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New Jersey Collection Half Dollar Sale
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**Liberty Seated
Half Dollar Sale**

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The latest New Jersey Collection release showcases the half dollar denomination with fresh Capped Bust and Liberty Seated lots that have been off the market for decades. Early PCGS and NGC AU58 holders abound with major CAC population rarities. The Newtown, Oregon Beaver, and Emerald Collections further augment this auction event with gem Mint State offerings. Carl Feldman's collecting passion and attention to detail are readily evident upon opening this catalog.

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- A 50 Lot Capped Bust and Liberty Seated Half Dollar Auction Event!
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1835 O-108 50C, NGC AU58, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Lustrous steely centers lead toward colorful rims, and the eye appeal of this late-date Bust half is stunning. Intense blue patina fills the stars and reverse legend, while an interior band of maroon toning surrounds Liberty and the eagle. The luster is exceptional for the grade level and penetrates even the thick skin at the edges. The images do not completely convey the in-hand aesthetic appeal of this GFRC-rated Gem piece, and we expect competitive bidding. O-108, with star 11 recut at three points. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert and the O-108 attribution on the label.



1836 O-110 50C, NGC AU58, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely luster highlights this rim-toned example, which features pleasing patina among the stars and legend. Deep aqua color fills the stars, with shades of maroon and gold also present. O-110, with a spike at the outer point of star 7. Production of Bust half dollars was substantial, and these coins circulated widely. Today they are highly collectible, although exceptionally attractive examples, such as this piece, are challenging to locate. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert and the O-110 attribution on the label.



1839-O Reeded Edge GR-1 50C, NGC EF45 Fatty, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Lightly mirrored fields exhibit sharp, reflective luster, and bright light examination reveals less intense color than suggested by the images. Deep chestnut and aqua patina liberally covers both sides, while original mint frost peaks out from the figure of Liberty. GR-1, the only variety using this obverse, with die cracks in the digits. The Reeded Edge half dollars varieties are described in Dick Graham's 2012 work *A Registry of Die Varieties of Reeded Edge Half Dollars*. Housed in a NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) fatty holder with pristine reverse hologram.

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1839 No Drapery WB-4 50C, NGC AU58 CAC, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. The Philadelphia Mint struck both No Drapery and With Drapery types in this year, with the No Drapery pieces being decidedly scarcer. The steely luster of this example reveals sharp cartwheels, and the in-hand flash is considerable. Toning is mixed silver and gray, with occasional bits of gold patina evident on the reverse. A few stars to the left are soft, while the reverse strike is exceptional, much better than usually seen, with near-complete feathers and claws. CAC notes 60 pieces in all grades, with eight pieces at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide value is \$10,200. Housed in a NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder with CAC approval.



1839 With Drapery WB-5 50C, PCGS MS64 CAC Rattler, Gem Original, Newtown Collection. Light russet toning at the rims highlights the swirling, frosted luster of this GFRG-rated Gem example. Occasional shades of olive and blue-green are additionally evident at the dentils, and the vibrant eye appeal is undeniable. Strike is typical, with some softness in the left leg. WB-5, with repunching in the 8. The CAC population is 58 pieces in all grades, with eight coins at MS64 and five examples higher, all at MS65. This piece won't sell cheaply, but coins of this quality are rarely acquired at bargain prices. Housed in a PCGS Gen 1.2 (1986-1989) rattler holder with CAC approval.



1839 With Drapery WB-5 50C, PCGS MS64, Choice Original, Newtown Collection Thick, old-time toning covers both sides of this With Drapery example. The rims reveal deep olive and slate patina, while the centers exhibit light rose and grey color. Cartwheels are active on both sides and original Mint frost is readily apparent. WB-7, with arcing lines through the skirt. This is a remnant of the lathe lines imparted during the creation of die, which normally were smoothed out by hand. In this case, the engraver was a bit hasty. The left leg is softly impressed, which is common among earlier-date Seated halves. PCGS has certified 20 examples in MS64 with only five finer, all at MS65. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder.

