

COLLECTING CAPPED BUST HALF DOLLARS BY DIE STATE



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SOME APPROACHES TO COLLECTING COINS

- Random – Accumulation of whatever coins appeal
- Specific coin Series, e.g. Lincoln Cents
 - By date and mint
 - “One a Year”
 - “Business Strikes” (with grade considerations?) and/or Proof Coins
- Type Sets, i.e. by design with major variations Included
 - “From the Beginning”
 - 20th Century/21st Century
 - Copper/Nickel/Silver/Clad and/or Gold
- Mint Issued Specialty Coins and Sets
 - Proof and Mint Sets, Gold and Silver Eagles, Modern Commemoratives, etc.

APPROACHES TO COLLECTING CAPPED BUST HALF DOLLARS

- For Type (1) – more if master die changes are considered
- Date Set (29)
- Album or “Red Book” Set (70-75 Major Varieties)
- Overton/Parsley Varieties (450 Die Pair Combinations)
- Overton/Parsley Varieties plus Sub-Varieties (610+ Coins)
 - Sub-Varieties reflect some later stages of die deterioration
- Certified vs. Un-Certified or both
 - Registry Set consideration

In recent years, an effort to understand and collect all documentable die deterioration stages has been made by some members of the BHNC.

APPROACH TO COLLECTING BY DIE STATE

- Overton/Parsley established varieties by die pair combinations (“marriages”) and documented the earliest and latest die states whenever possible.
- Research by the BHNC has uncovered earlier and later die states for a number of varieties, which are not reflected in the Overton/Parsley book.
- This research also sought to determine and document the actual sequence of die deterioration, based upon the appearance of die cracks and other features.
- Collecting by die state means seeking to acquire examples of the prime die state of each Overton variety, the terminal die state, and every identifiable stage of deterioration in between.

1813 O-105 PRIME & TERMINAL DIE STATES (OBV)



1813 O-105 PRIME & TERMINAL DIE STATES (REV)



1807 O-112 DIE STATE 1 OF 3



1807 O-112 DIE STATE 2



1807 O-112 DIE STATE 3



1808 O-106 DIE STATE 1 OF 5



1808 O-106 DIE STATE 2



1808 O-106 DIE STATE 3/4



1808 O-106 DIE STATE 4

To rim above cap



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 1 OF 9



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 2



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 3



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 4



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 5



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 6



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 7 (AND 8 OR 9?)



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 8



1808 O-110 DIE STATE 9



1813 O-105 DIE STATE 2 OF 6



1813 O-105 DIE STATE 3



1813 O-105 DIE STATE 4



1813 O-105 DIE STATE 6



1817 O-103 REVERSE – MISSHAPEN I'S



1817 O-103 DIE STATE 1 OF 3



1817 O-103 DIE STATE 2



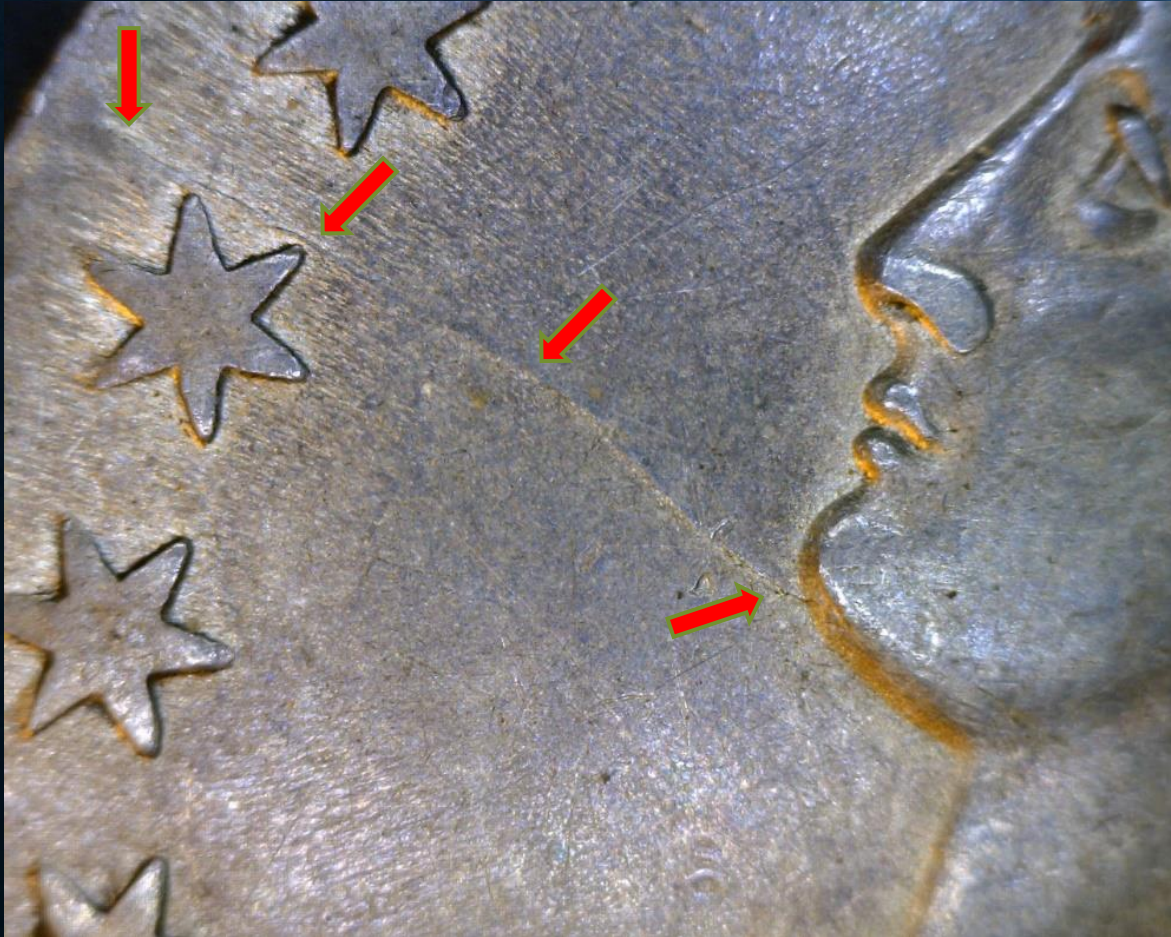
1817 O-103 DIE STATE 3



1832 O-120 DIE STATE 1 OF 4



1832 O-120 DIE STATE 2



1832 O-120 DIE STATE 3



1832 O-120 DIE STATE 4



RESOURCES

- *Bust Half Fever*, Edgar Souders (2nd Edition)
- *Early Half Dollar Varieties* (Overton), Don Parsley (5th Edition)
- *The Ultimate Guide to Attributing Bust Half Dollars*, Glenn R. Peterson
- *Early United States Half Dollars*, Volumes 1 & 2, Steve Tompkins
- *A Registry of Die Varieties of Reeded Edge Half Dollars*, Dick Graham
- Dave's Bust Half Dollar Site: <http://maibockaddict.com>
- Bust Half Nut Club Web Site: <http://www.busthalfnutclub.org>