

## Another Counterstamped “CC” Half Dollar

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John Crane’s countermarked “CC” coins article in the spring 2012 issue of *Curry’s Chronicle* brought to mind the only counterstamped “CC” half dollar in my collection. My half dollar depicted here was purchased in April 2005 at the Amherst, VA Antique Mall. While it was not inexpensive, I had to add it to my reference collection as an interesting supplement to my die marriages.

The host coin is a low-grade Good-06 1876-CC WB-17, with



*A countermarked 1876-CC  
Liberty Seated half dollar.  
Did it denote a person  
or business named  
A. H. Postle in  
Maple P[ark], Illinois?*

small “CCs.” The counterstamp says “AHPOSTLE / MAPLE P / ILL” in three lines with each letter individually hand punched. The counterstamp appears to have been emplaced many years ago and this half dollar might have been used as a pocket piece.

An Internet search turns up a few possibilities for its origin. “AHPOSTLE” probably shows the surname Postle, with the first two initials A. H. “MAPLE P” most likely refers to Maple Park, and, of course, ILL is the state of Illinois. Illinois seems to have had a large number of Postles, but I was unable find an A. H. Postle. In searching the Internet site [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), there is a memorial to Albert Postle, 1850-1936, in Wakefield, IL. This half dollar could have belonged to him.

I hope you find this interesting and an incentive to share your counterstamped Carson City coins with *Curry's Chronicle* readers.

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