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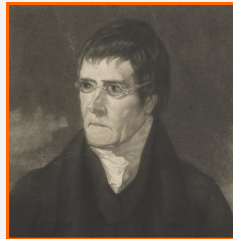
Hello fellow numismatists! This is the very first issue of my weekly newsletter, *the Loupe*. Inside you will find several segments addressing different topics about numismatics. On the left you will see the first segment, Chief Engravers. Each issue will feature a different chief engraver of the US mint, in chronological order.

1st Chief Engravers

Robert Scot

Chief Engraver 1793 - 1823

- Draped Bust
- Flowing Hair
- Liberty Cap
- Matron Head



Below is where I will discuss a specific US type coin, in the order that you would find them in a US Type set album. On the second page I will have any numismatic news, up to date silver melt value, and a fun "guess the grade" segment. Thank you so much for signing up, and be sure to check out our sponsor's website, Numismastery. I hope you all enjoy, and stay safe!

- Timothy

Draped Bust Half Cent

US Type Coins

For those collectors with the basic US Type set, the Draped Bust half cent is the first coin in the collection. But the pricey Flowing Hair half cent is a type that is to be included for those collectors with a larger budget.

The Draped Bust half cent was first struck in 1800, with the same design that had been in use

by the large cent since 1796. Robert Scot was the designer of the coin, and had potentially modeled the bust of lady liberty after Anne Bingham, which was painted by Gilbert Stuart in 1795.

The mintage numbers of the Draped Bust half cent vary from 202,000 to 1,055,000. Combined, roughly

3,400,000 of the coin was struck. 1801 was the only date of the series that did not see production.

Most dates are relatively common for the series, except for several varieties that saw low mintage numbers. One of them is the 1802 over 0 second reverse variety, which is the key date of the series and very scarce.

There are two different types of reverses used, the reverse of 1800 and the "second type" reverse. The reverse bore smaller lettering and wreath, while the second type was the opposite.

Fact file

1800 - 1808
Half cent
23.5 mm 5.44 g

G	F	VF	XF	AU	MS
70	120	190	350	675	

A very iconic feature depicted on the reverse of the coin is the fraction used to numerically indicate the coin's denomination. Sadly, this style was only used until 1808. The large cent also had the same fraction.

Red examples of this type is extremely scarce. Only 17 examples have received RD in the PCGS population report.



Numismatic News

life, and is called the 1921 Silver Dollar Coin

production of the original Morgan and Peace Dollars, so in honor of the inactive mints Philadelphia will also be striking the silver dollars with privy mark bearing the O and CC mintmarks.

The return of the Peace and Morgan dollars will likely draw a lot of attention, possibly drawing in more people to the hobby of numismatics.



to exist. And just this past Thursday, on January 21, the highest grading example was auctioned at Heritage Auctions. Grading an impressive MS65, the coin reached a staggering \$9.36 million dollar winning bid, making it the highest price paid for an NGC certified coin at auction.

Numismatists from far and wide can all agree that the Peace and Morgan dollar is one of the most popular series to collect. Who knows what will come of their return in 2021. There year 1921 marked the transition from the successful Morgan dollar over to the Peace dollar. Public Law 116-286 brought the idea to

Anniversary Act.

Much effort was put into the project, in attempt to perfectly replicate the original dies used to strike the Morgan and Peace dollars a century ago. The original composition, size, and almost every aspect of the coin will be replicated in the 2021 silver dollars.

The Philadelphia mint will be striking the coins without a 'P' mintmark, while the Denver and San Francisco mints will be busy striking their own coins with the usual D and S mint marks. New Orleans and Carson City both hosted a US mint during the



The Brasher Doubloon is the first gold coin to be struck in the US after the Revolutionary War, making it a highly coveted and sought after coin. To date, there are only 9 known



Guess the grade


What grade do you think the NGC gave it? (answer at bottom of page)

Silver Statistics


\$25.38 oz + \$0.10

Coin	Melt	Coin	Melt
War nickel	\$1.43	40% Kennedy	\$3.75
Dime	\$1.83	Half dollar	\$9.18
Quarter	\$4.59	Dollar	\$19.63

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