

Those Fabulous GSA “CC” Silver Dollars

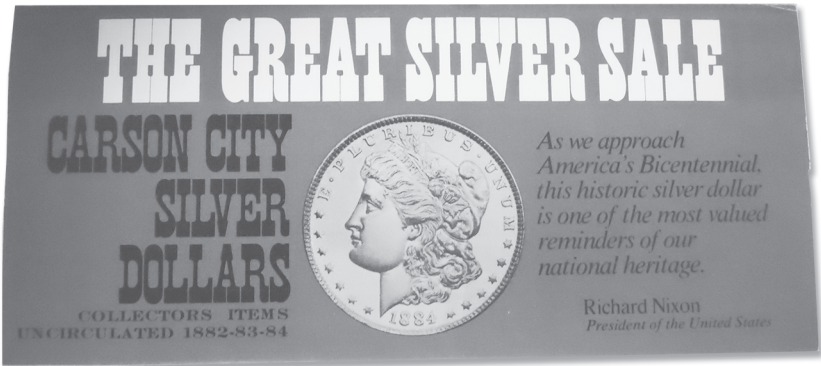
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I know what you’re thinking: another article about the GSA Carson City Morgan dollars we’ve all heard about many times before. But the history of these fabulous coins can never be overstated and, in my opinion, is something all CCCCOA members can really appreciate. The provenance and journey through time these special coins furnish us, of being struck at the Carson City Mint, stored in canvas bags sewn tightly at the tops, and discovered years later during a Treasury audit, make for a unique story indeed. Knowing that these Carson City silver dollars remained untouched since they were originally minted, is very special to say the least. That’s why these coins, as a whole, are so unique and hold such a special place in the hearts of all CCCCOA members.

As a coin collector for many years, GSA “CC” dollars were the first Carson City coins in my collection. Over the years, my GSA “CCs” have continued to both intrigue and excite me, and will always be a major part of my collecting pursuits.

While many coins carry different pedigrees today, I’ve always believed that the GSA “CC” Morgan silver dollars carry a special pedigree that is matched by no others. From their original issuance at the Carson City Mint well over 120 years ago, these silver dollars eventually made their way back to the Treasury vaults in Washington, DC, where they sat for many years. They escaped the silver melts of the early 20th century; they avoided the releases by the Treasury to banks and Nevada casinos throughout the 1950s and early 1960s; they remained untouched until their discovery around 1964; and they were disbursed to the general public between 1972 and 1980 through the memorable sales, so well known by collectors today. So



GSA brochure from The Great Silver Sale in 1972 - 1973.

you see, GSA “CCs” do carry a very special path of descent to the present indeed.

GSA “CCs” will always be special to me, not only because of their double-letter mintmark, or the special Old West allure that they conjure up, but also because their pedigree is pure. It’s a pedigree that allows every collector to know the history of the coins’ journey from the great Carson City Mint to their final distribution by the government in the historic GSA sales.

Happy 10th anniversary to the CCCCOA!

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