



Professor John MacMillan's Coin Collecting Papers, Images and Tips

Welcome to my numismatic (coin collecting) series of articles on collecting strategies, budget management, numismatic research and coin images. I collect U.S. type coins, hard times tokens, civil war tokens and ancient coins. A collector for over 50 years, my numismatic research focuses on identifying trends or statistics that have not been correlated before in existing numismatic literature. My articles and image sites are listed below. Freely download any information or images of interest. I would love to hear any comments or suggestions. Contact me at jhm@ix.netcom.com.

1) [Building a Type Set of United States Coins](#) (Published on Coin Resource's Web Site)

[PDF file of above article](#)

2) "When 15 comes before 13", Coin World Article, Feb 13, 2006 Page 72

Numismatic Article on the significance of the "star" count" on U.S. coins, published in Coin World

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3) ["Collecting on a Budget"](#) Practical advice for the coin collector of modest means.

Appeared in the "Basics" section of the June, 2006 issue of "Coin Values" Magazine, page 134.

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Also published in [Coin Link, Coin Collecting News, January,2010](#)

4) "Lurking in the fog", The Phantom Eight U.S. Coins", Article published in the "Basics" section of the September, 2006 issue of "Coin Values" Magazine, page 139.

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5) ["The Missing Dates in U.S. Coins"](#) published in the July 2006 issue of the "Double Shift", the monthly publication of the Houston Coin Club, courtesy of fellow numismatist and chemist Sebastian Frommhold.

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6) **"The same date, differing type" (transition year), method for collecting and showing U.S. type coins"**, A novel way of collecting by type, where the last year of an old design and first year of a new design bear the same date.

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7) **Listing of U.S. type coins sorted by mintage**. I think you will find this table very interesting if you are a type coin collector.

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8) **Gold type coin mintages in ascending order**, the rarest is actually not the 1808 quarter eagle, but the 1796 no stars quarter eagle.

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9) **"Non Federal U.S. coins deviating from the "The rule of 13 stars" . Here are the prefederal, territorial and exonomia exceptions to the rule, and the reasons behind the "different" number of stars.**

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10) **California Small denomination fractional gold deviating from the "rule of 13 stars"** . Here are those "Period One" (1852-1857) 25 cent, 50 cent and one dollar gold California issues deviating from the rule of 13 stars

explained in articles 7 and 8 above, along with an analysis of the star numbers. The results are very different from the two earlier analyses. Interesting new work for the gold dollar specialists!

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11) ["Period Two" \(1858-1882\) issues deviating from the rule of 13 stars"](#), as illustrated in the Harry Bass collection. Here is a list from the Heritage sale of the Harry S. Bass collection.

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12) ["U.S. pattern coins deviating from the "rule of 13 stars"](#) In the last of this four part series, here is the analysis of U.S. pattern issues deviating from the "rule of 13 stars" explained in articles 7 through 9 above, along with pertinent analysis and comments. The results are quite interesting for the pattern specialist!

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13) ["Opportunity lost, my encounter with the 1955 "double shift cent"](#), my childhood encounter with a 1955 "double die", a coin I still do not possess!

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14) [Image Library of U.S. Hard Times Tokens](#), These are not my own but

found in various places on the internet. Enjoy.

15) [Slideshow of U.S. Type coin Images](#), Enjoy a slideshow of US type coins from 1794, illustrated by dates in my personal collection.

16) [Image Library of U.S. Type Coins](#), A complete set of major type coin images from 1793 to the present!

