

U.S. Copper Coin Types Half Cents to Two Cents

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Lecture Set 3A
(Coins from the Collection of August F. Hauske)

Fugio Cent - 1787



Design & Legends credited to Benjamin Franklin
Fugio is Latin for Time Flies” “Mind Your Business” Sounds like Franklin

Liberty Cap Half Cent



Head of Liberty facing left is thought to be a copy of a Saratoga & Yorktown Medal by French artist Dupre; lettered edge reads; "Two Hundred for a Dollar"

1794 Half Cent



Liberty head facing right; Liberty Cap on pole behind; pole was used to touch the slave upon release from servitude with the cap given as a badge of Liberty

1795 Half Cent



Liberty head facing right; Liberty Cap behind, no pole

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Liberty head facing right; Liberty Cap behind, pole to cap

Draped Bust 1800-1808



Turban Head 1809-1836

First use of Stars on Half Cents; called "Turban Head" because the broad ribbon inscribed "Liberty" appears to be a turban



Coronet Type 1840-1857



Large Cents – 1793 Chain



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1793 – Wreath Type



1793 – Liberty Cap



“One Cent” high in wreath or centered

Draped Bust 1796-1807



Turban Head 1808-1814



Coronet Type 1816 - 1837



Obverse has a “plain hair cord”

Coronet Type 1837 - 1839



Obverse has a "beaded hair cord"

Coronet Type 1840 - 1857



Obverse has a "braided hair"

Flying Eagle Small Cent

Large Letters Obverse; A & M joined at base



Small Letters Obverse; A & M separated

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Reverse of Flying Eagle Cent

Indian Head Small Cent 1859 - 1909



1859 -1864, composition is copper nickel

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1859 –no shield; 1860-1864, with shield

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1864 – 1909; composition is 95% bronze, 5% tin
All were made at Philadelphia until 1908 & 1909 when San Francisco struck a few

Lincoln Cents – 1909 to ?



Lincoln Cents – 1909 VDB



Lincoln Cents – 1943



Lincoln Cents – 1959 to



Two Cents – 1864-1873

The first U.S. coin on which the motto “In God We Trust” appears



1864 was minted with both “small letters” and “large letters”
See the differences in the word “God” on this 1865 piece

Two Cents – 1864-1873



Is this the Obverse or the Reverse?

More Later!