

Seated Dollars 1840 to 1873

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Seated Dollars Overview

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Series Length and Varieties

- Seated Dollars minted from 1840 to 1873
- Business strike series contains 44 coins including the very rare 1870-S and excluding 1866 no motto pattern.
- Coins were minted at Philadelphia, Denver and S.F.; only a proof issued in 1858. Motto/No Motto
- Rarely circulated except in the west; used as trade dollars in the Orient; often worth more in silver than face value.
- Most available – 1847, 1859-O and 1860-O. Why?

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Business Strike Mintage Dates

- Philadelphia – 1840 to 1873 except 1858 (proof only)
- New Orleans – 1846, 1850, 1859 and 1860
- San Francisco – 1859, 1870 and 1872 – all 1873s were melted at mint per orders of Mint Director Linderman on June 13, 1873.
- Carson City – 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1873
- Only ~38,200 believed to survive in all grades today (Weimar White, Bowers ~40,000 to ~80,000 – ½ from 60s treasury).

For comparison, Morgan 1893-S PCGS and NGC slab total >G-8 is 5,524.

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Rare

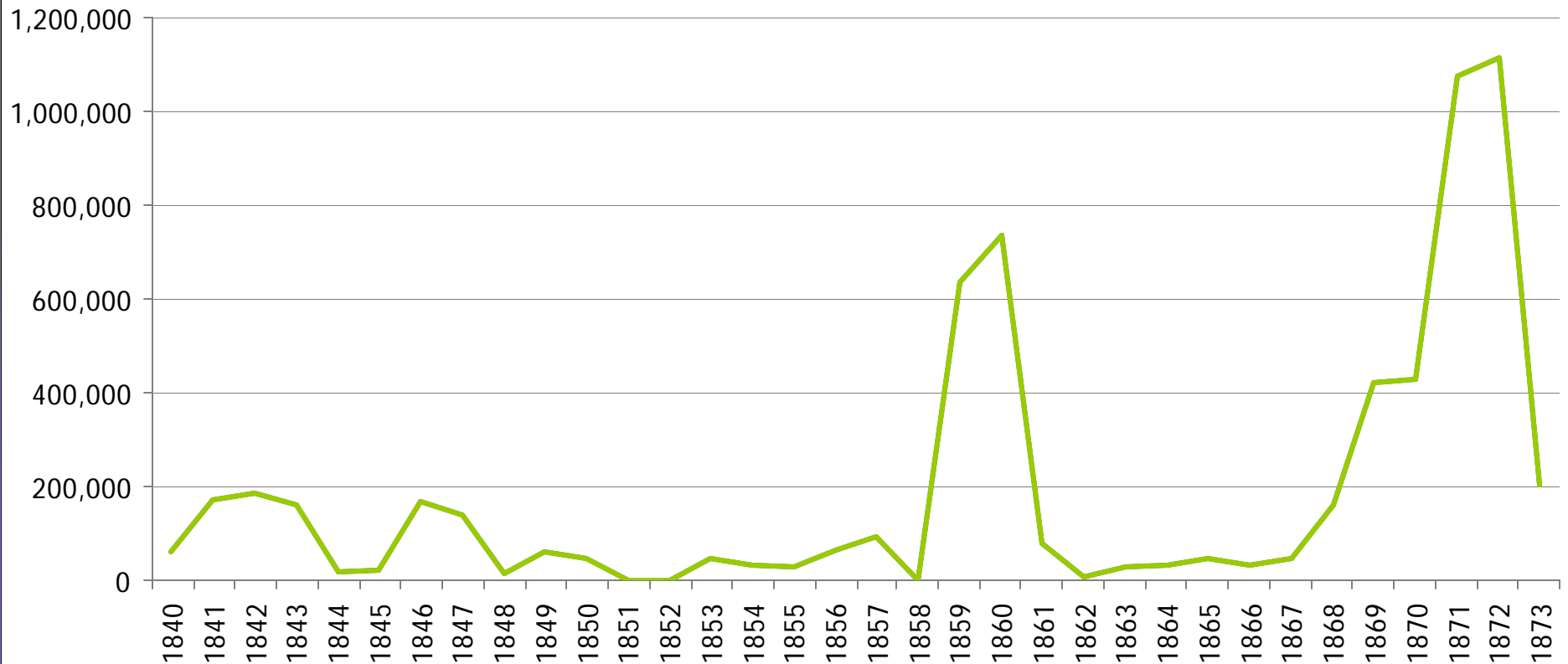
➤ 7 rarest business strikes (in VF to AU):

1870-S	<200 minted	9 survive
1851	1,300 minted	10 to 20 survive
1852	1,100 minted	30 to 60 survive
1873-CC	2,300 minted	50 to 70 survive
1871-CC	1,376 minted	60 to 100 survive
1872-CC	3,230 minted	100 to 150 survive
1854	33,140 minted	130 to 200 survive