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1839 With Drapery WB-7 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely, frosted luster highlights the pleasing toning of this GFRC-rated Gem example. Light russet color inhabits the fields and becomes more intense at the rims, and only light rub at the high points separates this coin from a much higher grade. Sharply struck, with defined star centers and virtually complete feather detail. The CAC census notes 58 pieces in all grades combined, with 15 at the Mint State levels. WB-7, with arcing lathe lines evident in the lower obverse. The CAC price guide is \$2,060, and we expect that bidding will exceed that level. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1841-O WB-11 50C, PCGS AU50 CAC, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Thick skin is the hallmark of this New Orleans piece, with gray and olive patina underlaid by occasional bits of gold, russet, and blue-green color. Overall detail is sharp, with defined star points and delineated claw knuckles. WB-11, with a die crack between stars 3 and 4. Some chatter in the right obverse field is noted. As is typical, CAC is more concerned with originality than marks. The CAC population is 54 pieces in all grades with 13 coins at the MS level. The CAC guide value is \$998. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



1844 WB-2 50C, NGC MS62, Choice Original, Emerald Collection. Partially reflective luster highlights thick blue-green skin, surrounded by russet shades at the rim. The reverse reveals additional gold color throughout. Star center points are defined, while the eagle's left claw is softly impressed. A few lines are evident in the right obverse field. WB-2, with the top of an 8 evident in the dentils. The NGC price guide value in MS62 is \$1,200. Housed in a NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder.

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1846 Tall Date WB-14 50C, PCGS MS63 CAC, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Lightly mirrored surfaces reveal deep purple-rose color under a light, and the eye appeal is exceptional. Faint surface chatter, consistent with the technical grade, is evident upon close inspection. The 1846 Tall Date is a Guide Book-listed variety and easily attributable, with the date filling most of the vertical space between the rock and rim. This example is sharply hammered with pinpoint detail throughout. WB-14, without die crumbling, indicating a late die state per the Bugert reference. The CAC population is 54 pieces across all grades, with nine examples finer. The CAC price guide is \$3,000 in MS63 and jumps to \$6,750 in MS64. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder.



1846 Medium Date WB-8 50C, NGC AU58 CAC, Die Cud, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Gem surfaces with only high point rub make for a perfect AU58 example, and this coin might be more appropriately graded AU61 or AU62. Obverse luster is steely, while the reverse leans toward frosty. Scattered charcoal streaks crisscross both sides, laid atop a silver and gray background. Nicely struck, with star points sharp and near-complete feather detail. WB-8, with a rim cud at K-7. The CAC population is 43 pieces, with 15 of these at the Mint State level. The CAC price guide is \$936, which seems somewhat low for this GFRC-rated Gem example. Housed in a NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval.



1849 WB-12 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Generous frost covers Liberty and the eagle, creating a cameo look atop the glassy fields. The rims reveal deep russet patina, increasing the contrast with the untuned central figures, and the overall eye appeal is exceptional. The strike is strongly impressed, with design elements nicely rising above the plane of the fields. WB-12, with diagonal lines in the upper left portion of the reverse shield. The CAC population is 50 pieces in all grades, with 19 at Mint State levels. The CAC price guide is \$1,080 in AU58; this piece should be worth all that and then some. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder with CAC approval.

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1851 WB-8 50C, PCGS AU55, Misplaced Date Digits, Near-Choice Original, Emerald Collection. Partially mirrored surfaces create strong reflectance, highlighting silver and gray surfaces. A couple star centers are soft, while the feathers and claws are nicely defined. Half dollars from the early 1850s are challenging, as production fell in response to the increasing value of silver. WB-8, with a misplaced digit in the dentils. Bugert rates this variety as an R-6, with a population between 13 and 30 pieces. The PCGS guide value is \$3,500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder. The label captures the attribution as MPD WB-104.



