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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — October 2024

Lavar Burton

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi UNS Club Members

At our September meeting we had 39 members in attendance. We need to find out why our Club members are not coming out to our monthly meetings. If you see any of our members, that haven't been coming out, tell them we miss them. We have over 100 registered members.

Thanks to Sherry Gunderson for the Coin Quiz, Bruce Greggs, Darin Lee, Sherry Gunderson, Jan Reninger & Ron Swain for the Mini Exhibits. Thanks to Larry Kimira & Clay Riggs for the Refreshment's.

I want to thank Jerimy Dansie for his talk on currency. He did a great job explaining the early bills and what to look for. I hope you, that collect paper money, got something out of his talk, I sure did,

This month our guest specker will be Doug Wright. Doug has been a Club member for many years. He was past President, year 1975.

LaVar Burton President

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Meeting, October 8, 2024, 7PM

Meeting location

Columbus Center—2530 South 500 East—Salt Lake City UT

NOVEMBER ELECTION INFORMATION

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November is our bi-annual elections, the following information may be helpful for members to know prior to the meeting:

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Secretary (Elected) To keep a true record of the transactions of the Society and preserve all documents pertaining to his/her office. To act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, and to keep a true record of the transactions of its proceedings and send a copy thereof to each of its members. To prepare and sign all proper Checks/disbursements on the Treasurer, and forward them to the President or to the Vice President, when so directed by the President To receive all applications for membership; if properly prepared and accompanied by the required advance dues, to publish notice of such in the official Newsletter; forward objections to the President; publish information as to new members so admitted as well as changes in membership, resignations and deaths; and make monthly revisions of the mailing list and email list of the official Newsletter To attend to all matters relating to subscriptions to the official Newsletter by non-members and the sale of single copies thereof, which price shall be set by the Board of Directors should they deem it appropriate to do so To perform such duties in connection with the nomination and election of officers as may be required by these Bylaw's. To prepare and publish a directory of members at least once every three years.

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Curator (Elected) Procurement of items for the Buy of the Month and monthly prizes for the drawing. Procurement of prizes for our Christmas Party Responsible for placing any additional numismatic assets acquired by the club, either through purchase or donation, to the appropriate custodian for safekeeping.

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A note concerning Appointed Positions; Those holding appointed positions are directly responsible to the President and may be invited to board meetings to disseminate information. Individuals who have appointed positions are not members of the board and are not able to vote when invited to attend in order to inform the board concerning their activities in that position. Their input will be greatly appreciated and taken into advisement by the board for them to make any necessary actions.

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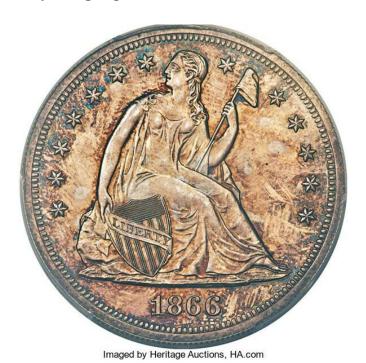
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1866 NO MOTTO COINS

Doug Nyholm

An article by Dick Osburn in the summer issue or "The Gobrecht Journal" entitled "The 1866 No Motto Seated Dollar, Regular Issue, Transitional Dolar or a Fantasy piece" piqued my interest. For most collectors who do not collect this series or are not familiar with Seated coinage this article probably would be taken as just another coin article. Since I have collected Seated half dollars and have a virtually complete set this 1866 No Motto dollar along with its counterparts, the quarter and half dollar are three of the rarest coins ever struck by the U.S. Mint. In fact my set of Seated half dollars now housed in a Dansco album to my distain contains a hole for the 1866 No Motto half dollar. The day I purchased the album I could not believe that they would include a hole for a unique coin! Yes, unique as there is only a single specimen known which now resides in the Smithsonian.





To begin with as was the subject of Dick Osburns article, the 1866 NM silver dollar of which only two examples were struck, one residing in the Smithsonian and the other fortunately in private collectors

hands which was last sold in April 2021 for \$1,050,000. It, pictured above, was described as PCGS PR-63 and as Judd-540, Pollock-605 and obviously R8. The current PCGS price guide lists its value at

\$1,350,000.

In regard to the origin and status of this and the quarter and half they are most assuredly not regular issue coins and were never struck for circulation. Even the date in which they were minted is questionable with some numismatists claiming 1866 but others feel they were struck as as favor to the well connected collector Robert Coulter Davis as late as 1870 or thereabouts. Dick Osburn viewed the example in the Smithsonian and although the reverse die was apparently used to strike 1865 proof coins he stated this was no proof that they were struck in 1866. He went on to state that it is unlikely that we will ever know the specific details of their striking since no records exist or survive and possibly no documentation ever existed.

As far as them being a fantasy piece, this seems to be more likely than their being struck as patterns.

Even a transitional pattern would most likely bear the 1865 date. They, today, should most correctly be described as Fantasy coins.

The 1866 Silver Dollar as well as the 1866 NM Quarter and Half Dollar were in several collections from the late 1800's until the mid twentieth century ultimately winding up in the famous DuPont collection



Which was stolen in 1967. Fortunately they were later recovered and all three coins were donated to the Smithsonian collection in 2014. Prior to DuPont owning them they resided in several famous collections including F.C.C. Boyd, Colornel E.H.R. Green, King Farouk, William Woodin and earlier in mint directors James Snowden's collection.

