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## Liberty head nickel

Liberty Head V-Nickel V Nickels were manufactured from 1883 to 1913 and it's metal content is 75% copper and 25% nickel. The first year of V-Nickel had no CENTS stamped on the back, in previous years from 1884 to 1913 the word CENTS appeared on the back of the lower half. According About.com (read the article here) every V-Nickel that has a readable date costs 15x it's face value at least. 15 x 0.05 is 0.75 or 75 cents. So if you can find one for less than that in the real world, you may want to choose a few of them, assuming you can read the date. The coin was originally designed by Charles Barber (the same guy who designed Barber Coinage). The front contains lady freedom and on the back contains a large V (i.e. Nick Name V-Nickel), which stands for 5 in roman numerals. In addition, there are various specifications of this coin that exist for the details following were taken from the Wikipedia article. Pedigree In January 1924, Samuel Brown sold all five 1913 Liberty Head nickels. The intact bunch passed through the hands of several other coin dealers before they were finally bought by Colonel E.H.R. Green (son of the infamous coin age, Hetty Green). Green kept them in his collection until his death in 1936. His property was then auctioned, and all five of the 1913 Liberty Head nickels were purchased by two dealers, Eric P. Newman and B.C. Johnson. The dealers broke the set for the first time. Specimen Eliasberg Specimen Eliasberg is best known 1913 Liberty Head nickel. Of the five 1913 Liberty Head nickels, two have proof surfaces, and the other three were made with standard conspicuous techniques. The best of the coins has been graded Proof-66 by various professional sorting services, including PCGS and NGC. This coin was purchased from the Newman and Johnson Numismatic Galleries, a coin dealership that was then sold by famed collector Louis Eliasberg. He remained in Eliasberg's comprehensive collection until after his death. In May 1996, it was sold at an auction conducted by Bowers and Merena, where it was purchased by rarity dealer Jay Parrino for \$1,485,000 à€ the most ever brought by any single coin up to this point. When it was auctioned again in March 2001, the price climbed to \$1,840,000. In May 2005, Legend Numismatics bought an Eliasberg specimen for \$4,150,000. In 2007, an Eliasberg specimen was sold to an unnamed collector in California for USD 5 million. Olsen specimen Olsen specimen was once featured in Hawaii Five-O. While the Eliasberg specimen is best preserved from five coins, the Olsen specimen is almost certainly the most famous. It has been graded Proof-64 as PCGS and NGC. Olsen's sample was featured on an episode of Hawaii Five-O (\$100,000 Nickel, aired on December 11, 1973). It was also briefly owned by Egyptian King Farouk. When Newman and Johnson Up to a set of five coins, the Olsen specimen was sold first by James Kelly and then by Fred Olsen. A second collector sold the coin to Farouk, but his name has since been attached to it in numismatic circles. In 1972, it was sold to World Wide Coin Investments for \$100,000, thus inspiring its title appearance at Hawaii Five-O the following year. The price of the coin doubled to \$200,000 when it was sold to the Superior Gallery in 1978. It has been sold on several occasions since then, fetching US\$3,000,000 in private contract sales from California collector Dwight Manley to Bruce Morelan and Legend Numismatics in June 2004. Legend sold the coins to Blanchard and Co. in 2005, which placed it with a collector, and more recently US\$3,737,500 when it offered Heritage Auctions in January 2010. The current owner's name has not been made public. Norweb specimen Norweb specimen is one of two 1913 Liberty Head nickels that currently reside in museums. He is currently an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. Newman and Johnson sold Norweb a copy of F.C.C. Boyd, which they then sold to the Numismatic Gallery (which dealt with several of the coins over the years). It was bought by King Farouk in 1949 to replace olsen's specimen, which he sold. It remained in Farouk's collection until he was deposed by Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1952. Two years after that, Farouk's estate was auctioned off by the new regime. The specimen was again addressed by the Numismatic Gallery, and sold this time by Ambassador Henry Norweb and his wife. In 1977, Norwebs donated a specimen to the Smithsonian, where he remains. Walton's specimen Walton specimen is the most elusive of the five 1913 Liberty Head nickels; more than 40 years, his whereabouts were unknown and it was believed that they were lost. George O. Walton, for whom the specimen is named, bought it from Newman and Johnson in 1945 for about \$3,750, which now equates to \$45,765. On March 9, 1962, Walton died in a car crash on the way to the coin show. He promised show organizers that he would exhibit 1913 Liberty Head nickel there, so it was assumed he was among the coins in his possession when he died. A quarter of a million dollars worth of coins were recovered from the crash site, and among them was 1913 Liberty nickel by custom-made holders. However, when his heirs later submitted walton coins for a 1963 public auction, nickel was returned because the auction house mistakenly thought it wasn't