

# Barber Dimes



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# Barber Coinage History

➤ Designer: Charles E. Barber (1840 – 1917)



❖ Half Dollar: 1892-1915



❖ Quarter: 1892-1916



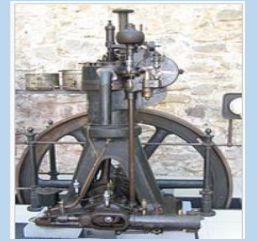
❖ Dime: 1892-1916



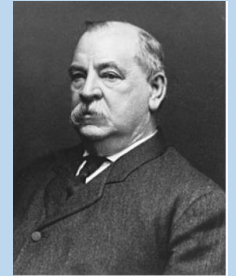
❖ Nickel: 1883-1912 (~5 minted in 1913)



## Historical Events



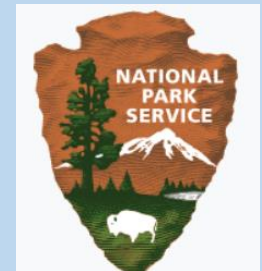
1892: Diesel Engine Patent



1892: Grover Cleveland Re-Elected



1916: 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of WW I



1916: National Park Service Established

# Barber Dime Specifics

- Number Minted:
  - ❖ 74 Different Coins (Not Including 1894-S)
- Mintage Locations:
  - ❖ Philadelphia (1892 - 1916)
  - ❖ San Francisco (1892 – 1893 & 1895 - 1916)
  - ❖ New Orleans (1892 – 1903 & 1905 – 1909)
  - ❖ Denver (1906 – 1912 & 1914)



- Proof Issues:
  - ❖ 1892 – 1916
  - ❖ Minted @ Philadelphia



- Varieties:
  - ❖ 1893/2
  - ❖ 1905 Micro O



# Barber Dime Mintages



1895-O

Key Dates	
Year	Mintage
1895-O	440,000
1913-S	510,000
1896-S	575,056
1901-S	593,022
1896-O	610,000
1903-S	613,300
1897-O	666,000
1895	690,000
1894-O	720,000



1894-O

# Barber Dime Mintages



1904-S



Semi-Key Dates	
Year	Mintage
1904-S	800,000
1909-D	954,000
1915-S	960,000
1892-S	990,710
1909-S	1,000,000
1895-S	1,120,000
1910-S	1,240,000
1894	1,330,000
1897-S	1,342,844
1898-S	1,702,507
1893-O	1,760,000
1899-S	1,867,493



1899-S



# Barber Dime Mintages



1896

Honorable Mention Dates	
Year	Mintage
1896	2,000,000
1900-O	2,010,000
1902-S	2,070,000
1914-S	2,100,000
1898-O	2,130,000
1909-O	2,267,000
1906-O	2,610,000
1899-O	2,650,000



1899-O

# Barber Dime Strike Examples

1892-P

Typically P, D, & S Dimes are deeply/well struck



1892-O

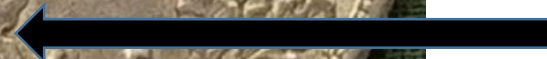
Typically O Dimes are not well struck



Deep Strike



Soft Strike





# Barber Dime Grading

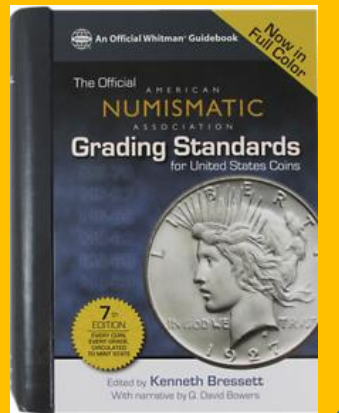
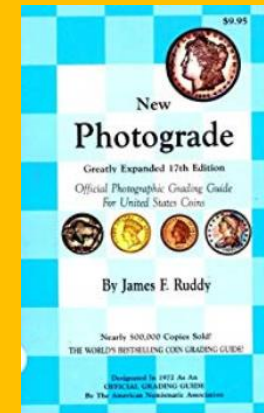


LIBERTY & Headband: All Grades

Rim/Edge Separation: Lower Grades

Cheek: AU & Higher Grades

## Grading Resources



# Graded Barber Dime Examples

Less Than 3 Letters  
of LIBERTY Visible

All Letters in LIBERTY  
Visible But Weak

All Letters in LIBERTY Bold  
and Band Complete



# Counterfeit & Cleaned Barber Dime Examples



Counterfeit "Copper" Example



Counterfeit "Lead" Example



"Polished" Example



"Old Cleaning" Example



"Hairline" Example



"Over-Dipped" Example

# Collection Strategies

- Type Set (Any Level Collector)
  - ❖ Philadelphia Mint
  - ❖ Almost Uncirculated to Uncirculated
  
- Entire Set (Beginner to Intermediate Level Collector)
  - ❖ Key & Semi-Key Dates First
  - ❖ Honorable Mention Dates Second
  - ❖ Common Dates Last
  - ❖ Minimum Grade: Very Good (VG)
  
- Entire Set (Advanced Collector)
  - ❖ Same as Above
  - ❖ Minimum Grade: Very Fine (VF)
  