Initially many references were not aware of their extreme rarity. The Adams/Wooden pattern reference from 1913 indicated an R6 rarity (35-50 Known) and even the Red Book of 1948 indicated a relatively common coin.

After the three coins were donated to the Smithsonian it left only the second known 1866 dollar in private hands where it remains today. Much of the history of these coins is shrouded in mystery from the late 1800's to the mid twentieth century. The mint at the time of their creation was embroiled in the creating of restrikes and fantasy coins to sell for a profit to well connected collectors which was a very small group of individuals. Other coins in this category include the 1804 Dollar restrikes, the 1884 and 1885 Trade Dollars and even the 1913 Nickel.

Bottom line these so called fantasy coins are some of the rarest coins ever struck and even today are listed in the Red Book. Their creation is still a mystery as there are many mysteries in the Numismatic world.





This copper 1983 Lincoln Cent recently sold for \$29,250 by Great Collection on July 28. It received 49 bids. It weighs 3.11g while the normal copper plated zinc cent weighs only 2.5g.

Cherry-pickers, get your scales out!

Small-Size Mule Notes & Fabled \$5 Backplate 637

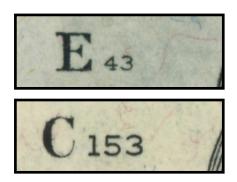
By: Jeremy Dansie

One of the most intriguing aspects of collecting early U.S. small-size notes is the number and type of varieties for collectors to pursue. Some are well-known and easy to identify, while others go unnoticed by most of the numismatic community. If a collector is diligent and knows what to look for, some exciting trophies can be found well below their value. Several new and previously unknown discoveries have been made in just the last few years.

Mule notes are arguably the most well-known of all small-size varieties. They can be found in all denominations from \$1 to \$10,000 notes and across Silver Certificates (blue seals), Legal Tender (red seals), and Federal Reserve Notes (green seals). Some mules are very common and aren't valued any more than their non-mule counterparts. In contrast, other mules are extremely rare and can incite fierce bidding wars at public auctions, resulting in hammer prices well over \$1,000.



So, what exactly is a mule? The requirements for a note to be considered a mule vary depending on the type of note and when it was printed. For early U.S. small-size notes (1928, 1934, and 1935 series), a mule is created when a note is printed with an older micro-sized plate serial number on one side and a macro-sized plate serial number on the other. It doesn't matter which side of the note has the micro-size plate number as long as the other side has a macro-size plate number. Micro numbers measure 0.6mm high, while macro numbers are 1.0mm high. Below is a comparison between the micro and macro-size numbers with faceplates on the left and backplates on the right.





So, what's the big deal with such tiny numbers, and how did they come to be? From the beginning of printing small-size notes in 1928, all production plates used to print U.S. notes were engraved with micro-sized plate numbers. Each production plate from a given type or series was assigned a different serial number and etched into the plate before it was put into production. This allowed the Bureau of Printing and Engraving (BEP) to track each plate as it was sent to and removed from the presses and identify the exact plate from which a given note was printed.

In August 1937, the Secret Service requested that the BEP increase the size of the plate numbers so that after a note became worn, they could still read the number. After some back-and-forth between the two sides, in October 1937, the Secret Service approved the new plate numbers to be 1mm high, roughly 1 1/3 times larger than those they replaced. In January 1938, the first macro plate, a \$1 backplate, was sent to press. As the BEP had yet to create new faceplates with macro-size plate numbers, the first sheet produced from a macro backplate received its face printing from a micro plate, and the first mule was born!

From that point, all new plates produced had macro-sized plate numbers, including faceplates, but the micro plates continued to be used and shared time on the presses, often side by side. Mules were created each time a sheet was printed on one side by a macro plate and the other by a micro plate. These notes are referred to as "micro-macro" mules. All micro plates were eventually replaced with macro plates when they wore out, or a sufficient number of macro plates had been created to satisfy the production demands. This gradual transition lasted several years, but some higher denomination mules were produced as late as 1951 due to different circumstances. As a result, many different mule varieties were made. Depending on which plates were on the presses simultaneously and other events occurring during production, some mules are very common, while others are rare. Just because a note is a mule doesn't mean it is rare or has a higher value than its regular non-mule counterparts, but many are. To determine the value or rarity of a mule, it's best to consult published numismatic references and trusted online resources, such as the Paper Money Project (www.papermoneyproject.com).

As mentioned previously, micro-macro mules can be found in all denominations between \$1 and \$10,000, and within \$1 through \$20 denominations, they are always found in consecutive series with the Julian-Morgenthau signature combination. Below is an example of a pair of \$20 FRN mules from consecutive series, with the earlier series (1934) having a micro faceplate and a macro backplate and the later series (1934A) having a macro faceplate and a micro backplate. Series of 1934 regular non-mules have a micro faceplate and backplate (neither pictured).