real. The coin remained owned by Walton's heirs, kept in a strongbox on the cabinet floor at his sister's house for more than 40 years. In July 2003, the American Numismatic Association arranged to exhibit four specimens whose whereabouts were known. As a publicity stunt, public relations consultant and former ANA governor, Donn Pearlman, began search for the missing fifth specimen. He agreed with Bowers and Merena Auction House (at the time a division of Collectors Universe, Inc.) to offer at least \$1 million to buy the coin or as a guarantee for sending it to one of its public auctions. In addition, a \$10,000 reward was offered only for letting agents Bowers and Merena be the first to see the real, missing fifth specimen. After learning of the reward, Walton's heirs brought their coins to the ANA convention in Baltimore, where expert authenticators from the Professional Coin Sorting Service examined it at length, compared to the other four known specimens and found that, in fact, Walton's sample was genuine. The coin is still owned by Walton's heirs and is on loan at the American Numismatic Association's Edward C. Rochette Money Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A McDermott specimen currently held by the American Numismatic Association Money Museum, the McDermott Specimen has a distinction that is only 1913 Liberty Head nickel bear marks circulating. From Johnson and Newman, it was sold to James Kelly, then J.V. McDermott; it was this second owner whose name became the most important attached to the pediname coin. McDermott often carried coins around with him, showing off her bar patrons and boasting of its extraordinary rarity and value. As a result of this activity, the coins lost some of their original mint sheen, becoming circulating in the state. Eventually, McDermott protected the coin with a holder to prevent further wear. After McDermott died, the coin was then sold at auction by Aubrey Bebee in 1967 for \$46,000. Bebee and his wife donated an ANA coin in 1989, where it is exhibited at the Money Museum. This coin has been replaced by the Indian Title/Buffalo Nickels\* Notice since December 2006 it is illegal to melt the U.S. minted pennies and nickels, and there is a \$10,000 fine to help enforce the law. However, it is legal to melt silver dollars, half a dollar, dimes, quarters for their contents. Rare United States Minting 1913 Liberty Head Nickel (from the National Numismatic Collection). The 1913 Liberty Head nickel is an American five-cent piece that was produced in extremely limited quantities by unauthorized United States Mint, which is one of the most famous and most coveted rarities in American numismatics. In 1972, one sample of the five-cent coin became the first coin to be sold for more than \$100,000; [1] in 1996, another specimen became the first to be sold for more than USD 1 million. Inches one coin was sold for less than three million dollars. In 2010, olsen's piece sold for \$3.7 million at a public auction. It is known that there are only five examples: two in museums and three in private collections. Origin Indian Head (Buffalo) Nickel was introduced in February 1913, replacing liberty head design. [2] These were the first official nickel strikes in 1913 since the United States Mint officially records a list of No Liberty Head nickels produced this year. However, in the 1920s, the Numismatic community learned about five Liberty Head nickels from 1913, all owned by Samuel Brown, a numismatist who attended the American Numismatic Association annual convention in 1920 and displayed coins there. Previously placed an advert in the December 1919 issue of Numismatist retrieving information about these coins, offering to pay \$500 for each [3] and seemingly buying them as a result. However, Brown was an employee of the Mint in 1913, and many Numismatic historians have concluded that he may have struck them himself (or had them struck) and taken them out of the mint. [1] If true, this was not an isolated phenomenon; such covert strikes were quite common in the 19th century. Other numismatic authorities, such as Q. David Bowers, questioned this scenario and pointed out that there were several methods by which coins could legitimately be produced. For example, they can be legally issued a mint medal by the Mint Department for government purposes, or they could be struck as trial pieces in late 1912 to test the following year new minting dies. [4] Bowers, however, did not completely discount the private razing theory. [5] Pedigree In January 1924, Samuel Brown sold all five 1913 Liberty Head nickels. The intact bunch passed through the hands of several other coin dealers before they were finally bought by Colonel E. H. R. Green (son of the famous gold-plated investor and mister Hetty Green), who kept them in his collection until his death in 1936. His property was then auctioned, and five 1913 Liberty Head nickels were purchased by two dealers, Eric P. Newman and B.G. Johnson.[6], who broke up the set for the first time. Specimen Eliasberg Specimen Eliasberg is best known 1913 Liberty Head nickel. Of the five 1913 Liberty Head nickels, two have proof surfaces and the other three were made with standard conspicuous techniques. 