1855-S With Arrows WB-3 50C, NGC AU58 CAC, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. This is the owner's favorite coin in the current consignment, and it is not difficult to understand why. Disregarding the rarity for a minute, this is a stone original example, with antique patina that reveals even silver and gray surfaces. Original Mint frost is easily evident in the protected areas, and the coin reveals vibrant cartwheels when tilted under a light. The strike is excellent, with only a touch of softness in the feathers of the left leg. Even if this were a common date coin, it would easily stand above most other examples. The rarity of the 1855-S half dollar is well known, and, next to the 1878-S, this coin attracts the most interest among the San Francisco pieces. Production was low to begin with, 129,950 coins, and high-grade survivors are few and far between, as eastern collectors of the time cared little about mintmarks. All that adds up to only a handful of known Mint state examples. CAC has approved only 17 pieces in all grades, with three pieces at AU58 and a lone example finer, at MS61. NGC notes four pieces at AU58, with three coins finer, while PCGS reports four examples at AU58 and two pieces higher. Between crossovers and crack outs, it is clear that this piece is among the finest known. Combined with its aesthetic appeal, this coin delivers the whole package. The CAC price guide is \$18,700. Housed in an NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval.

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1856-O WB-14 50C, PCGS AU50, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. This piece offers exceptional luster for the grade, with active cartwheels easily evident as the coin is tilted. Silver and gray shades cover both sides, a bit more heavily on the reverse. Strike is typical, with a couple soft stars and the left claw joints blending together. WB-14, with a repunched date and clash in the reverse shield. The PCGS price guide is \$350, and this flashy example represents "a lot of coin for the money." Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder.



1857-S WB-4 50C, NGC AU58 CAC Fatty, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Steely luster covers both sides of this semi-key San Francisco piece, produced to the extent of only 158,000 coins. Sea-green and silver surfaces underlay ample charcoal patina in the fields, while the strike is typical, with characteristic weakness at the eagle's left leg. WB-4, with a high date sloping downward and a mintmark tilted to the right. The CAC population is a mere 22 pieces in all grades, with only a single coin higher, at MS66. PCGS notes six pieces in all MS grades, while NGC reports five coins. Our consignor acquired many coins in the pre-CAC era, and clearly his eye was trained long ago, as this example demonstrates. The CAC price guide is \$3,450 in AU58. For those collecting CAC-approved half dollars, the present coin represents an important opportunity. Housed in an NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) fatty holder with pristine reverse hologram.

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1859 50C, PCGS AU53 CAC, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Lightly mirrored fields host medium shades of mauve and lilac patina, with generous Mint frost remaining in the protected areas. Obverse stars are sharp, while a few of the claw joints blend together. Although the Guide Book values this coin as a common date, the CAC population reveals a more challenging situation. The CAC census notes a low 45 pieces in all grades, and the rarity of Liberty Seated coinage, when considering originality, is not yet completely recognized by the market. The CAC price guide is \$398. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder with CAC approval.



1860-O WB-7 50C, ANACS AU58, Eagle Laying Egg, Near-Choice Original, Emerald Collection. Our consignor had an eye for varieties, and this 1860-O "eagle laying egg" WB-7 is distinct, with the highly placed mintmark almost appearing to be part of the eagle itself. This is reminiscent of the Charlotte quarter eagles, where the lack of available space sometimes causes the eagle and the mintmark to significantly overlap. This example reveals brilliant, frosted luster with swirling cartwheels. Russet and autumn patina covers the obverse, while the reverse is more uniformly toned. Nicely struck, with sharp claws and just a couple soft stars. A few reverse lines to the left hold back the GFRC choice rating. Housed in an ANACS blue label holder.



1860-S WB-1 50C, PCGS AU58 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection, Brilliant, frosted luster reveals silver surfaces with patches of smoky gray and charcoal patina on both sides. This is a lower mintage issue, at 472,000 pieces, at a time when the Philadelphia Mint was regularly striking half dollar into the millions. Still, the pricing profile of this piece is similar to a Philadelphia coin, until one gets into the higher grades. As a general rule, the branch Mint pieces in the Liberty Seated series were not systematically collected at the time of issue, and high-grade survivors are typically more challenging than their Philadelphia counterparts. WB-1, with a high mintmark. A few lines in the right obverse field are noted. PCGS reports 17 pieces in AU58, and 31 in all Mint state grades. The PCGS price guide is \$1,250. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder.

