

## **My “CC” Passion: A Tale of Two Sets**

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When I started collecting coins my collecting efforts lacked focus, spending hard earned money on coins and currency that was interesting at the time, but which later lost their appeal. This continued for a few years until I was eventually steered to the Morgan silver dollar series by dealers and fellow collectors. This grew to an appreciation of and desire for those minted at the Mint in Carson City Nevada. As a member of the CCCCOPA, my passion for everything ‘Carson City’ has matured. This passion easily extends itself to medals, coins (not just Morgan dollars), casino chips, etc. as they are related to Carson City and the state of Nevada. Items in the collection include a number of medals made at the old Carson City Mint, on Press #1, as well as other Nevada-themed items. A website, of which I am very proud ([www.carsoncitymorgans.com](http://www.carsoncitymorgans.com)), has been created to showcase the two sets of Carson City Coins spoken about here as well as some of the other coins and medals obtained over the years.

The first set presented is a full set of “CC” Morgan dollars. I decided to include a few popular varieties, such as the Spitting Eagle, Tailbar, and O/CC to give the set a bit of extra zest. Grades range from VG to MS-64; all have original surfaces and are graded by PCGS, NGC, or ANACS, with a few being in GSA holders. This set has been in development for a few years, obtained and upgraded when the opportunity presented itself, and will continue to be upgraded as the years pass and as my budget allows.

## Complete "CC" Morgan Set

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1878	MS-63
1879 Clear mintmark	VF-20
1879 Capped mintmark	VF-30
1880/79 Parallel arrow rev. 78	GSA MS-63
1880 8/7 Slanted arrow rev. 79	GSA MS-63
1881	MS-63
1882	GSA MS-63
1883	GSA MS-64
1884	GSA MS-64
1885	GSA MS-64
1889	VF-20
1890	AU-58
1890 Tailbar	AU-50
1891	AU-58
1891 Spitting Eagle	AU-58
1892	VF-35
1893	VG-10
1900 O/CC VAM 12*	MS-62

\*(The VAM with the most defined over/mintmark)

For the second set, inspired by reading through some of Rusty Goe's book, *The Mint on Carson Street*, I decided to assemble a 10-coin type set of Carson City coins. But the unique thing about my set is that they are all ANACS net-graded coins, having either been cleaned or having sustained some sort of damage. Collectors and dealers alike have asked me many questions about this set, but one question has been asked more

than others: “Why?”

It began with an acquisition, via E-Bay, of an 1875-CC 20-Cents piece for a really good price. But upon receipt it was quickly realized that there was a reason why it was available at such a low cost. It was cleaned. The decision to keep it or send it back was at hand; it could be returned and my search would continue, or I could find a way to make this work. I thought about it and realized that I had developed a love and respect for all coins, regardless of their condition or grade over



*1878-CC Morgan Silver dollar.*

the past several years, so the fact that it was cleaned was of a lesser consequence. But most important for me is that coins represent so much more than beauty, value, or status; they give me the ability to hold small pieces of history in my hands. And I feel privileged to be able to share my passion with others.

With this in mind the decision was made to continue, in earnest, with my quest for a 10-piece type set. However, this set would consist of examples that most people are not looking for: The rejects. And during

the process I became aware of a few things that made me happy and grateful for taking this road less traveled:

1. I HAD FUN!
2. There is not much competition since almost everyone is looking for original pieces that they can add to their Registry sets or to their own type sets.
3. I saved a lot of money! Since most are turning their noses up at problem coins these pieces were added to my collection at a reasonably low cost.
4. With the exception of the Seated dollar it was a fairly easy endeavor. This piece took some time to find but my patience paid off with an awesome deal!
5. It took no time at all. In fact the set is complete after a little over a year of searching.
6. I feel fulfilled. The challenge was enjoyable and I am proud of the end result.



*1879-CC Morgan Silver dollar in Circulated Condition.*



*1870-CC Seated Liberty silver dollar in Circulated condition with damage.*

### 10-Coin "CC" Type Set

<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Date and Net-Grade</u>	<u>Reason for Net-Grading</u>
Dime	1876 DD Rev. Type II Breen 3397 w/ VF details	Cleaned
20-Cents	1875 w/ Fine details	Cleaned
Quarter	1877 Repunched Date w/ VF details	Cleaned
Half	1877 w/ Fine details	Obv. Scratched
Seated \$1	1870 Breen 5485 w/ Fine details	Obv. & Rev. damage
Trade \$1	1874 w/ AU details	Obv. scratches
Morgan \$1	1881 w/ AU details	Cleaned
\$5 Gold	1890 w/ Fine details	Polished
\$10 Gold	1891 w/ XF details	Ex-Jewelry
\$20 Gold	1883 w/ AU details	Cleaned & rim damage



*1883-CC gold double eagle in Circulated condition with cleaned surfaces.*

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Happy collecting!