



Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion

"Civil War Coppers and Nickels"

Two, Three, and Five Cents (1859-1866)

- 1. Which Civil War coin first featured the motto "In God We Trust"? What is the metallic composition of this particular coin? Which year was it first minted and which mint(s) produced it?**
- 2. What are two varieties of this first year issue? Which is more valuable? Of that variety, is the proof version or the "business strike" more rare?**
- 3. What are two other "keys" or "semi-keys" to this series?**
- 4. Which year was the first "nickel" produced for circulation? What was the denomination of this "nickel" and what was it actually composed of?**
- 5. What denomination did this "nickel" duplicate? Why was it produced in the new composition?**
- 6. As a first year issue, is the proof version or the "business strike" more valuable? Of the series which "business strike" is the easiest to find? Which proof is the most valuable? Why?**
- 7. Which years were both "trimes" and three cent nickels minted? Which mint(s) produced them?**
- 8. Which three cent series survived the other; the "trime" or the "nickel"?**
- 9. Which year was the first five cent "Nickel" minted? Which mint(s) produced it?**
- 10. Who were the designers of each of these denominations?**

Bonus: Who was the "Photographer of the Civil War"?

What photographic principle has a direct effect on all silver coins?



For the fourth 2019-W quarter dollar, representing [San Antonio Missions National Historical Park](#), the West Point Mint as of 3:37 p.m. Eastern Time June 4 had struck 800,000 of the 2 million examples scheduled.

Striking of the 2019-W San Antonio Missions quarter dollars was begun while the War in the Pacific National Historical Park coins were still being struck, according to the U.S. Mint.

The San Antonio Missions quarter dollar is scheduled for general circulation release through the Federal Reserve on Aug. 26.

Stimulating numismatics

To stimulate coin collecting, the West Point Mint is striking 2 million 2019-W America the Beautiful quarter dollars apiece for the sites designated for this year's commemoration: Lowell National Historical Park (Massachusetts), American Memorial Park (Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands), War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam), San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (Texas), and Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (Idaho).

The quarter dollars are the first to bear the W Mint mark of the West Point Mint.

The first two 2019-W quarter dollars were released in April, followed by the third in May and early June. Since the Lowell quarter dollars from the Denver and Philadelphia Mints were already in the distribution pipeline, the West Point Mint coinage of both of the first two 2019-W quarter dollar issues were mixed in with the American Memorial Park quarters dollars from the Denver and Philadelphia Mints before their circulation distribution.

The West Point Mint production of each design is being evenly divided for shipping to the Denver and Philadelphia Mints, where the West Point Mint coins are being mixed with the production of the other two Mints. The mixed coins are then being shipped to designated locations. The locations are home to armored carriers contracted by the Federal Reserve to distribute the nation's coinage.

The individual coin terminals may then roll the coins in paper or plastic; the rolls contain 40 coins each.

The newly struck coins can also be mixed in with circulated coins before rolling. The 2019-W quarter dollars have created something like a frenzy among collectors and dealers who are searching through thousands of coins in a treasure hunt for the elusive West Point quarter dollars.

Examples of the 2019-W Lowell and American Memorial Park quarters have sold on eBay for \$20 to \$55 each uncertified, with examples holdered by third-party grading services trading much higher. A 2019-W Lowell quarter dollar graded Mint State 65 by Professional Coin Grading Service sold in a June 4 eBay sale for \$102.50. A PCGS MS-65 2019-W American Memorial Park quarter dollar sold in a June 4 eBay sale for \$150. Completed eBay sales for the War in the Pacific coins include noncertified examples that were located in Utah and sold in several June 6 auctions for \$99 each. Another example found in Utah was sold June 4 for \$178.

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