The table below outlines the series where micro-macro mules can be found for each denomination \$1 through \$20 and the applicable backplate numbers. The backs of the sheets were printed before the fronts and were shared between all types of notes. For example, the backs of all early \$5 small-size notes were printed from the same backplates (Legal Tender, Silver Certificates, Federal Reserve Notes, Federal Reserve Bank Notes, National Bank Notes, etc.)—separate backplates were not produced for each type.

| Denomination & Type | Series | Faceplate | Backplate | BP #s |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| follogal Tandar Mulas (rad apple) | 1928C | micro | macro | 289 and higher |
| \$2 Legal Tender Mules (red seals) | 1928D | macro | micro | 288 and lower |
| CE Logal Tandar Mulas (rad apple) | 1928B | micro | macro | 939 and higher |
| \$5 Legal Tender Mules (red seals) | 1928C | macro | micro | 938 and lower |
| #4 Cilver Cortificate Mules (blue scale) | 1935 | micro | macro | 929 and higher |
| \$1 Silver Certificate Mules (blue seals) | 1935A | macro | micro | 928 and lower |
| CE Silver Cortificate Mules (blue cools) | 1934 | micro | macro | 939 and higher |
| \$5 Silver Certificate Mules (blue seals) | 1934A | macro | micro | 938 and lower |
| \$10 Silver Certificate Mules (blue cools) | 1934 | micro | macro | 585 and higher |
| \$10 Silver Certificate Mules (blue seals) | 1934A | macro | micro | 584 and lower |
| TE EDNI Mulas (dark groop acols) | 1934 | micro | macro | 939 and higher |
| \$5 FRN Mules (dark green seals) | 1934A | macro | micro | 938 and lower |
| \$10 EDN Mules (dark grosp socia) | 1934 | micro | macro | 585 and higher |
| \$10 FRN Mules (dark green seals) | 1934A | macro | micro | 584 and lower |
| \$20 EBN Mules (dark groop scale) | 1934 | micro | macro | 318 and higher |
| \$20 FRN Mules (dark green seals) | 1934A | macro | micro | 317 and lower |

Across all denominations, some micro-macro mules are just as common (or nearly so) as their regular non-mule counterparts from the same series, while others are scarce to rare and worth a premium. For Legal Tender and Silver Certificates, while the series makes a difference, the biggest differentiator is the block from which the note received a serial number.

Due to the number of mule varieties that could be covered, the rest of this article will focus exclusively on \$5 mules.

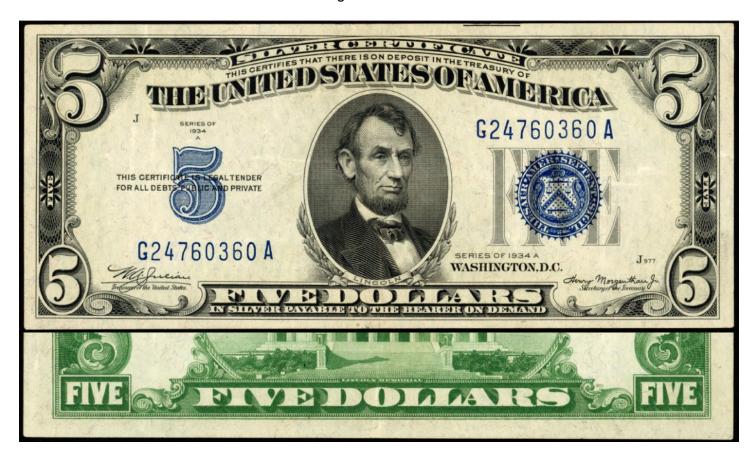
\$5 Legal Tender micro-macro mules were first serial numbered in the E-A block in 1938. The Series of 1928B micro-macro mules (micro faceplate) and Series of 1928C micro-macro mules (macro faceplate) from the E-A block are less common than their non-mules counterparts, but don't command much of a premium in circulated grades. From 1938 to 1939, the micro backplates were gradually replaced by macro plates, producing fewer micro backplate sheets.

By early 1940, only a handful of \$5 micro backplates were still on the presses. Near the end of 1939, the E-A block was exhausted, and the BEP began issuing serial numbers from the F-A block. As very few micro backplate sheets were being produced or left in stock when the F-A block started, very few 1928C F-A block mules could have been made—resulting in scarce, valuable, and highly desirable mules, such as the one below. The Paper Money Project census currently stands at only 22 examples of F-A block mules. The lowest recorded serial number on the census is F00126973A and the highest is F06426762A.

