This error occurs when a coin is struck from the press with very little pressure. When the press is being set up and adjusted, extremely weak strikes occur as the strike pressure reaches its optimum level. These die trials are destroyed after being struck and are rarely found in circulation.

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Indian Cent	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ear	\$200	\$300
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$750	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$50	\$75
2 Cent	\$5,000	—
Liberty Nickel	\$3,000	\$5,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$1,250	\$2,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$75	\$100
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$1,000
Barber Dime	\$2,500	\$3,500
Mercury Dime	\$1,000	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$350	\$500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$125
Seated Quarter	\$4,000	\$7,500
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$7,500	\$15,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Clad (Pre-State)	\$125	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	\$200
Walking Liberty Half	\$2,500	\$5,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$500	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	\$200	\$250
Proof Kennedy Half 40% Silver	N/A	\$1,500
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$1,000
Morgan Dollar	\$1,500	\$2,500
Peace Dollar	\$7,000	\$10,000
IKE Dollar	\$300	\$400
IKE Dollar Bicentennial	\$350	\$500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	\$1,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Double Denominations (Updated June 2026)



One of the most expensive, popular, and desired types of errors are the double denominations. This error happens when a coin is struck on a previously struck coin of a smaller denomination. Examples are a cent on a struck dime, and a nickel on a struck cent. The most dramatic are those with considerable design visible from the original strike. There are a few known double denominations with different dates.

Denomination	Struck On	Circulated	AU	Unc
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Mercury Dime	\$6,000	\$12,500	\$20,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Roosevelt Dime	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	–
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Roosevelt Dime Clad	N/A	N/A	\$750
Lincoln Cent Memorial	Foreign Coin	N/A	\$600	\$750
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500
Jefferson Nickel	Lincoln Cent Memorial	N/A	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel	Foreign Coin	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	Roosevelt Dime	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Coin	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Coin	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Foreign Coin	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Jefferson Nickel	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
Washington Quarter Silver	Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Foreign Coin	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
Washington Quarter Clad	Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Washington Quarter Clad	Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
State Quarter	Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$2,000	\$3,000
State Quarter (Extremely Rare)	Any Other Denomination	N/A	\$10,000	\$12,500
Franklin Half	Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$25,000
Kennedy Half (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
IKE Dollar (Extremely Rare)	Any Denomination	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Sac Dollar	Maryland State Quarter	N/A	\$3,000	\$4,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Brockages (Updated June 2026)



A brockage error can only occur when there are two coins involved. One of the coins involved will always be a struck coin which has not ejected properly. That struck coin will find its way back between the dies and will be struck next to a blank planchet which was fed into the collar. The image of that first struck coin will be impressed into that side of the blank planchet. The result will be a second coin which has images of the first coin impressed into it. Those images will be pressed into the coin and the image will be in reverse. This incuse sunken image is known as a brockage.

Denomination	50% Brockage XF	100% Brockage XF	50% Brockage Unc	100% Brockage Unc
Large Cent	\$600	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$10,000
Indian Cent	\$500	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$350	\$500	\$650	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$125	\$200	\$200	\$350
3 Cent Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
3 Cent Silver	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,250	\$2,250	\$2,000	\$4,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$7,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$250	\$750	\$750	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$75	\$50	\$150
Barber Dime	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$12,500
Mercury Dime	\$750	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$100	\$200	\$150	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$75	\$150	\$150	\$250
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$750	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	N/A	\$650	\$1,500
IKE Dollar	\$1,500	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$500	\$2,500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$5,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Double & Multiple Strikes (Updated June 2026)



When a blank planchet is struck by the dies, the normal procedure is for the feeders to eject the struck coin out of the collar and into a chute. If there is a malfunction and the struck coin isn't ejected, it may receive a second or third strike by the dies. A multiple struck coin can happen in many ways and have many combinations of errors.

(Since each double and multiple strike can vary from being 10% off-center to 90% off-center, the prices listed below can be substantially more based on the percent off-center and dramatic overall look.)