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1861-O W-8 50C, PCGS MS62, Louisiana Administration, Choice Original, Emerald Collection. The 1861-O half dollar is without doubt the most pursued issue in the entire Liberty Seated series, the result of a combination of legitimate history and well-managed promotions. This example represents the WB-8 variety, attributed to the Louisiana administration, which held control over the Mint following the secession of the southern states. The date slopes up steeply, while the mintmark is high and centered. This is a GFRC-rated choice example, with granular, frosted luster than imparts dancing cartwheels. Light rub is evident, precluding CAC approval, which might well be forthcoming if this piece was slabbed at the AU58 level. An excellent start to a 15-piece die marriage set of 1861-O half dollars. The PCGS price guide is \$2,750. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder.



1862 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC OGH, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Frosty luster radiates from the surfaces of this near-Gem example, with only minor chatter in the right obverse field holding the coin back. Nicely struck, with sharp stars and most of the claw joints delineated. The CAC census reports 35 pieces in all grades, with survivors bunched in the AU/MS bands, an indication that these pieces did not circulate heavily. Hard money was hoarded in the Civil War period, with the result that higher grade pieces are more accessible today. The CAC value is AU55 is \$1,110. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder with CAC approval.



1862 50C, PCGS EF45, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. This is a better-date Civil War issue, with 253,000 half dollars produced at the Philadelphia Mint in this year. Steely fields host a band of deep purple shading across the obverse, while similar color is evident at the reverse rim. Strike is typical, with star centers present if faint. High point wear is consistent with the grade, and the GFRC Choice rating attests to the above-average eye appeal. The PCGS guide value is \$600. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder.

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1862-S WB-5 50C, PCGS AU58 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Creamy, satiny luster hosts light tan patina on both sides. The bright color suggests an old dipping, but the surfaces are pleasing and the usual hairlines that one might expect are not evident. We rate the coin as Choice overall. WB-5, with the date sloping upward and a mintmark tilted to the left. Well struck, with only a couple soft stars and most of the claw joints cleanly separated. The PCGS price guide is \$1,400 in AU58. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder.



1864 50C, PCGS AU53 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Brilliant, frosted luster imparts active cartwheels, and the flash is readily evident as the coin is tilted. Light surface chatter is noted on both sides, as is a reverse rim mark at K2, consistent with the technical grade. The strike is sharp, with distinct star centers and near-complete feather detail. Half dollar production was lower in this Civil War year, with 379,100 pieces produced in Philadelphia. The PCGS guide value is \$1,000. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder.



1864-S WB-1 50C, PCGS AU55, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Granular, frosted luster hosts scattered bits of charcoal color at the rims, while smoky gray patina fills the fields. The strike is deeply impressed, with the usual problem area of the eagle's left leg sharply detailed. GFRC does not micro-split our ratings, but this piece might be better evaluated as "Choice Plus." WB-1, with the date punched to the right and the mintmark tilted to the left. The PCGS price guide is \$1,750. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder.

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1866 With Motto 50C, NGC AU53, Choice Original, Emerald Collection. Steely, frosted luster highlights the exceptionally choice surfaces. Deep maroon patina marks the fields and rims, with less color evident in the central figures. The technical wear is more consistent with an AU50 grade, and this piece might well achieve CAC certification at that level. WB-1, with a misplaced digit in the dentils below the right 6. Strike is typical, with some of the feathers and claws blending together. The NGC price guide is \$425, and this piece is a good value at that level. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert. The label captures the FS-302 MPD die variety.



1868-S WB-5 50C, PCGS AU58 CAC, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Brilliant, frosted luster creates vibrant cartwheels atop the surfaces of this San Francisco piece, and the GFRC Gem designation is fully warranted. Scattered crust on both sides accompanies smoky tan patina. The hairline-free fields are free of distracting marks, and the originality is easily apparent. CAC has approved 25 pieces in all grades, with just six examples at the Mint state level. WB-5, with a small, slightly tilted mintmark. The CAC price guide is \$858, which seems rather low for a piece ranking this high in the census. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



1868-S WB-4 50C, PCGS EF40, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Natural coin gray color contrasts with the original crust that clings to the protected areas. Fields are evenly toned with occasional charcoal flecks and the overall eye appeal is wholesome. WB-4, with misplaced digits in the dentils, below 68 in the date. The PCGS guide value is \$375, and this example represents a near-perfect collector grade selection at that level. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder.

