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PAWCATUCK VALLEY COIN CLUB

August 2026 Edition Newsletter

The **751st** meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Thursday, August 20, 2026** at The **WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 39 State Street, Westerly, Rhode Island**. Doors open @ 6:00 PM, Bourse @ 6:30 PM and Meeting @ 7:00 PM.

We are continuing to change and update the format of our newsletter. Please contact Tom Omlor (tomlor214@gmail.com) for any additions, announcements, and interesting story contributions, and these will be included as soon we can get to them.

There will be a PVCC Club Auction this month. The August Auction List is posted in this Newsletter and has 10 items for the junior auction and 56 items for the senior auction.



On August 20, the PVCC is honored to host Dr. Peter Jones to do a presentation called "Money of the American Revolution". See the "...in local news" for a full description.

And, as always, there will be a "Show And Tell" period for any personal exhibits. There will be a Junior and a Senior Door Prize, Raffle tickets will be sold for the Junior and Senior Raffle Prizes, and Bonus Raffle tickets will be sold as well.

PVCC Door Prizes for Thursday, 20 August 2026

Jr. Door Prize

Set of 25 Confederate States Currency Reproduction Notes



Sr. Door Prize

1882-0 Morgan Dollar NGC MS62



Raffle Prizes

Junior Raffle:

1979 Banco Central Costa Rica 5 Colones
1987 Banco Central Reserva Del Peru 10 Intis
1981 Yugoslavia 100 Dinara CU
1988 Dvacet 20 Korun Czechoslovakia F15
1909 -1959 Lincoln Cent Whitman Folder
2009 D Lincoln Cent New Reverse BU
1979 Italy 100 Lire VF35
1979 Italy 200 Lire VF35

Senior Raffle:

1945 Walking Liberty Half Dollar F12
Juliette Gordon Lowe 2025 State Quarter Roll
5 Coin Presidents Collection Set (Uncirculated)
1998 Republic of the Marshall Islands \$5 coin (BU)
1963 Granahan Barr Federal Reserve Note (CU)
1958 Canadian Silver Quarter VF20
1925 Standing Liberty Quarter VG10
1920- 1959 Canadian Small Cent Collection Circulated



Spot Price for 1 ounce of Gold and 1 ounce of Silver:

As of 08/16/26

Gold: \$4,391.07

Silver: \$65.35

...in local news

Items of interest for the members to consider and be aware:

1. Our own Lance Boisselle was featured in a Coin World Magazine article—"Fractional Gold Experts Confer". You can read it on page 4 of this newsletter! Congratulations, Lance!
2. Again, gold and silver prices are creeping up a touch. Always worth it to keep abreast on what's happening in the precious metals arena.
3. On August 20, the PVCC is honored to host Dr. Peter Jones to do a presentation called "Money of the American Revolution". Peter is a retired physician, musician, author, numismatist, and President of the Mansfield Numismatic Society. Peter has been a regular at the American Numismatist Association's Summer Session for years to share and increase his knowledge. Peter has authored books on a wide range of subjects including Colonial coins, treasure coins, banknotes, and commemorative coins. Visit Peter's website, www.booksoncoins.com to learn more. His books are also accessible on the Newman Numismatic Portal. Welcome back Peter!

4. And we have another featured article by our own Rob Pennell. It was featured in the Civil War Token Society quarterly magazine, called "Civil War Era Numismatics". Way to go, Rob!

American House

By Rob Pennell



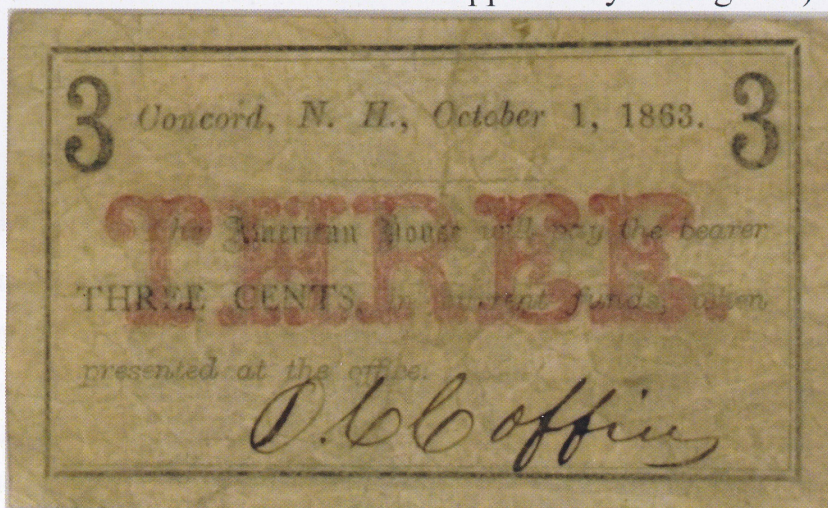
*The American House at the corner of North Main and Park Streets,
New Hampshire Historical Society Collection*