Denomination	XF/AU	Unc
Large Cent	\$1,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	\$600	\$1,000
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$850	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$400	\$1,500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	\$2,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$2,000	\$3,500
Liberty Nickel	\$4,000	\$10,000
Buffalo Nickel	\$5,000	\$10,000
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$750	\$2,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	\$2,000
Barber Dime	\$4,000	\$10,000
Mercury Dime	\$3,500	\$8,500
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	\$2,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$15,000	\$50,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$200	\$350
State Quarter	N/A	\$350 – \$750
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	\$2,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$10,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	\$6,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,500	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$750
Proof Kennedy Half Clad	N/A	\$5,000
Morgan Dollar	\$10,000	\$25,000
Peace Dollar	\$15,000	\$40,000
IKE Dollar	\$2,000	\$4,000 - \$7,500
SBA Dollar	\$1,000	\$2,500 – \$4,000
Sac Dollar	\$750	\$1,250 – \$2,500

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Off-Center Strikes (Updated June 2026)



Off-center coins are one of the most common and best known types of errors. This happens when a blank which is supposed to be fed into the press, lands in the collar improperly. When this occurs only part of the blank is between the upper and lower dies. When the dies strike the blank, only that part will be struck with a design.

Denomination	10% - 15% XF/AU	25% - 60% XF/AU	10% - 15% Unc	25% - 60% Unc
Large Cent	\$400	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$10,000
Flying Eagle Cent (1857 – 1858)	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Indian Cent	\$100	\$400	\$200	\$600
Lincoln Cent 1930 and Earlier	\$75	\$300	\$150	\$750
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$40	\$250	\$100	\$500
Proof Lincoln Cent	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000
3 Cent Nickel	\$300	\$1,500	\$600	\$3,500
3 Cent Silver	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	\$750	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$7,500
Liberty Nickel	\$250	\$1,000	\$500	\$2,500
Buffalo Nickel	\$250	\$750	\$400	\$1,500
Jefferson Nickel War Time	\$100	\$500	\$200	\$1,000
Proof Jefferson Nickel	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000
Seated Half Dime Legend	\$3,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$15,000
Seated Dime Legend	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$10,000
Barber Dime	\$300	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,500
Mercury Dime	\$100	\$750	\$150	\$1,250
Proof Clad Dime	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000
Barber Quarter	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Standing Liberty Quarter	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
Washington Quarter Silver	\$50	\$100	\$75	\$150
State Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$75	\$300
Proof Clad Quarter	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000
Barber Half	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$20,000
Walking Liberty Half	\$4,000	\$12,500	\$7,500	\$20,000
Franklin Half	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$7,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$100	\$500	\$250	\$1,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$60	\$250	\$100	\$400
Proof Clad Half	N/A	N/A	\$1,500	\$3,000
Morgan Dollar	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
Peace Dollar	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
IKE Dollar	\$125	\$1,250	\$150	\$2,000
SBA Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$100	\$500
Sac Dollar	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$3,500
Presidential Dollar	–	–	\$1,500	\$5,000

# Mint Error News Price Guide

## Off-Metals (Updated June 2026)



Off-metal and wrong planchet errors occur when a correctly made blank from one denomination is accidentally fed into a press for another denomination. Examples are a nickel struck on a cent planchet and a cent struck on a dime planchet. The coin struck on an incorrect blank will weigh exactly what the denomination of that blank would have been. An even more dramatic wrong planchet error is a coin struck on a previously struck coin of a different metal.

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Indian Cent	Foreign Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
Indian Cent	Dime Planchet	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Dime Planchet	\$4,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	–
Lincoln Cent Before 1919	Foreign Planchet	\$750	\$2,000	\$4,000	–
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$6,000
Lincoln Cent 1919 – 1940	Foreign Planchet	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	Dime Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$7,500
Lincoln Cent 1943 Transitional	Copper Cent Planchet	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000
Lincoln Cent 1944 Transitional	Steel Cent Planchet	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears (1941-1964)	Dime Planchet	\$500	\$600	\$1,000	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 and Later	Dime Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$350
Lincoln Cent 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000
Lincoln Cent 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$2,750	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Shield Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$7,500	\$12,500	–	–
Shield Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$60,000
Liberty Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$400	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Liberty Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
Buffalo Nickel	Foreign Planchet	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	–
Buffalo Nickel	Cent Planchet	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000
Jefferson Nickel Before 1950	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Jefferson Nickel 1950 and Later	Cent Planchet	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$250
Jefferson Nickel 1943	Steel Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel 1964 and Earlier	Silver Dime Planchet	\$200	\$300	\$350	\$400
Jefferson Nickel 1965 and Later	Clad Dime Planchet	\$150	\$200	\$225	\$250
Roosevelt Dime Silver	Foreign Planchet	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Roosevelt Dime Clad	Foreign Planchet	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,250	\$2,500
Roosevelt Dime 1964 Transitional	Clad Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Roosevelt Dime 1965 Transitional	Silver Dime Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
Washington Quarter Silver	Cent Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$750
Washington Quarter Silver	Nickel Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600
Washington Quarter Clad	Cent Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500

