

JOJA JEMZ

(or Georgia gems to non-southerners)

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Dear Michael:

As promised, I read your new book cover-to-cover during my sales trip this week to Florida, and enjoyed it very much.

I took the liberty to make a few notes, and thought I'd pass them on to you in case you wanted to make any corrections in future editions.

For example, on **page 26**, the two photos on that page are of the same coin, taken with different lighting. There are identical diagnostics in each photo which substantiate this. Also, on that page you state that the 18666 Shield Nickel, the one **not** illustrated, was first reported by **Barney Bloom** of Rochester, NY. Are you sure it was not **Barney BLUESTONE**? Barney Bluestone was a well-known upstate NY dealer, and I suspect this is the proper name that should be used - you might want to check it out.

Page 29 - the lower photo shows an RPD, not a Doubled Die Obverse as captioned. There's a similar RPD (FS#5-002) that has a DDO, but this one does not.

Pg. 40 - first sentence: I think you mean "One of the doubled **obverse** varieties...", not **reverse**. All references on preceding pages make reference to DDO's, not DDR's.

Also on page 40, my own opinion is that the listing for the "1873/2 Overdate" should appear under the basic 1873 listing, not under 1872. Virtually all reference books are set up that way, and it seems to be far better accepted, primarily because the overdates were struck in the following year (1873, not 1872). The same comment would apply to your listings of the following:

Pg. 48 - 1879/8

Pg. 51 - 1882/1

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Pg. 53 - 1883/2
Pg. 72 - 1898/?
Pg. 73 - 1899/?
Pg. 77 - 1908/7
Pg. 145 - 1943/42

Also Pg. 110 - 1918/7-D

Page 54 - again, the photos are of the same coin, under different lighting.

Page 136 - second paragraph - I think you mean 1939, not 1949. It would be tough to follow up a 1949 report in 1943.

Page 140 - your reference to the "very rare 1941-D over 'Lazy D'" I'm sure was gleaned from Walter's book. I was very suspicious of this variety when I saw it listed in his publication, so I called Coin World and asked for a tear sheet for that date. When it came, as I suspected, the photo was of a 1942-D/"Lazy 'D'", and was mis-labeled. I called this to the attention of Bill Gibbs and he ran a correction on it a few issues after he received my letter. **THERE IS NO 1941-D OVER LAZY D.**

Page 144 - the photo used at the top may be of a reverse with a large "P" over the dome, but you sure can't see it. I'd suggest using a new photo where the letter can be seen easily.

Page 147 - I did not discover the 1943-P "Doubled Eye" variety. I believe it was Natalie Halpern. Breen was in error here, also. Also, your last sentence I believe is incorrect - first, I have never seen nor heard of a 1943-D/S variety, and second, there were no mint sets in 1943. You might also want to mention in future editions that several 1943-P coins are known on steel cent planchets.

Page 149 - I own a 1944-P 5¢ struck on a **steel cent planchet**. This is a double error in that it is a wrong metal and in the wrong year.

Page 150 - third paragraph - I believe the Schukill River is in **Pennsylvania**, not New York.

Page 151 - the alleged OMM is a "P/D", not a "P/S". You are absolutely correct that the "P/D" has not been available for inspection...that was my coin, and it was a P/P, but the photo made it appear as a "P/D". The attribution of this incorrect OMM was done from a photo, not from the actual coin, which was a major blunder by any researcher. **THERE IS NO 1945-P OMM OF ANY KIND THAT HAS BEEN REPORTED SO FAR AND HAS BEEN VERIFIED.**

Page 152 - The two photos of the 1949-D/S are out of sequence as they appear prior to the 1946 listing..

Page 153 - I do not believe there is a "sans serif" ("knobbed-

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tail" S on the 1947. On the 1946-S and 1948-S, yes...but not on the 1947-S. Several specialists agree with me on this.

Page 157 - there is a beautiful DDO on a few 1951 Proof coins, strongest on the eyelid, nose, lips, chin and IN GOD WE TRUST which you may want to mention.

Page 158 - same on a few 1953 Proofs - visible mostly on IN GOD WE TRUST.

Michael, please don't think I'm criticizing your excellent book. I'm not. I just thought you might like a critique which may make any subsequent printing even better. I enjoyed the work tremendously, and congratulate you on a magnificent effort on your first book. I know it won't be your last!

I'd be interested in your comments on mine if you feel so inclined.

Best regards,



Bill Fivaz