Excerpt from History of Concord New Hampshire Vol. II. Canals, stage lines, and taverns. "American House in Concord was a spacious and picturesque structure, bearing family likeness to many New England taverns of its time, three stories in height, with white paint and green blinds, two-story piazzas on both fronts, standing at the north corner of North Main and Park streets, with two entrances on one and one on the other street. It was built in haste, to be ready for the assembling of the legislature of 1834."

Built by John Park Gass, in an impressive 6 weeks and 2 days during April and May of 1834, the American House was a tavern and hotel in Concord N.H. for over 30 years. The Democratic party of New Hampshire held its meetings here for the entire existence of this establishment. Notable names in the

American House registers over the years included: James K. Polk, James Buchanan, John A. Dix, Commodore Charles Stuart, George Barstoe, John Van Buren, Levi Woodbury and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The American House was run by John P. Gass, its builder, and then his son John until about 1859-1860. At this time J. S. Appleton took over management until 1861, when he passed managerial duties to Charles H. Norton. Mr. Norton then assumed leadership throughout 1861 and 1862. In 1863, the signatory of the 3 cent scrip issued by the American House, O. C. Coffin, took over as proprietor of the facility. Oliver Chase Coffin continued in the caretaker role until 1867. On July 13, 1867, (3 weeks after Coffin had left as caretaker for a business opportunity selling hats) the



American House met an untimely demise, as it was destroyed by fire.

The scrip issued for O. C. Coffin and the American House is dated October 1, 1863. Inscribed on the front of this note is "The American House will pay the bearer THREE CENTS in current funds, when presented at the office." These notes were only issued in 3 cent denominations and are considered rare, with ten examples observed. An engraving of American House is featured on the reverse of the notes.

Coffin, who failed in his business venture as a hatter, eventually made his way to Massachusetts in 1869, operating Hyde Park's Everett House. However by 1871, Coffin was back in New Hampshire, running the Bay View hotel in the town of Alton. The New Hampshire Register for 1874 shows Coffin still the proprietor of the Bay View. In January of 1875 Coffin died in the town of Alton, the cause listed as heart failure. He was just 48 years old when passing and was survived by his wife Mercy, also, 3 daughters and 2 sons. Coffin was buried in the town of his birth, Gilmanton, N.H.

Reading articles by Dave Schenkman on Civil War era cardboard chits, and also CWTS past journals helped to inspire for this article about private scrip. Sterling A. Rachootin's "Private Scrip - Blood Brothers to Civil War Tokens" and his collaborations with David Gladfelter for "Scrip Mates" also greatly piqued my interest into the world of Civil War era scrip. Hopefully this article can inspire research into this, in my opinion, intriguing area of Civil War emergency currency.

Sources -

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N. Y. Times: Monday, July 15, 1867 Page 5

From the American Numismatic Association (ANA)

NumismaTalks Info

September Webinars:

Topic: **The Lost Mint of Manhattan: Rediscovering New York's Forgotten Branch Mint**