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## Off-Metals (Updated June 2026)

Denomination	Off-Metal Planchet	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc – Gem
Washington Quarter Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250
Washington Quarter	Silver Dime Planchet	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$650
Washington Quarter	Clad Dime Planchet	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400
Washington Quarter 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$12,500
Washington Quarter 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,500
State Quarter	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$8,000
Delaware State Quarter	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$500	\$650	\$750
All Other State Quarters	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
State Quarter	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$6,000
Walking Half	Dime Planchet	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
Walking Half	Quarter Planchet	\$17,500	\$22,500	\$40,000	\$35,000
Walking Half	Foreign Planchet	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Franklin Half	Cent Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Nickel Planchet	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Franklin Half	Dime Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,500
Franklin Half	Quarter Planchet	\$600	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Cent Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Nickel Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500	\$2,000
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Dime Planchet	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500
Kennedy Half Silver 1964	Quarter Planchet	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$750
Kennedy Half Clad	Cent Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Clad	Nickel Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,250
Kennedy Half Clad	Dime Planchet	\$750	\$850	\$1,000	\$1,400
Kennedy Half Clad	Quarter Planchet	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Half Planchet	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Half Planchet	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$7,500	\$10,000
Kennedy Half 1964 Transitional	Clad Quarter Planchet	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Kennedy Half 1965 Transitional	Silver Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$10,000
Ike Dollar	Cent Planchet	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Nickel Planchet	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Ike Dollar	Dime Planchet	\$7,500	\$8,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Ike Dollar	Quarter Planchet	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$15,000
Ike Dollar	Half Planchet	\$1,600	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$3,000
Ike Dollar	Foreign Planchet	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,500
Ike Dollar Transitional	40% Silver Planchet	\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$1,750	\$3,000	\$5,000
SBA Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000
SBA Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
SBA Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$600	\$850	\$1,000
Sac Dollar	Cent Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Nickel Planchet	N/A	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Dime Planchet	N/A	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Sac Dollar	Quarter Planchet	N/A	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

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## Counterbrockages

(Updated June 2026)



A counterbrockage error involves a cap die and a previously struck coin. When a cap die strikes a previously struck coin, the obverse design from that struck coin will be impressed into the cap. The result will be a design where the cap face will be an incuse brockage. When a new blank is struck by this cap die with an incuse brockage image, the obverse will have a raised and spread image from that incuse design of the cap. This brockage impression is known as a counterbrockage.

Denomination	Circulated	AU	Unc	Choice Unc - Gem
Indian Cent	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent 1943 Steel	\$500	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Lincoln Cent Wheat Ears	\$200	\$200	\$300	\$500
Lincoln Cent Memorial	\$40	\$50	\$75	\$100
Shield Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Liberty Nickel	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
Jefferson Nickel	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$200
Barber Dime	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$300	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$100	\$150	\$250	\$300
Washington Quarter Silver	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
State Quarter	N/A	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
Kennedy Half Silver	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Kennedy Half Clad	\$500	\$750	\$1,250	\$1,500
SBA Dollar	N/A	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000

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## Fold-Over Strikes (Updated June 2026)



A fold-over coin is one of the most dramatic types of errors. It occurs when the blank is standing vertically between the dies. During the strike, the force is so great that it bends and folds the blank. These fold-overs can be on-center or off-center, and come in many different shapes. There are a few fold-overs with multiple errors, either with an additional strike or fold-over. Denominations above quarters are very scarce.