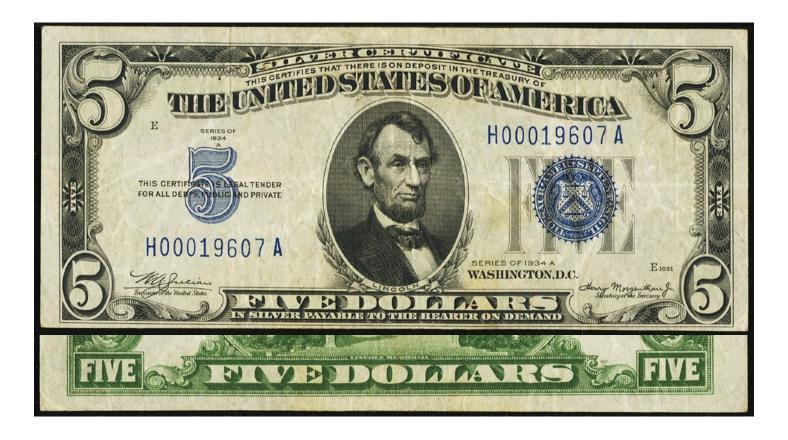


\$5 Silver Certificates micro-macro mules first appeared in 1938 on the Series of 1934A (macro faceplate) note and were assigned serial numbers in the higher end of the D-A block. Macro backplate sheets were only paired with \$5 blue seal faces when the E-A block serials were assigned, meaning no Series of 1934 D-A block mules and no 1934A D-A block non-mules were created. As the E-A block began to be used, macro backplate sheets became available, and 1934 E-A block mules started to be produced. However, as very few 1934 faceplates (micro-size) were still on the presses, all 1934 blue seals with E-A block serials are relatively scarce, regardless of whether they are mules or non-mules. The E-A and F-A blocks (separate from the \$5 Legal Tender serial numbers) were used well into the latter half of 1939. During that time, only 1934A (macro) faceplates were on the presses, along with both micro and macro backplates, creating both 1934A mules and non-mules alike. Mules from both blocks are common and are regularly encountered.

As the G-A block serial number assignment commenced, most of the backplates on the presses were macro, leaving far more non-mules being produced than mules. The 1934A G-A block mules, pictured below, are relatively scarce and overlooked, as they often get lumped into the same category as the common E-A and F-A block mules. The census currently stands at 38 examples of G-A block mules. The lowest recorded serial number on the census is G00353006A and the highest is G73777024A.



But the \$5 blue seal micro-macro story doesn't end there. In 1940, most likely in the spring, as the H-A block assignment commenced, an unknown quantity of micro sheets printed by micro backplate 905 and paired with 1934A faces, producing a minimal number of H-A block mules. As of the time of writing, only five H-A block mules are on the census, all printed with backplate 905, and it's unlikely there are too many more out there as collectors have eagerly sought them for decades. These H-A block mules are the rarest of all micro-macro mules ever created. The last example offered at a public auction was sold by Heritage Auctions in 2020 in a PMG VF-25 holder, pictured below, for \$1,920 (images courtesy of Heritage Auctions). The lowest recorded serial number on the census is H00019607, the note pictured below, and the highest is H01998115A.



\$5 Federal Reserve Note micro-macro mules are a different story. No \$5 Federal Reserve Notes were printed from 1938 to 1940 when the micro-to-macro transition occurred. When \$5 FRN production resumed in 1941, all regular micro backplates had been retired. As an economic measure, the BEP used the now outdated Series of 1934 micro faceplates in storage and only replaced them with Series of 1934A macro faceplates as they wore out. A high volume of \$5 1934 micro-macro mules was produced, all with dark green (blue-green) seals, and made up a large percentage of the total \$5 1934 dark-green seal production. Therefore, 1934 dark-green seal non-mules are scarce, whereas mules are extremely common (pictured below).



Unlike the other denominations in which micro-macro mules were produced, the \$5 denomination boasts a different and far more intriguing mule type—Late-Finished backplate 637. These mules weren't produced until five years later under entirely different circumstances. The \$5 backplate 637 story has been well-documented in several reference guides, articles published in numismatic journals and magazines, and the previously mentioned Paper Money Project website. Thus, only the highlights are included in the rest of this article.



\$5 backplate 637 was created as a master plate in January 1935 with a slightly modified design to help remedy BEP's issue with sheet spoilage. A master plate is not used to print sheets of notes; it's only used to create production plates, which are then used to print sheets. At this time, plate number 637 was not etched into any subjects on the plate—plate numbers were only etched into production plates. The BEP continuously used backplate 637 as a master for eight years.

Backplate 637 was retired as a master plate in 1943, but instead of being discarded, it was saved as an economic measure. The following year, it was salvaged and certified as a production plate. Plate number 637 was etched into each subject in micro-size numerals similar to those used on plates finished before January 1938 instead of the macro-size numerals used at the time. As it wasn't finished as a production plate for ten years after it was started, \$5 backplate 637 is known as a "Late-Finished Plate." It entered routine service producing sheets on June 23, 1945, and supplied a steady stream until June 1949. During that time, those sheets were mated with a host of \$5 Silver Certificate, Legal Tender, and Federal Reserve Note faces to create many rare varieties.

No other plate in the history of U.S. currency had a more varied life. Back 637's legacy is vast: It fathered more than fifteen hundred \$5 back plates between 1935 and 1951 and, as a production plate, produced some of the most desirable small-size mules. Collectors have long recognized and revered them owing to the distinctive micro-size 637 plate number that contrasted with contemporary notes having macro-size four-digit plate numbers.

Without question, backplate 637 mules are most often encountered on \$5 Silver Certificates. The Series of 1934C blue seals from the M-A, N-A, and P-A blocks are the most available, whereas mules from the 1934C L-A block are scarce. Quantities of the Series of 1934B blue seals from the L-A block are also reasonably available, but those from the 1934B K-A block are rare. While Series of 1934A blue seals had regular micromacro mules in the D-A to H-A blocks, backplate 637 mules can only be found in the K-A and L-A blocks, with the former being scarce and the latter being the rarest of all blue seal backplate 637 mules (pictured below). As a side note, the K-A block was serial numbered on 1934A and 1934B notes, and the L-A block was serial numbered on 1934A, 1934B, and 1934C notes.



