

**Look What I Found—An 1891-CC Dollar
Uncovers Another Mystery from the GSA Hoard**

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This report addresses an anomaly I found in the General Services Administration's (GSA) hoard of Carson City silver dollars.

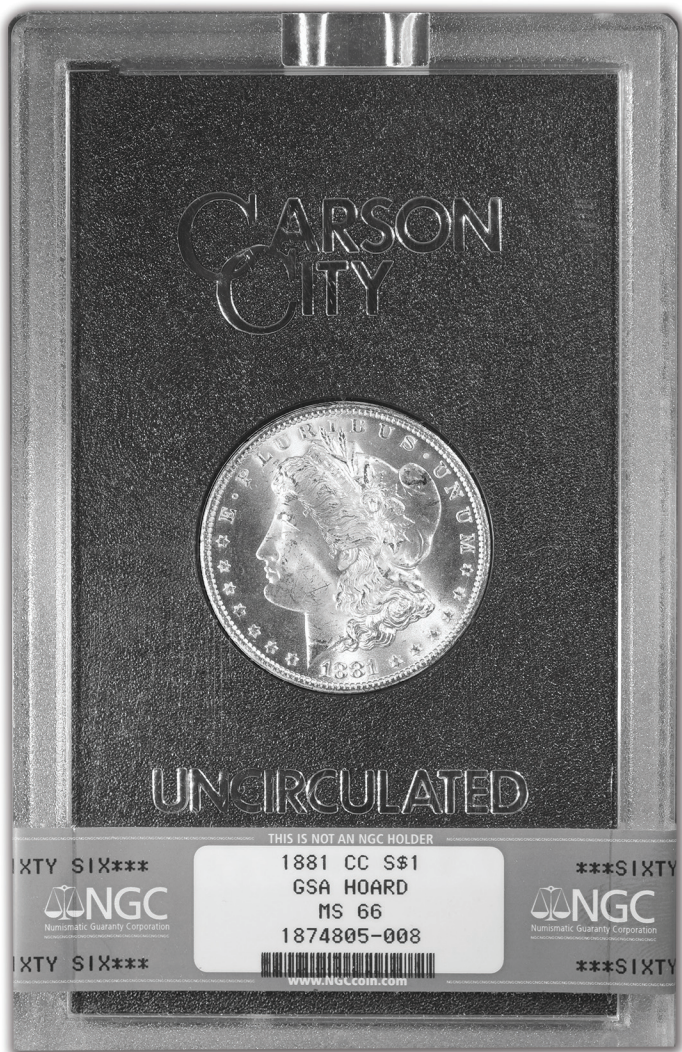
In my effort to complete my "CC" Morgan dollar collection, my coach, Rusty Goe, guided me down the GSA path. Much has been written between the covers of *Curry's Chronicle* in past issues by passionate collectors on this subject. The mystery of an anomaly I discovered recently has rekindled my curiosity, which led me to reread past issues. What a great library!

I'm wondering if you have seen what I just found out about GSA dollars. Please check it out.

For comparison, I choose an 1881-CC Uncirculated GSA dollar, pictured on page 14. Nothing unusual, we have seen many just like this one. The plastic insert reads: CARSON CITY, UNCIRCULATED, SILVER DOLLAR in bold silver letters. NGC graded the coin and certified it with a blue band attached to the outside plastic casing: 1881-CC S\$1 GSA HOARD MS-66.

The accompanying card is also common boilerplate as the image on page 16 shows.

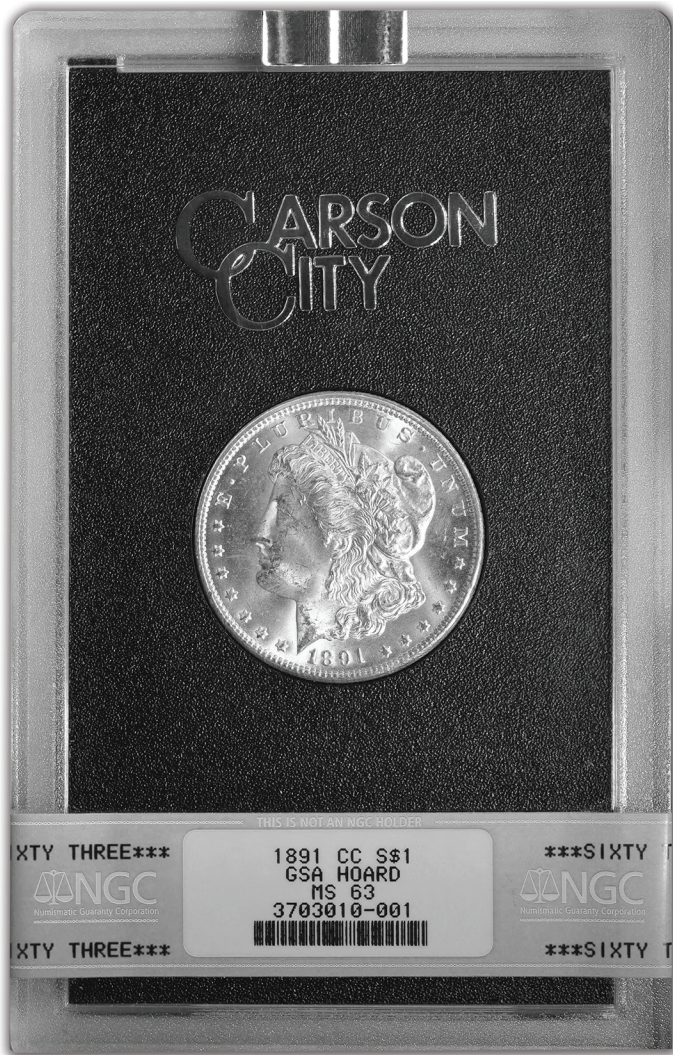
Now let's look at this curiosity: Pictured on page 15 is an 1891-CC Uncirculated GSA dollar, just like the one in John Kroon's excellent article in the summer 2013 edition of *Curry's*. Except, the UNCIRCULATED in silver letters is missing! Well, no big deal you say, the coin must not deserve to be in that category, right? Wrong! Check out the blue NGC certification label: it reads MS-63, and the coin is well worth this grade! Also pictured on page 16 are the two cards that were issued with the silver dollar, one indicating, from



An 1881-CC GSA dollar in an Uncirculated holder.

the GSA folks, that the coin is of inferior quality, subpar in terms of grading. Go figure!

How did this happen? Easy: human error. The GSA folks hired a team of people in their endeavor to market and sell these millions



An 1891-CC GSA dollar in a Non-Uncirculated holder.

of Morgan dollars (mostly “CCs”). It could have been fatigue, carelessness, mischief, or simply an uneducated sorter not up to his or her task. (For further insight on the process of sorting of GSA dollars, see John Kroon’s article in this issue on page 43.)