Denomination	AU	AU Dated	Unc	Unc Dated
Indian Cent Memorial Copper	\$1,000	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,500
Lincoln Cent Memorial Zinc	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,250
Jefferson Nickel	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
Roosevelt Dime Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
Roosevelt Dime Clad	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,500
Washington Quarter Silver	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Washington Quarter Clad	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
State Quarter	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,500

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## Martha Washington Test Pieces (Updated June 2026)



There is one set of a Dime, Quarter and Half struck by Martha Washington dies that are permanently housed in the Smithsonian Institute, embedded in blocks of lucite. According to United States Pattern and Related Issues, by Andrew W. Pollock III, “the only trial pieces purported to have survived metallurgical testing in 1965 were the Dime, Quarter Dollar, and Half Dollar equivalent strikes in copper-nickel clad over copper.”

Mike Byers’ discovery of the Martha Washington Test Piece on a copper-zinc Cent planchet struck 10% off-center with a uniface reverse was a front page Coin World article on August 7th, 2000.

Denomination	Unc	Choice	Gem
Martha Cent	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
Martha Nickel	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500
Martha Dime	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$12,500
Martha Quarter	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$3,000
Martha Half Dollar	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (SBA Planchet)	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Martha Dollar (Sac Planchet)	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000

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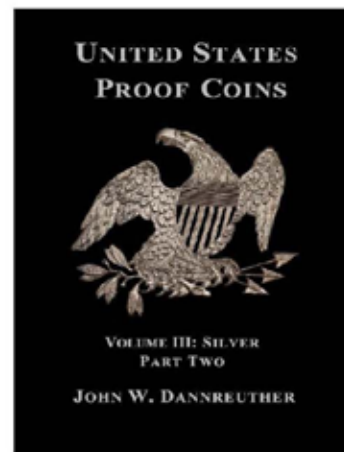
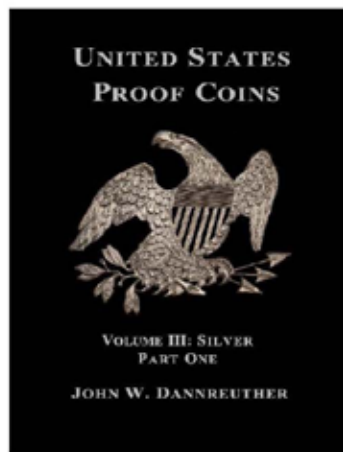
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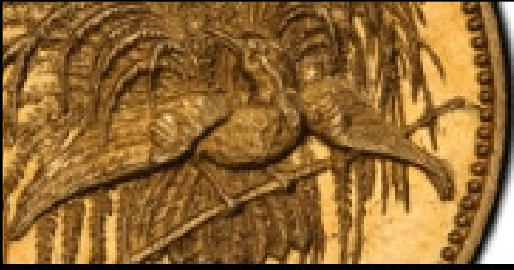
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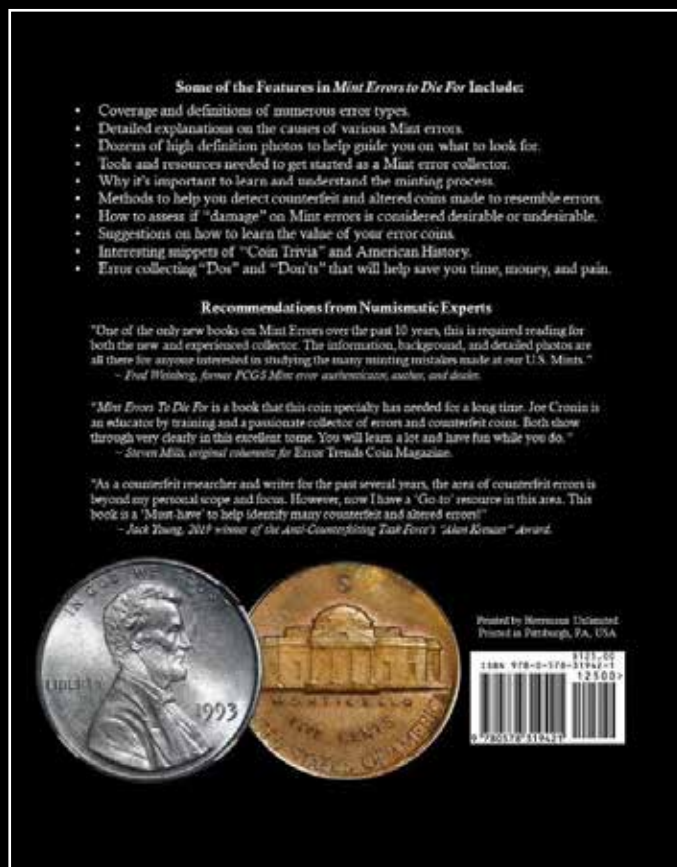
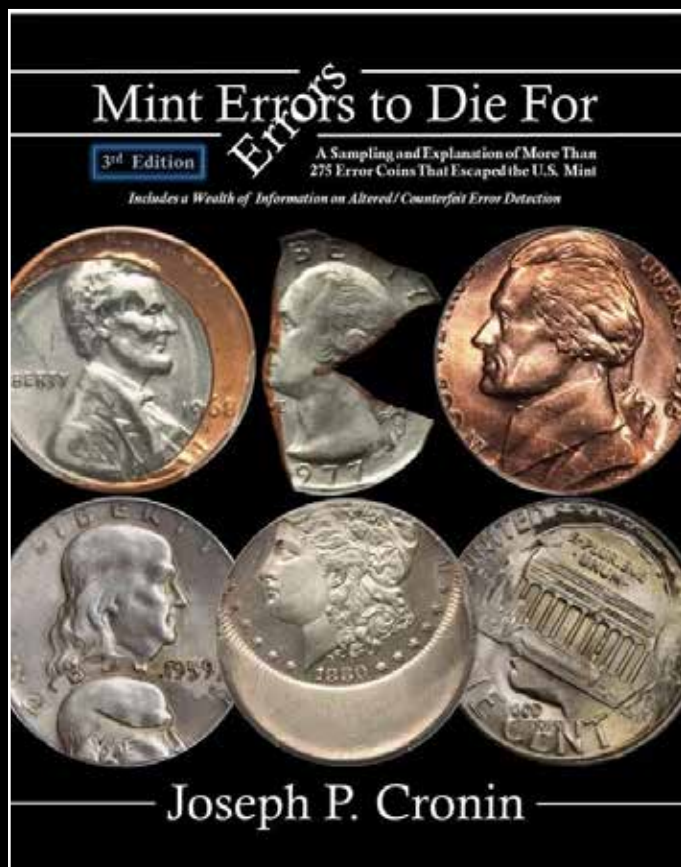
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## Non-gold Coins Struck on Gold Planchets



