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

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Lecture Set 3A
(Coins from the Collection of August F. Hausske)
Fugio Cent - 1787

Design & Legends credited to Benjamin Franklin
Fugio is Latin for Time Flies” “Mind Your Business” Sounds like Franklin
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
1795 Half Cent

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
“One Cent” high in wreath or centered
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
Flying Eagle Small Cent

Reverse of Flying Eagle Cent
Indian Head Small Cent
1859 - 1909
1859 -1864, composition is copper nickel
Indian Head Small Cent
1859 - 1909

1859 –no shield; 1860-1864, with shield
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1859 - 1909

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!