Date: **September 24**

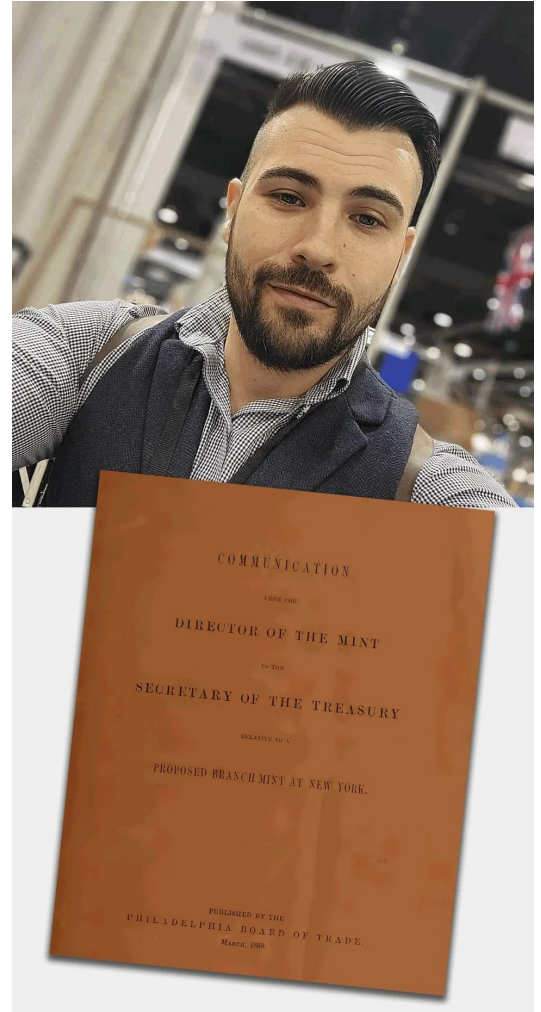
Presented by: **Russ Bega**

Every collector knows the story of America's eight United States Mints, but few realize that a ninth mint nearly joined their ranks. During the mid-nineteenth century, as New York emerged as the nation's financial capital, federal officials, Treasury administrators, and members of Congress spent more than a decade studying and debating the establishment of a United States Branch Mint in New York City.

Long overlooked by both historians and numismatists, this remarkable chapter of American coinage history was rediscovered through archival research conducted using primary-source government documents, Treasury correspondence, and congressional records. What began as a chance encounter with a forgotten report soon revealed a complex story of politics, commerce, bullion deposits, and competing regional interests at a pivotal moment in American history.

Join researcher and author Russ Bega as he traces the rise, development, and ultimate disappearance of New York's proposed branch mint. Through contemporary documents and newly uncovered evidence, attendees will explore one of the most fascinating "what if" stories in American numismatics and discover how close New York came to receiving its own mint mark.

Russ Bega began collecting U.S. coins when he was 8 years old after a trip to his local coin shop in Northern Colorado. He was previously employed by Heritage Auction Galleries, before departing on a decade-long career as a US Army Infantry Non-Commissioned Officer. In 2021, he joined the Harlan J. Berk team in Chicago, IL, where he is now the store manager. His specialty is Liberty Seated coins and 19th-century numismatics.



Coin World—US Coins

Fractional gold experts confer

By [Paul Gikes](#)

Published: Aug 6, 2026, 12 PM



This 1880 California fractional gold quarter dollar is a previously unknown die variety as attributed through “California Pioneer Fractional Gold,” 2003 second edition, based on the original reference by Walter Breen and Ronald J. Gillio.

Images provided by Lance Boiselle via Premium Quality Coin on eBay.

Boiselle sent images of the discovery piece to noted California fractional gold expert Mike Locke (www.calgoldcoin.com/) for confirmation.

“There is no doubt that it is a new, currently unique variety,” Locke confirmed in an email to *Coin World*. “The reverse die impression has not been seen before.

“I have provided pictures to Bob Leonard [<https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/PersonDetail/1227>] and tentatively assigned a number of BG-799Va (BG-799VA?).”

Leonard is one of six co-authors of the second edition of *California Pioneer Fractional Gold* (2003), based on the original reference of the same name by Walter Breen and Ronald J. Gillio. Gillio was joined in the research for the second edition by Leonard, Jay Roe, Jack Totheroh, and Robert B. and Richard A. Lecce.

California pioneer fractional gold varieties are cataloged by Breen-Gillio (BG) numbers.

The collecting field is divided into “Historic Gold Rush Small change 1852-1857” and “Suppressed Jewelers’ Issues 1858 to 1882.” Boiselle’s discovery is from the era of suppressed jewelers issues.

Pieces issued in the earlier era, also referred to as Period One, were used as small change to offset the shortage of small denomination federal coins issued by the United States Mint reaching circulation in California during the California Gold Rush era. The San Francisco Mint did not open until 1854. In the March 19, 2017, issue of the *E-Sylum* (www.coinbooks.org/v20/esylum_v20n12a16.html), the email newsletter of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, Leonard notes that the suppressed jewelers issues were so-named by Breen as having been suppressed by the Secret Service in 1883.

The California fractional gold pieces for both periods are denominated, using fractions, in quarter dollars, half dollars and dollars and struck on planchets in either a round or octagonal shape.