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1869-S WB-3 50C, PCGS AU58, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Scattered emerald patina covers both sides of this San Francisco issue, more heavily on the reverse. Steely, original fields reveal soft reflectance, and the in-hand appeal is strong. High-point rub is more consistent with an AU55 grade 1, and this example would be a strong candidate for CAC consideration at that level. WB-3, with a date sloping noticeably downward. Stars 1-2 are soft, but the feathers and claws exhibit clean separation. The PCGS price guide is \$1,500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder.



1869-S WB-1 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Soft, satiny luster reveals pristine, hairline-free fields, and the CAC approval is no surprise. Light russet color is scattered at the rims and throughout the central figures, while a few crusty bits mark the reverse. WB-1, with die lines at stars 11-12. Strike is typical, with softness in the eagle's left leg. The CAC population is a mere 23 pieces, with only four examples finer. The CAC value is \$858, which seems an attractive value for an issue that is rarely found choice. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder with CAC approval.



1870-CC WB-1 50C, PCGS VF25, Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Liberty Seated enthusiasts tend to be Carson City fans, by definition, as the rarity of "CC" coinage is well-known by anyone building a denomination set. Among the half dollars, the keys are the 1870-CC < 1874-CC, and 1878-CC issues, with the 1870-CC being the scarcest of the three. This example exhibits rich ebony toning with hints of maroon and plum color underneath the thick skin. High points are lighter, as expected from a well-circulated coin that has been subject to extensive handling. Moderately reflective surfaces suggest retoning over an old dipping, but still within the PCGS standard of acceptability. Regardless, any 1870-CC half dollar is a desirable coin, and this mid-grade collector example is no exception. WB-1, with the CCs slanting down. The PCGS price guide is \$6,500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder.

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1871-s WB-2 50C, PCGS MS62, Choice Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Brilliant, frosted luster booms from the untuned centers of this San Francisco piece, surrounded by sprays of russet and tan color at the rims. The strike is hammered, with sharply delineated claws and feathers. A few marks between the foot and star 13 hold this piece back from a GFRC Gem rating, but the in-hand flash is undeniable. WB-2, with the top of the mintmark thin. The PCGS price guide value is \$1,750. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder.



1872 50C, NGC MS62 CAC, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Generous frosty luster imparts dancing cartwheels, and the "pop" is immediately apparent as the coin is tilted in hand. Original silver skin covers the smooth surfaces and admits a few hints of golden patina at the rims. The strike is sharp, with virtually complete feather detail, and the GFRC Gem rating is completely warranted. CAC notes 28 pieces in all grades with six coins finer. The CAC guide value is \$1,350, an attractive price point for a coin that is remarkably advanced in the condition census. Housed in a NGC Gen 7 (1997-2000) holder with CAC approval.



1872-S WB-2 50C, PCGS EF45 OGH, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. An 1872-S half isn't quite as good as two 1872-S quarters, but this remains a better date in the half dollar series, with just over a half million pieces struck. This example exhibits steely, frosted luster, and the technical detail is just a touch removed from the AU level. Original Mint bloom is evident around the stars and protected areas, and the eye appeal is wholesome. WB-2, with the date to the left and a squat mintmark. The PCGS price guide value is \$500. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder.

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1875-S WB-1 50C, PCGS AU53 OGH, Medium-Small S, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Silver and gray patina blankets both sides of this collectible San Francisco piece, with tan shades additionally present on the reverse. Scattered field marks are evident here and there, consistent with the technical grade. Strike is typical, with claw joints melding as one. WB-1, with a die crack at the base of the date and a low, tilted mintmark. This issue is rich in varieties, and the present piece is worthy of in-hand study, in consultation with the Bugert reference. The PCGS guide value is \$375. Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.1 (1993-1998) old green holder.