The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 Silver Certificates with backplate 637, broken down into series, blocks, and other minor varieties not discussed in this article. Known serial number ranges for each can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

| \$5 SC Mules - Block Breakdown | | Blocks | | | | Total | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Series & Variety | J-A | K-A | L-A | M-A | N-A | P-A | Q-A | *-A | TOTAL |
| 1934A LFBP #637 Mules | | 31 | 14 | | | | | 1 | 46 |
| 1934B LFBP #637 Mules | | 18 | 107 | | | | | 7 | 132 |
| 1934C LFBP #637 Mules; Wide Face | | | 28 | 84 | 76 | 61 | | 11 | 260 |
| 1934C LFBP #637 Mules; Narrow Face | | | | 0 | 18 | 3 | | 1 | 22 |
| 1934C BP #629 Mules; Wide Face | | | | 2 | 33 | | | 1 | 36 |
| 1934C BP #629 Mules; Narrow Face | | | | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total 1934x LFBP #637 Mules | | 49 | 149 | 84 | 94 | 64 | | 20 | 460 |

The \$5 Legal Tender (United States Notes) mules with backplate 637 are less plentiful and more challenging to find, especially in higher grades. The most available red seal backplate 637 mules are from the Series of 1928E and in the G-A and H-A blocks. The Series of 1928C and 1928D red seal backplate 637 mules can only be found in the G-A block but with far less frequency than their 1928E counterparts.

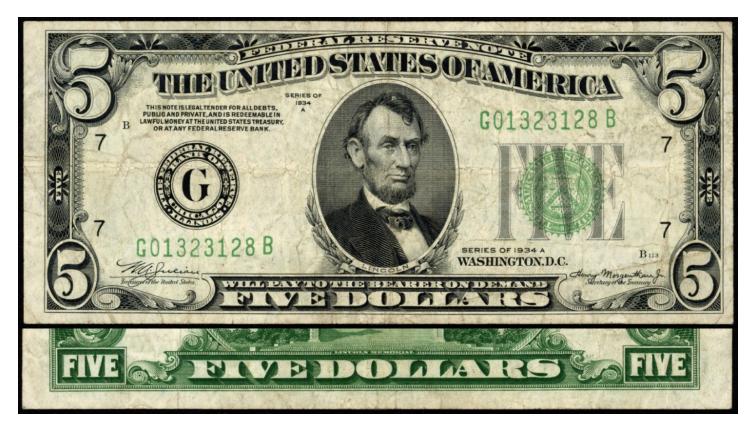


The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 Legal Tender notes with backplate 637, broken down by series and blocks. Known serial number ranges for each can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

| \$5 LT Mules - Block Breakdown | | Blocks | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Series & Variety | E-A | F-A | G-A | H-A | *-A | Total | |
| 1928B Micro/Macro Mules | 77 | | | | 12 | 89 | |
| 1928C Micro/Macro Mules | 143 | 22 | | | 28 | 193 | |
| 1928C LFBP #637 Mules | | | 24 | | 1 | 25 | |
| 1928D LFBP #637 Mules | | | 30 | | 0 | 30 | |
| 1928E LFBP #637 Mules | | | 21 | 35 | 2 | 58 | |
| 1928E BP #629 Mules | | | | 5 | 0 | 5 | |
| Total 1928x LFBP #637 Mules | | | 75 | 35 | 3 | 113 | |

The \$5 Federal Reserve Notes (FRN) mules with backplate 637 are extremely difficult to find and seldom surface at public auction. When they do, they usually attract many interested suitors, and spirited competitive bidding ensues. The Series of 1934C green seals have proven to be the most available, but they are still relatively scarce overall. Federal Reserve Notes are printed for twelve districts—and only 46 1934C mules are currently listed combined on the Paper Money Project census. Only one district has a double-digit census count (11).

The Series of 1934B green seal mules are more scarce than the 1934C green seals, with a total of 30 combined on the census, and are even harder to find. However, both series pale in comparison to the Series of 1934A, which is the rarest of all series and types to find backplate 637 mules (pictured below). The current census count is 19 across all districts, and all should be considered trophies. As a side note, no backplate 637 mules from the Atlanta and Dallas districts have ever been reported.



But even then, one series/type of note with backplate 637 trumps even the Series of 1934A FRN Mules—and it's not even a mule! When backplate 637 was finished as a production plate and first sent to press in June 1945, a few old Series of 1934 faceplates from four districts—New York, Cleveland, Richmond, & Kansas City—were still on the presses. Short press runs for those faceplates overlapped with backplate 637 sheet availability for a month or two, and very few of this variety could have been produced.

The Series of 1934 plates have micro-size numbers as they were produced before the transition to macro-size numbers in 1938; thus, when printed on micro-size backplate 637 sheets, they created a regular micro-micro note, not a mule. They are called "Non-Mules" with backplate 637 and are the rarest of all notes printed with this incredible backplate. The current Paper Money Project census count is just 11 examples across those four districts, including the note pictured below. With so few examples printed and this variety not standing out to collectors, as it's not a mule, only a handful of collectors can own one—and if they do, the chances of them parting with it are slim to none.