Lucky find

Boiselle notes that Chicago jeweler F.H. Noble issued the so-called Aztec Head obverse piece that he acquired for \$799 from the eBay seller Premium Quality Coin (PQ Coin) in Minneapolis, Minnesota (owned by Bill Himmelwright).

“They listed the piece as BG 799X, I reviewed the piece hastily and discovered that it appeared to be a BG 799W [according to] the obverse. So I contacted the seller; they quickly corrected the listing. I also was in error. A closer look revealed that the reverse did not match a BG 799W, X or Y. I then informed the seller that I was in error and it may be a new BG. They replied, ‘Then buy it,’ so I did. I sent pics of the obverse and reverse to Mike Locke for a look. He indicated that the reverse is unknown.

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Fractional gold experts confer (con'd)

“The piece is undoubtedly the obverse of BG 799W, the die state to be determined,” Boiselle said.

Locke attributes the find as BG-799VA. Boiselle notes that the reverse of his acquisition “is unique to the series, although it does seem to use the same punches (letters & number) as 799W, X & Y. The wreath displays the differences, leaves and berries in different positions. The bow is also clean, without reworking. A longer fraction bar is evident.”

Striking details

Locke explains in his email to *Coin World* that his attribution number assignment for Boiselle’s piece “is based on the assumption that 799W, 799X and 799Y are in the correct emission order (I am pretty certain that this is correct) and that this new piece was logically made prior to 799W.

“Of course it is possible that there are others out there. I can find very few pictures of BG-799W coins online to be able to check the reverses.

“Regarding the emission order, there are non-denominated tokens struck with the obverse of BG-799Y, but not with the other obverses. In addition, the obverse die of BG-799Y was eventually re-engraved to show a date of 1849.

“BG-799W is known with harsh clash marks on the obverse. It is possible that the clash was with this new reverse die and that the reverse die did not survive the impact.”

August 20 Auction List
Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club
Auction 8.20.26

#	Description	Start	Result
1	Jr. – Lincoln 1¢ 1915-S VF-20 \$25	\$15.00	
2	Jr. – Jefferson 5¢ 1943-D Gem BU \$10	\$7.00	
3	Jr. – Jefferson 5¢ 1943-S Gem BU \$10	\$7.00	
4	Jr. – Jefferson 5¢ 1945-P Gem BU \$12	\$7.00	
5	Jr. – 1oz. .999 CU round 1856 FEC Proof \$5	\$3.00	
6	Jr. – small container of silver granules \$7	\$4.00	
7	Jr. – 960-1279 Song Dynasty China Token \$10	\$7.00	
8	Jr. – 970-1945 Vietnam Cash Token \$7	\$5.00	
9	Jr. – Kennedy 50¢ 1980-S J.G. Slab Gem Proof \$5	\$3.00	
10	Jr. – S.B.A. \$1 1980-D PCGS MS-65 \$5	\$3.00	
11	Large 1¢ 1803-P G/VG SM.DT./LG.FCT. \$75	\$55.00	
12	Indian 1¢ 1874-P EF \$75	\$55.00	
13	Lincoln 1¢ 1912-P R&B UNC. \$25	\$20.00	
14	Lincoln 1¢ 1932-P Red BU \$55	\$35.00	
15	Lincoln 1¢ 1933-D Red BU \$65	\$40.00	
16	3¢ Silver 1857-P (T-2) VG \$45	\$30.00	
17	Shield Nickel 1868-P AU \$110	\$80.00	
18	Liberty 5¢ 1883-P w/o ¢'s BU \$60	\$40.00	
19	Liberty 5¢ 1883-P w/o ¢'s EF (Gold Plated) \$35	\$25.00	
20	Liberty 5¢ 1886-P Good \$130	\$80.00	
21	Buffalo 5¢ 1913-D (T-2) VG \$120	\$80.00	
22	Buffalo 5¢ 1914-D EF-45 \$200	\$175.00	
23	Buffalo 5¢ 1937-P Toned Gem BU \$45	\$30.00	
24	Jefferson 5¢ 1942-S Gem BU \$17	\$12.00	
25	Jefferson 5¢ 1944-S Gem BU \$16	\$11.00	
26	AEC Irradiated Dime 1923 circ. (E-Bay \$30-\$45)	\$20.00	
27	Mercury 10¢ 1936-P Gem BU \$24	\$16.00	
28	Mercury 10¢ 1939-D Ch. BU (FSB) \$25	\$17.00	
29	20¢ 1875-S VG \$120	\$95.00	
30	Liberty Standing Quarter 1917-P (T-1) VF-30 \$85	\$70.00	
31	Washington Quarter 1944-P Ch. BU \$17	\$12.00	
32	Washington Quarter 1946-S Gem BU \$20	\$15.00	
33	Washington Quarter 1952-D Ch. BU \$17	\$12.00	