1876-S WB-17 50C, PCGS MS62 CAC, Choice Original, Newtown Collection. Exceptional luster radiates from the brilliant centers and leads toward scattered russet and maroon patina at the rims. Fields are marky, more than conveyed by the images, but CAC weighs originality heavily and the green bean is clearly merited in this case. The booming flash immediately grabs the eye, and the first impression is controlling. The CAC population is 43 pieces in all grades, with 20 examples finer. The CAC price guide is \$936. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



1876-S WB-32 50C, NGC AU58 CAC, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Eye-catching rings of color surround the brilliant centers of this San Francisco piece, with russet, aqua, and golden patina evident. The luster is steely, and the overall presentation is appealing. Liberty's head is a touch soft, while the claws exhibit clean separation. WB-32, with die lumps in the obverse shield and a centered, small mintmark. A few lines in the obverse right field are noted. CAC notes 43 pieces in all grades, yet another low figure in the Liberty Seated series, where CAC populations less than a hundred examples are typical. The CAC price guide is \$546. Housed in a NGC Gen 5 (1992-1995) fatty holder with pristine reverse hologram.

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1877 50C, PCGS MS65+ CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection . Dancing cartwheels boom from the surfaces of this colorful half, which exhibits a wash of russet and tan color highlighted by electric blue patina at the rims. Ample, frosty luster easily penetrates the medium skin, and the images do not completely convey the compelling in-hand eye appeal. Obverse star centers are sharp, while some feathers on the eagle's left leg blend together. CAC notes 71 pieces in all grades, with 17 coins finer. The CAC price guide is \$3,250 in MS65 and \$7,500 in MS66. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder.



1878 50C, PCGS MS65, Gem Original, Oregon Beaver Collection. Electric blue, russet, and sea-green patina fill the obverse of this late-date Philadelphia piece, while the reverse center is brilliant and leads toward deep rim toning. Colors are transparent under a glass, and the skin is less thick than conveyed by the images. Frosted, granular luster imparts swirling cartwheels, and the GFRG Gem rating is consistent with the flash and overall eye appeal. Star centers are fully defined, while a few of the claw joints blend together. The PCGS price guide value is \$5,000 in MS65, \$12,500 in MS66. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.0 (2015-2020) holder.



1878-CC WB-1 50C, PCGS 53, Choice Original, Newtown Collection. Pristine, smooth fields are the hallmark of this richly toned, challenging CC piece. Tan and ebony patina predominates, with hints of sea-green and olive color evident underneath the thick skin. The Carson City Mint produced few half dollars in this year, 62,000 pieces total, as production capacity was diverted to coining massive quantities of Morgan dollars. WB-1, the only die marriage for this issue. The PCGS price guide value is \$8,000. The Carson City pieces are always the first examined when viewing Liberty Seated sets, and this high-grade survivor will best most other examples. Housed in a PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder.

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1878-CC WB-1 50C, PCGS VF30 CAC, Choice Original, Newtown Collection. Coin grey surfaces host scattered dirt, with additional goldish-olive patina evident on both sides. This piece exhibits what some call the "CAC look," meaning a piece with moderate crust than has somehow escaped the "curators" for a long period of time. Close inspection of the hairline-free fields of this example is recommended, and frequent auction lot viewing of CAC-approved pieces will further train the eye. WB-1, the only variety for this issue. CAC notes 32 pieces in all grades. Remarkably, only 11 of these are finer than the present example. The 1878-CC issue is a key in the Seated half series, and CAC-approved examples are few and far between. The CAC guide value is \$4,200. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.3 (2004) holder with CAC approval.



1879 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection. The low-mintage, 1879-1890 runs are well known to Liberty Seated half and quarter dollar enthusiasts, and this 12-coin group might easily stand on its own as a "set within a set." The present example, from the inaugural year of this run, presents a thick skin of smoky grey patina with sea-green highlights in the protected areas. Steely, frosted luster creates swirling cartwheels, and the eye appeal is compelling. Stars are sharply impressed, while a few of the feathers on the eagle's left leg are soft. The CAC census notes 79 examples in all grades, with 30 coins finer. The CAC price guide is \$4,120. Housed in PCGS Gen 5.0 (2015) Dupont hologram holder with CAC approval.