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**Coin Trivia:** Though the 1913 Buffalo nickel is on a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet, Mint errors on \$2.5 gold planchets include: Indian Head Cents: (3) 1900, 1905, 1906, and 1907. Lincoln Cents: 1911, 1915, and 1927

### 1913 (Type 2) Buffalo Nickel:

#### Struck on a \$5 Gold Half Eagle Planchet

Though there are nine known cents (six Indian Heads and three Lincolns) struck on gold Quarter Eagle (\$2.5) planchets, this is the only known Buffalo nickel struck on a gold planchet of any type; in this case, it's likely a \$5 gold Half Eagle planchet. (Some speculate it was made intentionally as were the five known 1913 Liberty nickels). Sadly someone cut into the rim on the reverse at 8 o'clock (see photo below) likely to prove it's just another plated novelty coin. Now even if you're 99.9% sure your suspect coin is a fake, don't ever, ever do that! As a result, PCGS gave it a "Genuine/AU Details" grade. It's no surprise that the psychological impact of PCGS' grade adversely affected its initial selling price: \$78,000 at Heritage Auctions in January of 2021 – a heck of a lot less than what many experts expected despite the damage.

In an interesting twist, Las Vegas rare coin dealer Mike Byers reacquired the coin and advocated it shouldn't have been given a "Genuine" label as there are a few other high-profile straight-graded coins/patterns with post-Mint alterations. NGC agreed and straight-graded it at AU-53; he later sold the coin privately for \$400,000! (Source: [MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html](http://MikeByers.com/6324417-001.html))



### What the Planchet Was Intended to Become

Below is a 1913 Indian Head \$5 gold Half Eagle, which is likely what the planchet for the featured 1913 Buffalo nickel was supposed to become. Seeing that U.S. Mint control of gold and silver planchets was so tight even back then, it is unknown if this is a true error or a Mint-assisted coin. (Photos courtesy of PCGS® Used by permission at PCGS.com/ CoinFacts)



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*on a*

Dime Planchet

Kennedy Half Dollar

*on a*

Zinc Cent Planchet

1999 SBA Dollar

*on a*

Zinc Cent Planchet

Sacagawea Dollar

*on a*

Dime Planchet

2000 Sacagawea Dollar

*on a*

SBA Dollar Planchet

(2010-2025) Lincoln Shield Cent

*on a*

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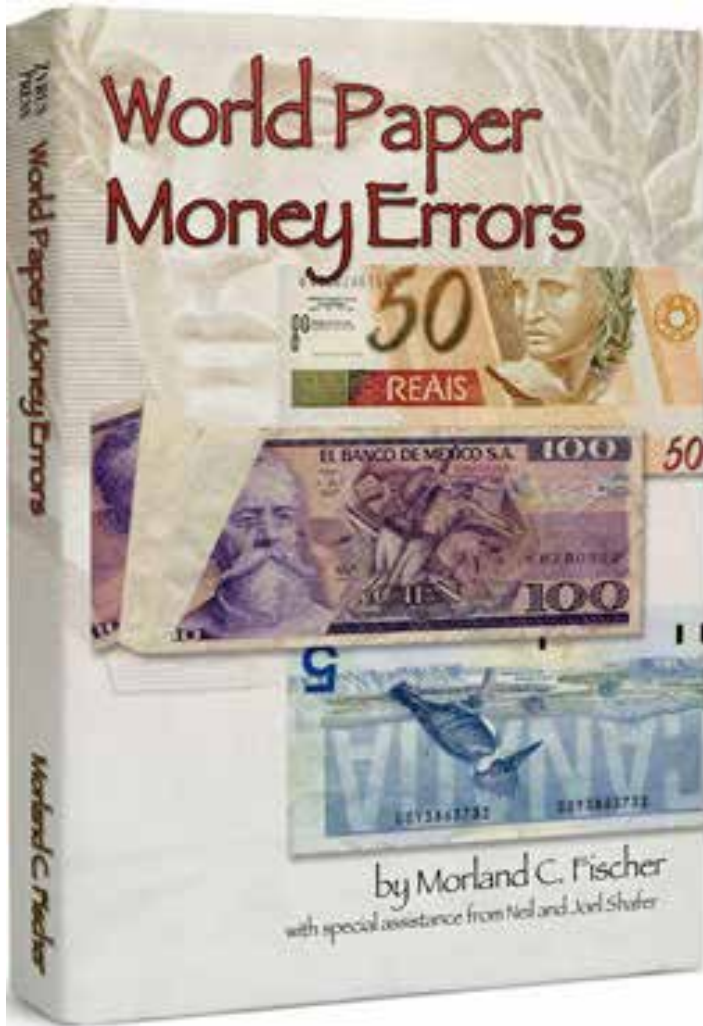


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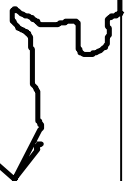
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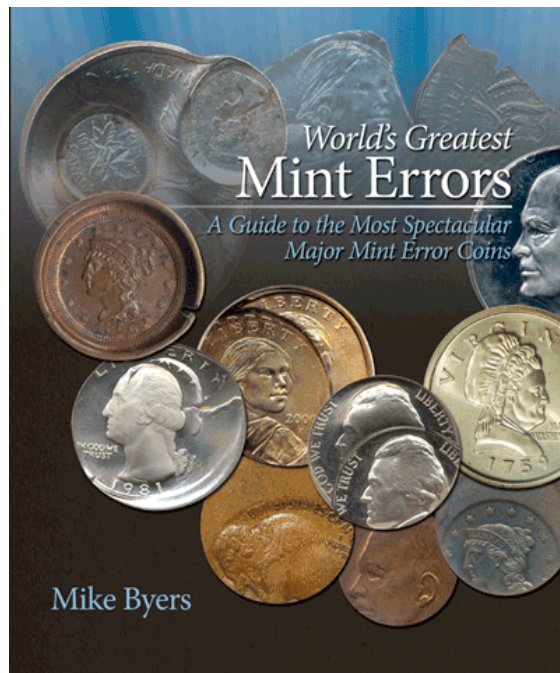