- Specialty/Investment Set (Any Level Collector)
  - ❖ Key Dates (Minimum Grade: VF)
  - ❖ High-Grade Coins (AU or Better)



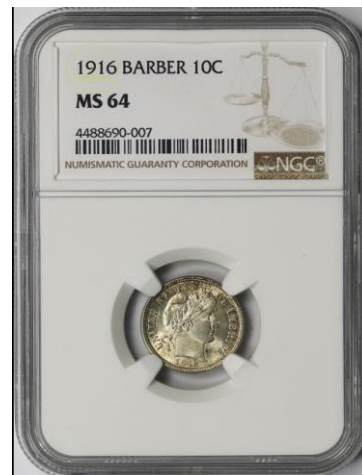
# Purchasing Strategies

- Local Coin Dealer(s)
  - ❖ “See & Touch”
  - ❖ High Knowledge & Good Advice (Charles Cataldo: AL Coin & Silver)
  - ❖ Best Price/Value
  - ❖ Good Selection (Ability to find/locate coins)
  - ❖ Little/No Risk
  
- Coin Shows
  - ❖ “See & Touch”
  - ❖ Seller Knowledge & Advice Varies
  - ❖ Good Price/Value (Competition)
  - ❖ Good to Excellent Selection (Depends on Size & Location)
  - ❖ Low to Moderate Risk (Depends on Seller)
  
- Internet
  - ❖ Pictures/Images Only
  - ❖ Seller Knowledge Unknown in Most Cases
  - ❖ Fair to Good Price/Value (Competition)
  - ❖ Excellent Selection (World Market)
  - ❖ High Risk (Beware of Counterfeits & Cleaned Coins/Recommend Certified Coins/Good Return Policy)



# Grading Services


1. Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) Founded 1986
  2. Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) Founded 1987
  3. American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS) Founded 1972
  4. Independent Coin Graders (ICG) Founded 1998
  5. Sovereign Entities Grading Service (SEGS) Founded 1998
  6. Photo-Certified Coin Institute (PCI) Founded 1989; Defunct
  7. All The Rest...
- Good to Excellent
- Average to Good
- Poor to Average



# Barber Coin Collector's Society


- ❖ Founded in 1989
- ❖ Quarterly Journal Published (Covers All Barber Coinage)
- ❖ Journal Articles Submitted by Members & SMEs
- ❖ Educational Resources
- ❖ Officers Participate at Coin Shows
- ❖ Series Information: **Rarity Ratings for Barber Coinage** →
- ❖ \$15/Year Membership Fee
- ❖ <http://www.barbercoins.org>

***Barber Coin Authority***



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Welcome to the new website of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society (BCCS). The BCCS is a group of several hundred collectors and dealers dedicated to the study of the American coinage of Charles E. Barber, Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint from 1880 to 1917. Social interactions at a host of regional meeting venues throughout the United States are a key element of the "BCCS Experience." See why any collector of Barber coinage should be a member of the BCCS.

#### Upcoming Events

Visit us at these upcoming regional shows

- **Hover** over name below for details of the event
- **Click** for the event website.
- **ANA's World's Fair of Money, August 14-18**  
See expanded information below under LSCC News
- Long Beach Expo, September 6-8
- PAN (PA Association of Numismatists), September 13-15
- Whitman Baltimore Expo, October 25-27
- NH Coin Expo, November 9-10

R1: Common date and grade  
 R2: Better date and grade  
 R3: Tough date – available, but may require some looking  
 R4: Scarce – may or may not find at larger shows/auctions  
 R5: Very scarce – only a few offered for sale each year  
 R6: Almost never seen – only one or two may be offered for sale in a year's time  
 R7: Rare – a single specimen might, on average, be offered for sale once every few years  
 R8: Unique, or nearly so

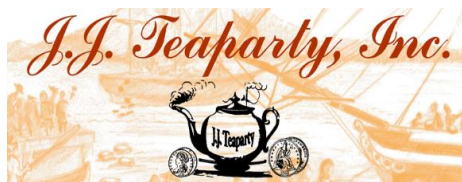
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1892	-	R1	R2	R2	R2	R1	R1	R1
1892-O	-	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2
1892-S	-	R3	R3	R4	R4	R4	R4	R4
1893	-	R2	R2	R3	R3	R3	R3	R1
1893-O	-	R2	R3	R3	R3	R4	R4	R3
1893-S	-	R2	R3	R3	R3	R4	R4	R3
1894	-	R2	R3	R3	R4	R4	R4	R3
1894-O	-	R3	R3	R4	R4	R5	R5	R5

# Reputable Online Dealers

- ❖ David Finkelstein Rare Coins: <http://www.djf-coins.com/> ★
- ❖ J.J. Teaparty: <http://www.jjteaparty.com/> ★
- ❖ Northeast Numismatics Inc.: <https://www.northeastcoin.com/> ★
- ❖ David Lawrence: [coins@davidlawrence.com](mailto:coins@davidlawrence.com) ★
- ❖ Rare Coins of New Hampshire: <https://www.rcnh.com/> ★
- ❖ Northern Nevada Coins: <https://www.brokencc.com/>
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