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Honorable Christopher M. Alston
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Hearing Location: Rm 7206
Hearing Date: Friday, July 6, 2018
Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.
Response Date: July 2, 2018

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7 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 In re:

Case No. 16-11767-CMA

10 NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT,
11 LLC,

DECLARATION OF DENISE LENTZ IN
SUPPORT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE
TO INTERESTED PARTIES' MOTION TO
ENFORCE A PRIOR COURT ORDER

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14 Denise A. Lentz declares as follows:

15 1. I am a paralegal with K&L Gates, LLP. I am over eighteen (18) years of age and I
16 am competent in all ways to testify. Unless otherwise stated, I make the following statements based
17 on my personal knowledge.

18 2. On May 25, 2018, I caused the notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be
19 sent to 5,629 customers of NWTM. On June 4 and 5, 2018, I sent the email and form of notice
20 attached hereto as Exhibit B to 8,408 email addresses which were associated with the customers of
21 NWTM to whom the notice had been mailed.

22 3. I arranged with Coin World to publish a copy of the notice in its weekly magazine for
23 three consecutive weeks. Attached as Exhibit C-E are copies of the published notice.

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

EXECUTED this 29th day of June, at Seattle, Washington.

/s/ Denise A. Lentz
Denise A. Lentz

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned declares as follows:

That she is a paralegal in the law firm of K&L Gates LLP, and on June 29, 2018, she caused the foregoing document to be filed electronically through the CM/ECF system which caused Registered Participants to be served by electronic means, as fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 29th day of June, 2018 at Seattle, Washington.

/s/ Denise A. Lentz
Denise A. Lentz

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PROTOCOL REGARDING CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP OF NORTHWEST
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EXHIBIT B

From: [Lentz, Denise A.](#)
To: [Lentz, Denise A.](#)
Subject: IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT DIES
Date: Monday, June 04, 2018 3:55:14 PM
Attachments: [Corrected NWTM die settlement notice.pdf](#)

Last week you received, via United States Mail, a document entitled NOTICE OF PROTOCOL REGARDING CLAIMS OF OWNERSHIP OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIAL MINT COINING DIES AND ASSOCIATED MATERIALS AND DEADLINE TO ASSERT INTEREST IN OR OWNERSHIP OF COINING DIES informing you of the procedure for claiming an ownership interest in coining dies held by Northwest Territorial Mint. The document contained an inaccuracy at the end of the first full paragraph on the second page, which stated “NWTM die numbers begin with a numerical value, while MACO die numbers begin with a letter.”

The sentence should have read, “NWTM die numbers begin with a letter, while MACO die numbers begin with a numerical value (year).” A corrected notice is attached to this email.



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DETECTING COUNTERFEITS

FAKE 1803 BUST DOLLAR
LETTER, NUMBER SPACING BOTH WAY OFF

BY MICHAEL FAHEY

The number of counterfeit Bust, Seated, Trade, and Morgan silver dollars we are seeing at ANACS continues to increase.

As an authenticator, I have almost reached the point where I assume that every early type silver dollar and every key-date Morgan silver dollar I see will be a counterfeit.

The 1803 Draped Bust dollar illustrated here is a good example of what we are seeing lately.

Bust dollar variety specialists will spot the problems with this fake immediately. On a genuine 1803 Draped Bust, Large 3 dollar, the 13th star on the obverse almost touches the bust, and the 1 in the date almost touches the hair curl. On this counterfeit, there is a noticeable space on both.

Even so, this coin is evidence that the counterfeiters have been steadily improving their "product."

With this fake, the weight was

within the tolerance level for a genuine coin, and the appearance of the stars, lettering and design details are all reasonable.

Under 10-power magnification you can see that these design elements are just a bit ragged, but not bad enough that the average collector would be able to spot the problems.

I have written many times over the past 35 years that counterfeiters tend to spend a lot of time with the obverse and reverse of their fakes, then "go cheap" with the edge. This is definitely the case here — a quick look at the edge reveals that the edge lettering HUNDRED CENTS ONE DOLLAR OR UNIT was poorly executed.

Notice the odd spacing of the word HUNDRED, which on a genuine coin is evenly spaced. On this fake, the letters appear as HUNDRED.



Letters and numbers on this counterfeit 1803 Draped Bust, Large 3 dollar are considerably more widely spaced than on a genuine coin.

Images by Brian Kent, courtesy of ANACS.

We have seen dozens of fake Bust dollars with this defective edge, including every date from 1794 to 1804, so the edge is a good place to start when examining a given coin. While properly spaced edge lettering does not guarantee that the coin is genuine, any Flowing Hair or Draped Bust dollar that exhibits the uneven spacing shown here is definitely a counterfeit.

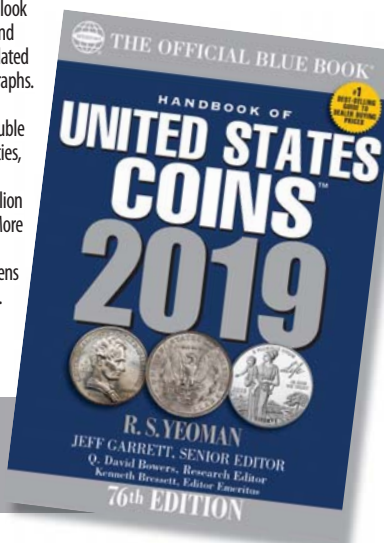


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EXHIBIT D



Special 1935-S Daniel Boone Bicentennial half dollar with 1934 PIONEER YEAR on the reverse and the S Mint mark is one of just 2,004 minted.