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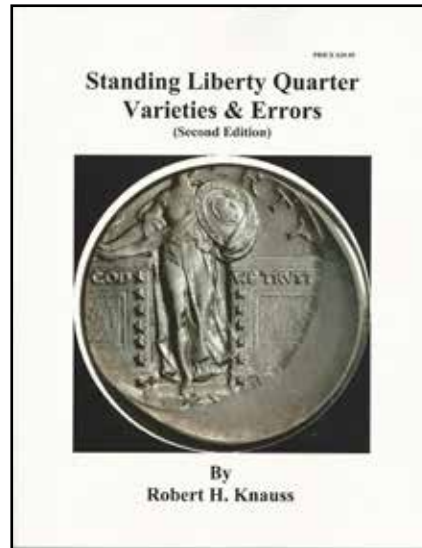
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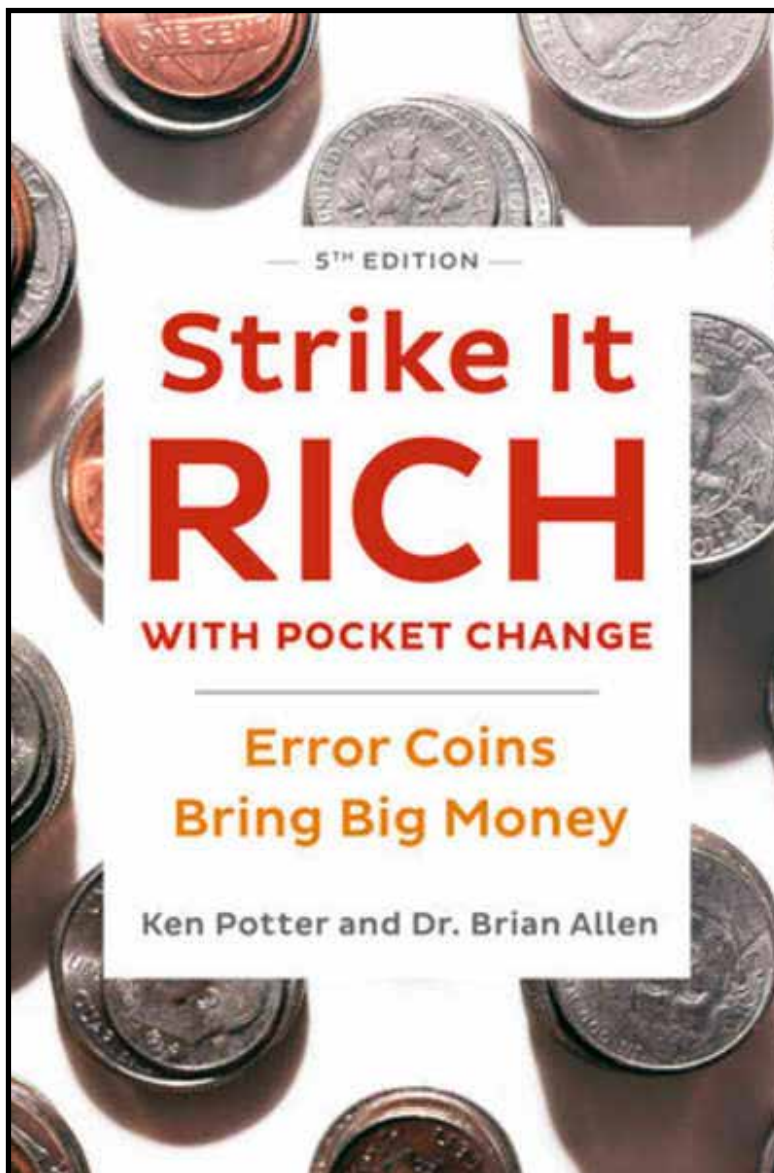
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1999 Cent On A 1997 Dime

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