The following chart shows the current census count for \$5 Federal Reserve Notes with backplate 637, broken down by series and district. Known serial number ranges for each can be found on the Paper Money Project website (see links at the end of the article).

| \$5 FRN Mules | FRN Mules 1934 NM 637 | | Mules 1934 NM 637 1934A #637 1934B #637 | | | #637 | 19340 | #637 | BP #63 | 7 Total | AII |
|---------------|-----------------------|------|---|------|------|------|-------|------|---------|---------|-----|
| District | NM | Star | Mule | Star | Mule | Star | Mule | Star | NM/Mule | Star | All |
| Boston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| New York | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Richmond | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 23 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Minneapolis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| Dallas | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Total | 11 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 45 | 1 | 103 | 3 | 106 |

Mules are a fun and exciting variety to collect early small-size paper money. The hunt for mules can be very rewarding, especially for those with fabled backplate 637. Collectors are encouraged to report any \$5 backplate 637 note not listed on the Paper Money Project census: www.papermoneyproject.com/report

More information on micro/macro mules, current census counts and comparisons, and census reports can also be found on the Paper Money Project website:

1928B-1928C \$5 Legal Tender: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-legal-tender-mules

1934-1934A \$5 Silver Certificates: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-silver-certs-mules

1934 \$5 Federal Reserve Note Non-Mules: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-frn-bgs-non-mules

More information on backplate 637 Mules, current census counts and comparisons, and census reports can also be found on the Paper Money Project website:

1928C-1928E \$5 Legal Tender: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-legal-tender-637-mules

1934A-1934C \$5 Silver Certificates: https://www.papermoneyproject.com/5-silver-certs-637-mules

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- 9) 2016 National Park Commem Half
- 10) 1975 ANA Medal
- 11) 3 St Lib Quarters



Buy of the Month

For the October Buy of the Month we will have the hard-to-find 1921 Mercury Dimes. For many collectors, this is one of the holes in you Mercury Dime set. This is a great way to fill that hole until you can find (or afford) something better. There will be a selection of 1921 P dimes in grades from Fair to Good. Some are better than others, so come early to get your pick. List price is \$25-\$50. They will all be sold for \$25 each.

Thanks to Darin Lee for being our curator and making sure we have great prizes and buys for our members. !

2024 UNS SCHEDULE

| # | # | # |
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| | | Sept 27/28 Sandy Coin Show# |
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PREPARE FOR DECEMBER = FOLLOWING IS HOW TO ACQUIRE TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS PRIZES

- 1. Monthly Coin Quiz
- 2. Monthly News & Views
- 3. Monthly Mini Exhibits
- 4. Monthly Refreshments
- 5. A ticket for each hour spent helping at our Club Coin Show.
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- 7. A ticket for attendance at our Monthly meetings.
- 8. A ticket for each Board Member attending board meetings

ON THE COVER

The United States 1-ounce Liberty gold coin received the coveted title of "Coin Of The Year."

The Utah Coin Shows Website is now up and displays current and upcoming Utah coin shows

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UTAH NATIONAL CURRENCY TIDBITS

| 1. | Which National bank in Utah operated with 5 | different titles? |
|----|---|--------------------------------------|
| | A) #2059 First National Bank of Ogden | B) #4341 Utah National Bank of SLC |
| | C) #7296 Pingree National Bank of Ogden | D) #9403 Continnental NB of SLC |
| 2. | Which Utah National Bank that issued currency ha | ad the highest title number (11702)? |
| | A) First National Bank of Delta | B) First National Bank of Myton |
| | C) First National Bank of Magna | D) Gunnison City National Bank |
| 3. | Of the 34 banks in Utah that issued currency, how | many are currently unreported? |
| | A) 6 | B) 7 |
| | C) 8 | D) 9 |
| 4. | How many Utah National Banks issued \$100 deno | omination banknotes? |
| | A) 1 | B) 2 |
| | C) 6 | D) 7 |
| 5. | What was the first bank to be chartered in Utal | h? |
| | A) The Salt Lake National Bank of Utah | B) The First National Bank of SLC |
| | C) The Miners NB of SLC | D) The Deseret NB of SLC |
| 6. | Which Utah National Bank issued the smallest am | ount of currency? |
| | A) FNB of Brigham City | B) FNB of Spanish Fork |
| | C) Miners NB of SLC | D) SLC NB of Utah |
| | | |

BOOK REVIEW

In The Presence of History

By Steven Raab & James Raab with Nathan Raab

I found this book reviewed by Jay Chamberlain in the Fall 2024 issue of "Fun Topics" published the Florida United Numismatists organization.

I also as stated by Jay found it to be quite interesting as not directly related to numismatists it definitely is related to history and especially linked to many forms of curreny and their signatures.

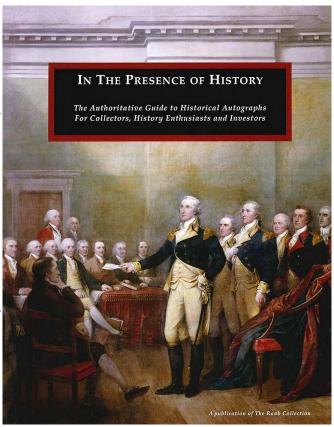
Although out of print the book was published In 1989, I easily found a copy of the book on Amazon and also other internet sources and acquired a copy for myself. It is published in 8 1/2 x 11 format, softcover consisting of 185 pages and also in full color. Including shipping and tax I purchased the book for only \$8.50, quite a bargan.