August 20 Auction List (con'd)

34	Washington Quarter 1954-S Ch. BU \$16	\$12.00	
35	Washington Quarter 1962-P Proof \$15	\$12.00	
36	Bust Half 1829-P EF-40 \$182	\$140.00	
37	Barber Half 1896-S Good \$110	\$80.00	
38	Liberty Walking Half 1940-P BU \$44	\$30.00	
39	Franklin Half 1954-S Ch. BU \$30	\$25.00	
40	Franklin Half 1956-P Proof \$32	\$27.00	
41	Franklin Half 1960-P Proof \$30	\$25.00	
42	Morgan \$1 1879-S EF \$61	\$50.00	
43	Morgan \$1 1880-O 8/7 VAM6-A EF \$81	\$65.00	
44	Morgan \$1 1882-O/S (Weak) VF-35 \$65	\$50.00	
45	Morgan \$1 1884-S EF-40 \$120	\$90.00	
46	Morgan \$1 1887-S BU \$175	\$140.00	
47	Morgan \$1 1889-O Ch. AU \$150	\$125.00	
48	Morgan \$1 1892-P Ch. AU \$175	\$150.00	
49	Morgan \$1 1892-O EF \$75	\$65.00	
50	Morgan \$1 1894-O Ch. AU \$450	\$400.00	
51	Morgan \$1 1890-O/CC EF-40 \$65	\$55.00	
52	Morgan \$1 1903-S VF-20 \$180	\$145.00	
53	Austria-M.T. Thaler 1780 Gem Cameo Proof \$45	\$35.00	
54	Lincoln 1¢ 1934-D PCGS MS-64 Red \$36	\$25.00	
55	Lib. Seat. 1/2 Dime 1857-P NGC Genuine Fine \$32	\$20.00	
56	Barber Dime 1912-P CAC Slab AU details \$85	\$65.00	
57	Morgan \$1 1881-P NNC Slab MS-66 \$91	\$70.00	
58	Morgan \$1 1882-S SGS Slab MS-68 \$91	\$70.00	
59	Morgan \$1 1886-P NumisTrust Slab MS-66 \$86	\$60.00	
60	Morgan \$1 1887-P NumisTrust Slab MS-65 \$81	\$60.00	
61	Morgan \$1 1891-S WCG Slab MS-66 DMPL \$94	\$70.00	
62	Morgan \$1 1898-P NumisTrust Slab MS-65 \$85	\$60.00	
63	Morgan \$1 1921-P ANACS Slab MS-63 \$66	\$50.00	
64	Am. Sil. Eagle 2001 NTC Slab (WTC-Sil. coat) \$75	\$60.00	
65	Marine Corps 2005-P PCGS Pf-69DCAM \$70	\$60.00	
66	Breast Cancer \$1 2018-P PCGS Pf-69DCAM \$70	\$60.00	

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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16 Nashua, NH 9am—2pm North Attleboro, MA 9am—2pm	17	18	19 Blackstone Valley, MA 3pm—7pm	20	21	22 Naugatuck, CT 9am—2pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Orange, CT Marriott Hours TBD
30 Westport, MA 9am—2pm	31					

Admission is free unless otherwise noted

BLACKSTONE VALLEY: VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge MA 01569, 15 Tables, Contact Mike 774-280-4333

NASHUA NH: Alpine Grove Events Centre 19 S Depot St. Hollis NH 03049, 50+ dealers, 978-658-0160

NAUGATUCK CT: American Legion, 21 Cedar Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770, 20 Tables, Contact John Stassins, Jr. 718 323-1930

NORTH ATTELBORO MA: Elks Lodge # 1011 52 Bullfinch Street No Attleboro, MA 02760, Contact Bart Leonard 774-203-3158

ORANGE CT: 5th Saturday Coins, Courtyard by Marriott, 136 Marsh Hill Rd., Orange, CT 06477, contact kmrfrdr@gmail.com, 203-265-1813, Admission—\$2.00

WESTPORT MA: Westport Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Rd, Westport, MA 02790, 25+ Tables, Contact David Clethero 508-823-1910

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