

A Ten-Piece “CC” Coin Type Set in Mint State is Rare

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As a collector of Carson City coins now for many years, to build a 10-piece “CC” coin type set in Mint State condition was of special interest to me. I built my set when I was much younger and many of the coins in the set have been showcased in diverse numismatic publications. What makes such a set, where all the coins are in Mint State, so rare? The answer: usually the Liberty Seated “CC” silver dollar.

Rusty Goe, in his book *The Mint on Carson Street*, estimates the number of “CC” Liberty Seated dollars that exist in Mint State as follows:

Survival Estimates for Mint State “CC” Seated Dollars

Date	Mint State Examples
1870-CC	20 – 25
1871-CC	3 – 4
1872-CC	16 – 19
1873-CC	4 – 6
Estimated Totals	43 – 54

The William H. Sheldon scale for rarity designates an R-5 rarity for a survival estimate of 31 to 75 coins known. This means that if only 43 to 54 10-piece “CC” coin type sets in Mint State can be assembled, they are rare. The “CC” Liberty Seated dollars, as mentioned, are usually the rarest Mint State coins in such a set.

The experts estimate that there are about 7 to 10 million people in the USA who are serious coin collectors. If only 43 to 54 collectors can own a 10-piece “CC” coin type set in Uncirculated condition, this puts a huge demand on these sets.

I know three collectors, including myself, who have assembled an Uncirculated 10-piece “CC” coin type set. Sometime ago I gave my special set to one of my grown children.



A pleasing 1872-CC Liberty Seated dollar in Mint State condition.

The 1872-CC Liberty Seated dollar pictured in this article is graded MS-61 by PCGS. The coin is a part of a 10-piece “CC” coin type set in Mint State condition that I helped the owner build. The coin is also showcased in an article I wrote for the spring 2008 issue of *Curry’s Chronicle*.

All of the “CC” coins in this set that I helped by friend build are very attractive, and the average certified grade is MS-62. The coin with the highest condition rating in my friend’s set is an 1884-CC Morgan dollar, which is graded MS-64. The lowest graded coin in his set is an 1890-CC \$5 gold piece in MS-60. As you no doubt know, such a set contains seven silver coins and three gold coins.

No one knows just exactly how many of these 10-piece “CC” coin type sets exist today in Uncirculated condition. A wild guess on my part is around twenty sets, although as stated above no more than around 54 sets are theoretically possible.

Perhaps a survey could be conducted in *Curry’s Chronicle* in which C4OA members could declare how many sets they know exist. Just a suggestion on my part.

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