

Coin Chronicles

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Lincoln Metallic Imagery

-Harry Garrison

A catalog and Price list of Lincoln coins, medals tokens, medals and Plaques.

I have never done a book review This is my first. But when this book appeared several month ago, I was quick to order 3 copies, believing it to be the most comprehensive book on Lincoln medals issued to date. An important added incentive was the fact that I have known the author – Paul Cunningham since 1995. Briefly I was not disappointed.

This reference is hardbound (I'm not aware of the book in spiral bound) and contains 405 pages. The book is divided into 37 topical chapters representing 354 pages documenting more than 3200 pieces cataloged with a "Cunningham" reference number and a price range. The book contains hundreds of illustration or images which are in vivid color. Many have been enlarged for better viewing.

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Almost a hundred years have past since Robert King's initial efforts to document Lincoln coins, medals and exonomia. A conversion guide from King to Cunningham can be found in the back of the book. In the introduction, it notes that some 20,00 books have been written about Lincoln or some aspect of his life. When it comes to valuing the metallic issues of Lincoln nothing compares to this reference. The book contains abbreviations for the 31 different metallic items noted along with the value guide. And corresponding price ranges. The value of an "A" item is suggested at \$2 to \$5 and so on along the alphabet right up to "S" for Speculative and "U" for Un known. As a pricing guide for Lincoln metallic items this is an important book to have in your library.

I not going to attempt to detail the contents of all 37 chapters. But a few highlights should give you a good idea of the value of this reference.

Chapter I covers Lincoln's first campaign, 1860, Political Tokens and Medals

Chapter 5 covers Civil War tokens that depict Lincoln

Chapter 6 covers medals of the Civil War

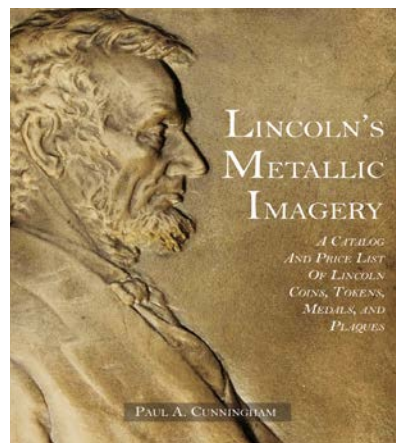
Chapter 10 covers Thomas Elder considered the "King of Lincoln" Tokens

Chapter 15 covers Lincoln coins in the U.S.

Chapter 22 covers Lincoln medals issued by the U.S. Mint

Chapter 35 covers non-metallic Lincoln items

I mentioned many of the important chapters in the book. The chapters not mentioned also contain useful information to the hardcore collector or dealer of Lincoln. I found the book very interesting and informative and strongly urge anyone with an interest in Lincoln seek a copy for their library. The book lists for \$90.00, but in quantities of 3 or more the price drops to \$63. Find a friend or two and order together.



COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

By Bill Liatys

February 2016 LOCAL SHOW SCHEDULE

PARSIPPANY *February 14th at Sunday 9 AM – 4 PM*
Pal Bldg 33 Baldwin Road Parsnippany NJ

BURLINGTON *February 14th Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*
Burlington Mason Lodge Route 541 Burlington, NJ

TREVOSE *February 21st Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*
Trevose Fire House 4900 Street Road Trevose, PA

TRI-STATE COIN & STAMP SHOW *February 28th Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM*
Williamson's Restaurant 500 Blair Mill Road Horsham, PA

WHITMAN COIN & COLLECTIBLES *March 31 – April 3 Thursday – Sunday*
Thursday – Noon – 6 PM Friday – Saturday - 10 AM – 6 PM Sunday – 10 AM – 3 PM
Baltimore Convention Center One W. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD

President's Message

By Andrew Waholek

Hello to all and Happy New year! I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season! We will be having our first meeting of the new year on Monday 25th 2016 at 7pm in meeting rooms 1 and 2. Make sure to bring those new coins that you've acquired for some show and tell. I myself have a few cool goodies I can't wait to show to all of you.

We still need articles for the newsletter. This is YOUR club and it is to your benefit to contribute. Also, we will have a display to put on for the library cases. If anyone would like to put one out or share an idea, please let me know. I hope to see everyone at the meeting and in good spirits! Until then.....

Grand Army of the Republic --Joe Pargola

After the end of the Civil War, President Lincoln promised that he would take care of the wounded soldiers, widows and orphans created by those who sacrificed for our country. As the government was weak from the struggles of war, the country never fulfilled its promise and left communities to care for the soldiers and families of the veterans. The Grand Army of the Republic or GAR was founded in Decatur, Illinois on April 6, 1866 by Benjamin F. Stephenson. Membership was limited to honorably discharged veterans of the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps or the Revenue Cutter Service who had served between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865. They sought to care for the disaffected members and continue the fraternal relationships of the troops of this terrible war. The organization was structured around local Posts and elevated to commanders and organizers from a national basis. By 1890 the membership was over 400,000. Annually, they would gather a reunion as an Encampment to celebrate the veterans and care for their needs. The final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1949 and the last member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at the age of 109 years. They are attributed to the first Memorial Day by a proclamation

that the 30th of May would be set aside to honor veterans. This was, however, a continuation of earlier celebrations. The Ladies of the GAR would decorate the graves of the soldiers of the Civil War in the spring. This came to be known as Decoration Day. This also was a descendant of the Grand Jubilee where officials would gather to make speeches and celebrate the veterans of the Revolutionary War. Be that as it may, the work done by the GAR, Ladies of the GAR (LGAR) and Women's Relief Corp (WRC) brought much needed care and assuagement to the troops that fought and the survivors who carried on.

The Encampments spawned many beautiful medals and exonomia that are very collectable pieces of American History. I began collecting Coins and Exonomia to link the history of our country to the struggles for organization and to understand the development of our government. I find this link as well as the beauty of the coins and medals a very interesting way to gain this further understanding.



Did you know that:

1. David Rittenhouse was appointed by George Washington as the first Director of the Mint.
2. The first Mint building was the first Federal building erected by the U.S. Government under the Constitution.
3. Past Mints have included Dahlonega, GA; Charlotte, NC; New Orleans, LA; and Carson City, NV.
4. The first Philadelphia Mint used harnessed horses to drive the machinery that produced coinage.
5. A two-cent coin was minted between 1864 and 1873 and was the first coin to bear the motto "In God We Trust".

Information from usmint.gov



Articles Wanted

If you have a topic you'd like to be covered in the Newsletter... write an article or submit your idea. Don't be shy....do it. All entries are welcome. Articles will appear in the Newsletter as soon as possible and might be edited for space consideration, not editorial



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1791 Washington cent with Small Eagle reverse.

--Harry Garrison

Pictured is a Washington cent with a small eagle reverse in a PCGS holder with a CAC sticker graded AU58; a very choice example..



A classic and very well executed piece in the Washington series, this type was struck in hopes of securing a coinage contract with the fledgling US government, but was rejected by Washington himself as 'too monarchical'.



This is a relatively common coin among Washingtonia pieces, with a fair number of uncirculated pieces available to collectors. Red and Brown mint state examples are very rare and no full red examples are known to exist. Ms66 is the top grade known to exist to date. NGC or PCGS examples range from \$1800 (pictured) to \$6500 for an MS66

Baker-16, W-10630 variety, considered to be a Rarity-3.

Articles

Please think about your interest and contribute an article or idea that may interest our club members.

Meeting Schedule

The Trenton Numismatic Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the

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