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It was graded Proof-64 by both PCGS and NGC, and was featured on an episode of Hawaii Five-O (\$100,000 Nickel, aired on December 11, 1973). [9] It was also briefly owned by King Farouk of Egypt. [6] When Newman and Johnson parted a set of five coins, the Olsen specimen was sold first by James Kelly and then by Fred Olsen. He sold the coin to Farouk, but his name has remained attached to it in numismatic circles ever since. In 1972, it was sold to World Wide Coin Investments for \$100,000, thus inspiring its title appearance at Hawaii Five-O the following year. Its price doubled to \$200,000 when it was sold to Superior Gallery in 1978. It has been sold on several occasions since then, fetching US\$3,000,000 in private contract sales from California collector Dwight Manley to Bruce Morelan and Legend Numismatics in June 2004. Legend sold the coin to Blanchard and spol in 2005, which sold it to a private collector, and more recently for \$3,737,500 heritage auction in January 2010. [10] [11] The name of the newest owner was not disclosed. Norweb specimen Norweb specimen is one of two 1913 Liberty Head nickels that ended up in museums. He's on show at the Smithsonian Institution. Newman and Johnson sold Norweb a copy of F.C.C. Boyd, which they then sold to the Numismatic Gallery (which dealt with several of the coins over the years). It was bought by King Farouk in 1949 to replace olsen's specimen, which he sold. It remained in Farouk's collection until he was deposed by Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1952. Two years after that, Farouk's estate was auctioned off by the new regime. [4] Numismatic Gallery acquired its ownership and this time sold it to Ambassador Henry Norweb and his wife. Norwebs donated a copy to the Smithsonian Institution's National Numismatic Collection-where it remains [12]- in 1978 to mark their 60th wedding anniversary. [13] Walton Specimen Specimen Walton is the most elusive of the five 1913 Liberty Head nickels; more than 40 years, his whereabouts were unknown and it was believed that they were lost. George O. Walton, for whom the specimen is named, bought it from Newman and Johnson in 1945 for about \$3,750, which now equates to \$53,256. [14] On March 9, 1962, Walton died in a car on the way to the coin show. He promised show organizers that he would exhibit 1913 Liberty Head nickel there, so it was assumed they were among the coins in his possession at the time of the fatal crash. US\$250,000 worth of coins were recovered from the crash site, including 1913 Liberty nickel, which was protected by custom-made holders. When Walton's heirs put their coins up for public auction in 1963, nickel was returned to them because the auction house mistakenly determined the coins were not genuine. As a result, the coins remained in the family, which are stored in a strongbox on the floor of the closet in his sister's house, for more than 40 years. [15] In July 2003, the American Numismatic Association arranged for the display of four specimens whose whereabouts were known. As a publicity stunt, public relations consultant and former ANA governor Donn Pearlman launched a nationwide hunt for the missing fifth specimen. He arranged with Bowers and Merena Auction House (at the time a division of Collectors Universe, Inc.) to offer at least \$1 million to buy the coin or as a guarantee for handover to one of its public auctions. In addition, a \$10,000 reward was offered simply for letting representatives Bowers and Merena be the first to see the missing fifth specimen when found. After learning of the reward, Walton's heirs brought their coins to the ANA Convention in Baltimore, where expert authenticators from the Professional Coin Sorting Service examined it at length and compared it to four other known specimens. At the time, it was determined that the Walton specimen was genuine. [16] The coins were sold by heirs at auction in April 2013 for \$3,172,500, well above the estimated value of \$2,500,000. [17] Auction buyer, Jeff Garrett, (former president of ANA) and owner of the Mid-American Rare Coin Gallery in Lexington, Kentucky, partnering with esteemed numismatist, Larry Lee, put it on display at lee's store, Coin & Bullion Reserve in Panama City, Florida. He stayed there, on display for five years, showing legions of visitors. In June 2018, Garrett and Lee sold Walton in a 1913 private sale, reportedly worth between \$3 million and \$4 million, to Martin Burns, a Las Vegas lawyer, and his brother, Ron Firman of Miami. PCGS re-authenticated the coin and sealed its current PCGS Secure board(s). The brothers then arranged for the Walton specimen to be returned to the ANA Museum, where, from July 2018. [18] McDermott's specimen is held by the American Numismatic Association Money Museum; McDermott's specimen has a distinction that is just 1913 Liberty Head nickel with circulation marks on it. Johnson and Newman sold it to James Kelly, who then sold it to J.V. McDermott, whose name ended up as part of the coin's pedigin. He often wore coins around with Show off him bar patrons and pride his extraordinary rarity and value. The coin lost some of its original mint sheen in the process, and McDermott eventually protected it in the holder to prevent further wear and tear. [4] After his death, the coin was then sold at auction by Aubrey Bebee in 1967 for \$46,000, which he and his wife donated to ANA in 1989, where it is exhibited at the Money Museum. 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