Images courtesy of Q. David Bowers.



THE JOYS OF COLLECTING

AFFORDABLE RARE COINS SOLD IN 1935

DANIEL BOONE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMS

BY Q. DAVID BOWERS

In 1934, Wayte Raymond published *The Standard Catalogue of United States Coins*, complete with mintage and with prices in multiple grades! He also popularized album pages that fit in a binder and allowed coins to be viewed from both sides. In Neenah, Wisconsin, J.K. Post published his Penny Collector board, which was soon acquired by Whitman and launched the sale of many other albums. Two low-mintage commemorative half dollars minted in 1935 multiplied in value overnight. The number of collectors increased tenfold or more. The race was on!

During the hard times of the Depression, tens of thousands of people discovered the joys of numismatics and looked for "treasures" in pocket change and, if they could afford it, bought for investment a few low-mintage 1931-S Lincoln cents.

The commemorative coin boom of 1935 to 1936 increased the fever. This was launched by one man, Frank Dunn of Lexington, Kentucky, who was in charge of ordering and selling half dollars for the Daniel Boone Bicentennial in 1934. From his second-floor office in the Phoenix Hotel he sold 10,000 pieces for \$1.60 each.

The year 1935 began in a normal way when 10,010 Boone halves were struck at the Philadelphia Mint in March and 5,005 each at the Denver and San Francisco Mints in May. These were dated

1935 on the reverse of the coin, representing the issue date. Philadelphia Mint coins were offered for \$1.10 each, and \$1.50 was charged for each Denver and San Francisco Mint coin. A 1935 Boone set of three coins cost a total of \$4.10.

Unexpectedly, in October 1935 at the Philadelphia Mint 10,008 more 1935-dated Boone half dollars were made, but with the addition of 1934 PIONEER YEAR in small numerals on the right side of the reverse. In November the Denver and San Francisco Mints produced very small quantities, just 2,003 and 2,004 respectively, of the modified design. News releases calling attention to the rare issues were sent out by Dunn.

New York City newspapers, among others, carried the information that a pair of low mintage Boone half dollars had been created at the Denver and San Francisco Mints and could be ordered for \$3.70 by sending remittances to Dunn. This equaled \$1.85 per coin — a truly affordable rarity. An illogical issue, but at such a low price, why not buy a pair?

Q. DAVID BOWERS is chairman emeritus of Stack's Bowers Galleries and numismatic director of Whitman Publishing LLC. He can be reached at his private email, qdbarchive@metrocast.net, or at Q. David Bowers LLC, Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.



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The 1930s were rife with scandals involving U.S. commemorative coins, including the 1936 Cincinnati Music Center half dollar. Images courtesy of Q. David Bowers.



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'SOLD-OUT' CLAIMS WERE DEALER LIES

ABUSES IN COMMEMORATIVE COINAGE

BY Q. DAVID BOWERS

Today in world news, scandals are everyday occurrences. In numismatics, major scandals are few and far between. Probably the most notorious of these started in 1935 with commemorative coins providing the opportunity.

Frank Dunn of Lexington, Kentucky, was in charge of marketing the half dollars made for the Daniel Boone Bicentennial in 1934.

The series was continued in 1935 with issues from all three Mints. In October 1935 at the Philadelphia Mint, 10,008 more 1935-dated Boone half dollars were made but with the addition of 1934 / PIONEER YEAR in small numerals on the right side of the reverse. In November the Denver and San Francisco Mints produced 2,003 and 2,004, respectively, of the modified design. New York City newspapers, among others, carried the information that a pair of these low mintage Boone half dollars could be ordered for \$3.70 by sending remittances to Dunn.

These were also advertised in *The Numismatist*. Orders rushed in, but there was a problem. Everyone who ordered received a "Sorry, sold out" letter. Dunn said that they had all been sold to those who had read newspaper accounts.

No collection was complete without these two coins. In an undisclosed way, some came on to the market, and the price rose to \$50 per pair! Not long afterward it was discovered that Dunn had

retained most of the coins.

However, he was never prosecuted, and he continued selling three-coin Boone sets yearly through 1938.

In El Paso, Texas, L.W. Hoffercker, proprietor of the Watkins Coin Company, issued 1935 Old Spanish Trail half dollars, mintage 10,000, for \$2 each. These, too, were quickly "sold out," and the price multiplied. Hoffercker claimed he had none left, but years later his estate had many.

Not to be outdone, in Cincinnati, industrialist Thomas G. Melish desired, in effect, a personal commemorative coin. He came up with the idea of that city celebrating its 50th anniversary as "a musical center of America." Trouble is that nothing notable in music occurred 50 years earlier, in 1886. Stephen Foster, depicted on the obverse, had no connection with Cincinnati. Melish offered three-coin sets for \$7.75. These too were quickly "sold out." The price jumped to about \$50 per set. Miraculously, he and his associates had some available at the new price.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 1, 2016, Northwest Territorial Mint, LLC ("NWTM") filed a petition for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code under Case No. 16-11767-CMA. On April 11, 2016, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington appointed Mark Calvert as the Chapter 11 Trustee (the "Trustee") over NWTM.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that NWTM operated a custom minting business whereby customers would contract with NWTM to produce coins and medallions bearing specific designs. In order to produce these coins and medallions, NWTM created custom coining dies (each, together with any associated materials such as plasters, galvanos, and artwork, a "NWTM Die") to press the coin or medallion using the artwork provided by the customer.

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c/o Denise Lentz
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