

1875-CC Quarters in High Grade are Rare

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The writer firmly believes that 1875-CC quarters are rare in grades from AU-58 to MS-65 with fewer than seventy-six specimens extant. After checking the population reports, from the grading services and auction records, I have come to this conclusion.

This coin is a sleeper and definitely deserves higher numismatic prices in high grades.

Below are the present approximate prices for these coins in higher grades:

AU-58	MS-60	MS-62	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
\$2,750	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$7,500	\$18,000	\$40,000

The 1875-CC quarter showcased in this article is a certified AU-58 specimen. Interestingly, when the coin was purchased years ago, the dealer who sold it called it a BU coin. One can see that it still has lots of mint luster.



The 2-B variety of an 1875-CC quarter in AU-58 condition.

Larry Briggs in his book on Liberty Seated quarters labels the pictured specimen as a Reverse 2-B variety where the top of the right “C” in the mintmark is centered directly under the crotch, between the feathers and the stem.

The Reverse 1-A variety is seen with the space between the “CC” mintmark, located directly under the crotch. The writer does not know which variety is the most common. Briggs says that the obverse for this coin is presently known in two varieties. However, careful study with a magnifying glass may be needed to distinguish these two obverse varieties.

The coin pictured has some interesting characteristics. There is a raised die crack line running from the 7th star through Liberty’s head, continuing through the 8th star touching the Liberty cap and then extending to the 9th star. There is also a raised dot on Liberty’s leg by her knee and on the reverse; and there is a raised dot under the eagle’s right wing. I am not sure if these additional characteristics have been reported on other 1875-CC specimens. No doubt, the study of other 1875-CC quarters will reveal additional characteristics.

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