In regard to contents the authors delve into quite a bit of detail of how to authenticate historial signatures. Also contained in this book are images of many significant signatures including most of the U.S. Presidents beginning with George Washington.

They outlined 10 steps one should take with purchasing autographs and what should be done to autnenticate them.

They are as follows

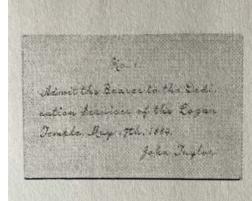
- 1. Apply the Burden of Proof
- 2. Ascertain The Provenance
- 3. Check Consistency with Authentic examples.
- 4. Make sure the Paper, Pen, and Ink are right.
- 5. Assess Dissimilarities and Idiosyncrasies in the Writing.
- 6. Do a Forgery-Avoidance Examination
- 7. Check for Autopens and Computer Generated Signatures.
- 8. Check for Evidence of Secretaires or Stamps.
- 9. Assess for Evidence of Facsimile.
- 10. Consider Special Factors.

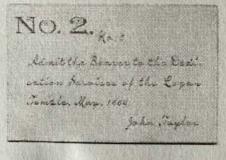


Each of the 10 Factors to the left have several pages devoted to them.

I found that these steps and information contained in this book would be extremely helpful for anyone interested in autographs and signatures and could possibly save one hundreds or thousands of dollars in purchasing something fake.

It was a very interesting book and a welcome addition to my library.





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Logan Temple Dedication Services

These dedication tickets were printed on one side only. It was decided to add a third session and those tickets were printed in a different font. Some written sources claim the tickets were hand-written and signed by John Taylor. That is not the case.

Session 1

10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 1884 John Taylor read the dedicatory prayer.

Session 2

10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 18, 1884 George Q. Cannon read the dedicatory prayer.

Session 3

10:30 a.m. Monday, May 19, 1884 Joseph F. Smith read the dedicatory prayer. As a follow up to last months article LDS Temple Dedication Tickets I hav acquired the following images.

The first is tickets from the dedication of the Logan Temple in 1884. Additional descriptions are included regarding the details of what occurred during the three sessions and also information regarding the printing of these tickets.

Below is a second ticket used for the dedication of the Idaho Falls Temple which occurred in 1945.

Thanks to Todd Grant in Idaho who is a friend and fellow collector for supplying these images.





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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Collectors DNA

I am definitely a collector and have been for over 60 years. When I speak to someone who is not a collector it is a total disconnect, they have no concept of how enjoyable or fun collecting stuff is and conversely I (we collectors) do not understand their ambivalence to the joy of collecting. That being said what do we collectors collect, at least the people that I'm familiar in the UNS or meet at various coin conventions?

Well for me it began with coins from circulation as a kid filling albums. But again, with the collector infused within my DNA it definitely didn't stop there. I even have a hard time throwing old magazines away and heaven forbid if anyone uses a publication of mine as a coaster for their drink. I even have a collection of old TV Guide "Fall Preview" editions. Yes they are collectable and you can find them all over EBay, some for substantial sums of money. Other interests are old glass insulators from telephone poles which has been called the only hobby that consists totally of stolen property. Some discarded or found in fields, used for target practice but none ever purchased new from the distributor by any collector. I even have a curio cabinet with meterorites, chemical elements, and various curiosities. One current interest is collecting old canvas and leather bank bags from the 1930's or earlier. Recently I have acquired several bank bags from Utah bank designated as "Gold" bags, usually depicted as containg from \$1000 to \$5000 in gold. Just this past week Bob Campbell called me with a \$2500 Gold bag from the FNB of Ogden, I ran into his shop the next day where my wife purchased it for me and promptly hid it until the next holiday or birthday. Arrrggh! Do any of your wive do this to you?

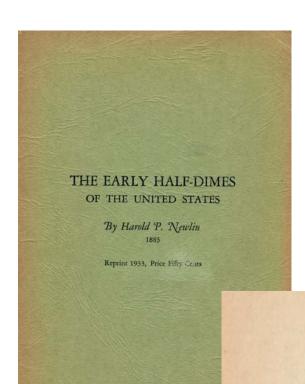
What do you collect? Bottles, arrowheads, old cereal boxes or whatever We at the UNS would love to hear about your collecting habits. Write something and submit it for publication in the Mint Master.

Sincerely,

Doug Nyholm







Shown here is a 1933 repring of a booklet originally printed in 1885 and authored by Harold P. Nelin who was a prominent collector before and during the turn of the century.

Also shown is the first page which contains some interesting information from 150 years ago concerning the 1792 Half Dime stating that the author believed it to be an actual issue intended for circulation rather than a pattern.

Interesting information and observations from the past.

THE EARLY HALF-DIMES

By H. P. NEWLIN

In an exhaustive search to determine the varieties of the early Half-Dimes the numismatist encounters two very serious obstacles; the extreme difficulty of securing a sufficient number of the rare dates to classify with much accuracy their rarity and varieties, and the difficulty of obtaining the different specimens suitable for making plates. The writer contributes this article, entirely conscious that it possesses little or no merit, in the hope to awaken interest on the subject.