1879 50C, NGC AU53, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. A semi-prooflike obverse features a brilliant center surrounded by deep aqua shades at the rim, while the reverse exhibits a uniformly thick skin of intense blue patina. Bright-light inspection reveals the considerable depth of the toning, with various shades evident as the coin is tilted. Prooflike pieces in the 1879-1890 are typical, as production was low and dies were less susceptible to wear. WB-102, the business strike dies, with a die line through LIB. The PCGS guide value is \$1,150. Housed in a newer NGC holder with edge view insert.

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1881 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Pristine coin-gray surfaces host hints of rose patina, leading toward sprays of ebony color at the rims. Smooth fields are partially mirrored and the overall eye appeal is strong; indeed, this is a near-perfect collector-grade example. Strike is typical, with feathers and claws blending together. CAC notes 34 pieces in all grades. The CAC guide value is \$1,280. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.4 (2005-2011) holder with CAC approval.



1885 50C, PCGS MS65 CAC, Gem Original, Newtown Collection. This is a piece that has to be seen in-hand to fully appreciate the deeply original surfaces and swirling cartwheels. Medium to thick rose skin covers both sides and leads toward blue crescents at the rims. The frosty luster is fully Gem and further highlights the old-time color of this low-mintage example. Star centers are completely delineated, while a few of the claw joints meld as one. CAC has approved 28 pieces in all grades, with three coins finer. The CAC guide price is \$6,000, a reasonable level for a near-finest known example. Housed in a PCGS Gen 6.1 (2020-2022) holder with CAC approval.



1885 50C, NGC AU58, Near-Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Sharp luster and pleasing color radiates from the surfaces of this late-date, low-mintage Philadelphia example. Lilac, rose, and blue patina mix on both sides, and the in-hand appeal is strong. Partially-mirrored luster is exceptional for the grade and imparts dancing cartwheels. Star centers are cleanly defined, while the reverse exhibits typical softness in the left leg feathers. The NGC price guide value is \$1,300. Housed in a NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder.

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1887 50C, NGC AU58, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Both sides of this Philadelphia piece exhibit brilliant, untuned surfaces. The strike is deeply impressed, with stars rising well above the plane, while most of the claws are separated if faintly so. Fields are mirrored and sharply reflective, and the absence of color suggests an old dipping. Production of Liberty Seated halves was minimal from 1879-1890 as Mint capacity was diverted toward striking Morgan dollars. Today, business strikes are more challenging than proof examples, which were widely collected at the time of issue. The NGC guide value is \$1,100. Housed in a NGC Gen 17 (2004-2008) holder.



1888 50C, PCGS AU55 CAC OGH, Gem Original, New Jersey Collection. Collectors with even the most endowed of checkbooks will pause to consider the present example, a russet headlight that generates substantial contrast with the frosty, silver background. The reverse additionally exhibits bits of aqua patina at the rim, and the eye appeal is off the charts. Swirling cartwheels are especially active for the grade, and the GFRC Gem rating is no surprise. The CAC population is 51 pieces, and the CAC price guide value is \$1,280. This piece will sell for more - the only question is how much more! Housed in a PCGS Gen 3.0 (1990-1993) old green holder with CAC approval.



1889 50C, NGC AU58, Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. Lustrous, untuned surfaces host faint hints of color at the rims, while white, frosted luster radiates from the protected areas. This piece was likely dipped in the past, with a few hairlines evident. Nicely struck, with significant detail in the claw joints. Production was low in this year, 12,000 pieces, as the Philadelphia Mint churned out millions of Morgan dollars. Business strikes are today scarcer than proofs, with NGC reporting 129 circulation strike coins, as compared to 204 proof examples. The NGC price guide is \$1,100. Housed in an NGC Gen 14 (2003-2004) holder.

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1891 50C, PCGS AU58, Near-Choice Original, New Jersey Collection. After a decade of low mintages, the need for circulating small change caused the Mint to greatly increase the production of quarters and half dollars in this year. Brilliant, frosted luster covers the surfaces of this largely untuned example, while the strike is typical, with a couple flat stars and the left claw joints blended as one. Some obverse field chatter is noted. The PCGS price guide is \$850, a reasonable level for a near-MS example of a 19th century half dollar. Housed in a PCGS Gen 4.1 (2002-2004) holder.