Early proofs survival rates all typically <10

Seated Dollars Mintages by Year

Total Mintage of Seated Dollars By Year



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Key Dates (1870-S; 1873-CC; 1871-CC; 1851 & 1852)



1870-S Seated Dollar

Genuine PCGS #15795772

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Key Date (1842; Die Crack on Obsverse)



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Shield Doubled on 1844 vs Others



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Key Date (1871-CC; Die Chip)



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Key Date (1851, 'Original',
High Date and Die Clash)



1851 Seated Dollar
MS-63 PCGS #13595710

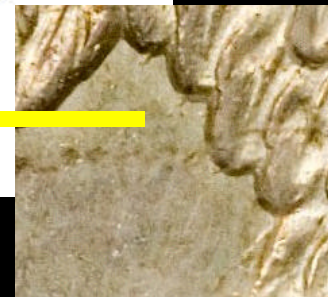


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Key Date (1852, 'Original',
Unfinished Below Chin and "Spikes" Under Wing)



1852 Seated Dollar
AU-58 PCGS #06380807



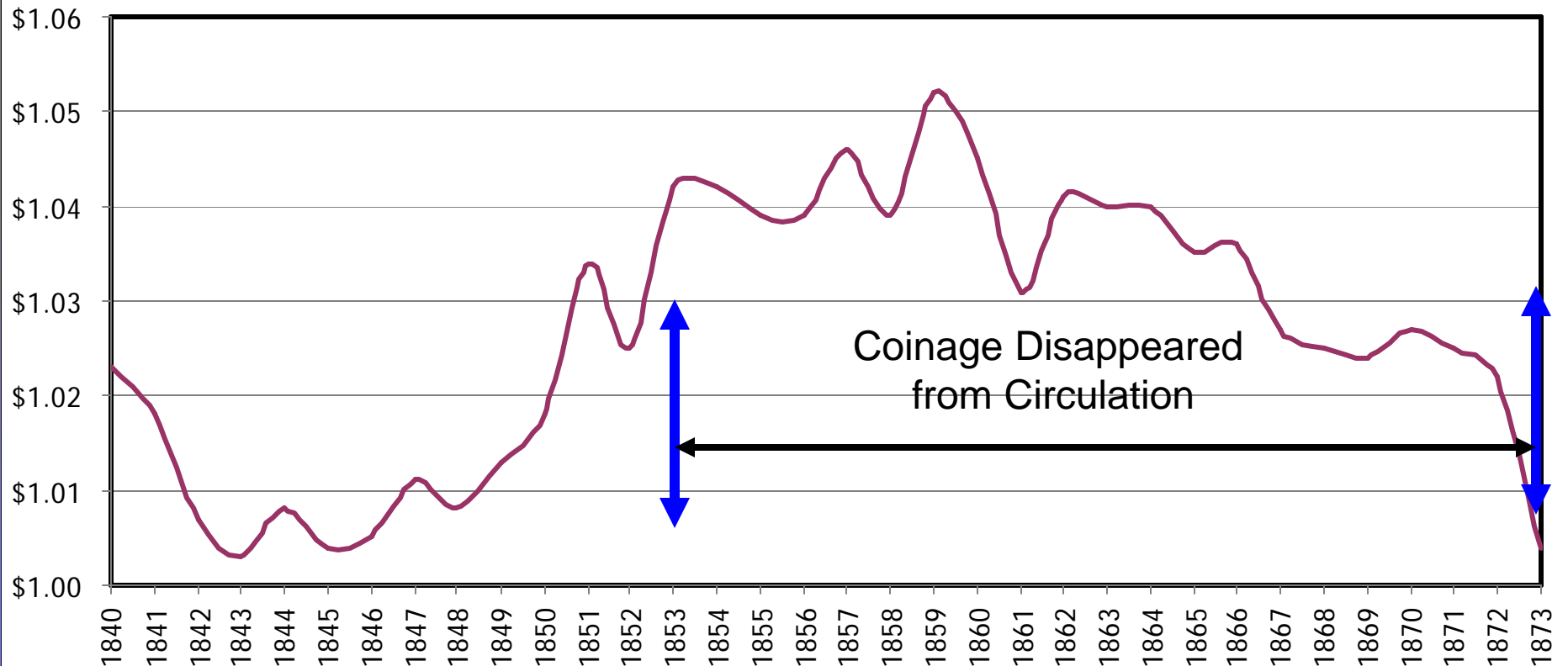
Epilogue

- For 20 years after 1853, Seated Dollars did not circulate as they were worth more in melt than face value; mint required payment of a premium for the dollars.
- Many sent out of the country as psuedo trade dollars. Many were melted once trade dollars were introduced (all of 1873-S for example).
- In mid-1870s, began to circulate again – due to drop in price of silver.

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Price of Silver by Year

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