In the limited space allotted for this article it is useless to attempt a general description of the half-dime, its origin, purpose and history. The reader can obtain these by reference to Snowden's Description of the Coins in the Cabinet of the U. S. Mint. My object is to point out the varieties, giving also, accurately as I am able, their degrees of rarity. It is, I believe, generally conceded by Numismatists, that the first regular coinage of the U. S. Mint was in 1793—consisting of the cent and half-cent.

This belief would seem to exclude the 1792 Half-Dime, known as the Martha Washington Half-Dime, from the regular series, and consider it as a pattern piece. Without desiring to place myself in direct opposition to this accepted opinion, I would simply say that having studied the history of the Half-Dime with a great degree of care, I find nothing to indicate that it was intended for a trial piece.

Washington, in his annual address, November 6, 1792, having said, "There has been a small beginning in the coining of the Half-Dimes, the want of small coins in circulation calling the first attention to them," and it would certainly seem reasonable to accept the words of this gentlemen, whose general reputation for veracity is, I believe, considered good, and consider the 1792 Half-Dime as the small beginning of the series. Mr. Snowden expresses his opinion thus: "We consider that the piece was intended for general circulation," I quote his description of the piece as I cannot improve on it.

CASTLE GATE MINE DISASTER

By Janeen Arnold Costa

Funeral Mass for Castle Gate Greek miners

n 8 March 1924, in the second major mine disaster of the twentieth century in the

Utah coal fields, 172 men lost their lives, including one worker who inadvertently inhaled deadly carbon monoxide during the rescue efforts. At 8:00 A.M. two violent explosions ripped through the Number Two Mine of the Utah Fuel Company, located at Castle Gate in the canyon north of present-day Helper and Price, in Carbon County. The cause of the disaster was attributed to inadequate watering down of the coal dust from the previous shift's operations, as well as the use of open flames in the workers' headlamps. No workers in the mine survived the explosion; fatalities included 49 Greeks, 22 Italians, 8 Japanese, 7 English, 6 Austrians (Yugoslavs), 2 Scotch, 1 Belgian, and 76 Americans, including 2 African-Americans. The ethnic make-up of the victims of the disaster reflected the international character of Utah's mining industry.

Governor Charles R. Mabey formed a committee to distribute \$132,445.13 collected publicly for the aid of the 417 individuals who were left without support following the disaster. The committee hired one of the first social workers in the country, Annie D. Palmer, to assess needs and disburse funds. A granite and bronze monument is located in the canyon north of Helper to mark the general location of the mining accident; the Castle Gate cemetery east of the canyon contains many of the victims' graves.





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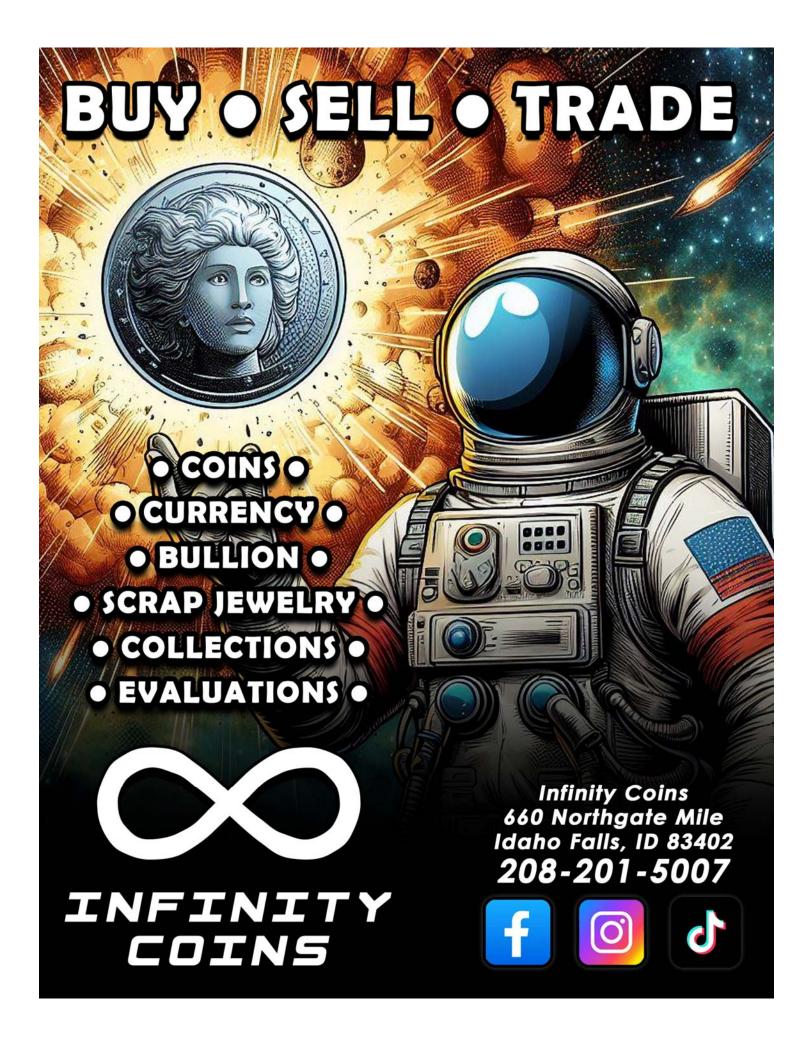


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Quiz Answers

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- 2. B
- 3 C
- 4. C
- 5. C
- 6. D