Census of Unused 15-cent 1869 Pictorial Invert

119b-OG-01
Lot 1 in this sale

- c. 1869: Discovered by Paul Lichtenstein in NYC post office
- c. 1886: Sold by Paul Lichtenstein to collector friend
- c. 1886: Sold in Staten Island Philatelic Auction for $285; reported to have entered a European collection
- c. 1892-1903: Possibly owned by Frederick W. Ayer
- c. 1903-04: Sold to George H. Worthington for $1,200, possibly from Ayer collection through Warren H. Colson
- 1917 Aug. 21: Worthington sale, J. C. Morgenthau, lot 476, $4,100 to agent for Arthur Hind
- 1933 Nov. 20: Hind sale, Phillips-Kennett, lot 390, $7,000 to Elliott Perry for Alfred R. Brigham
- c. 1948-60: Brigham dies 9/22/1948, sold by estate sometime prior to 1960
- 1960: P.F. certificate issued to Ezra D. Cole, probably at the time of sale to Josiah K. Lilly Jr.
- 1967 Feb. 2: Lilly sale, Siegel Auction Galleries, Sale 312, lot 216, $35,000 to Raymond H. Weill for Benjamin D. Phillips
- 1968 Oct.: Phillips collection sold privately to Weills for $4.07 million
- 1968-82: Private sales between Weills and their clients (details unknown)
- 1982 Apr. 24: Siegel 1982 Rarities of the World, Sale 596, lot 241, $180,000 hammer to Renee Bowden (agent)
- 1987: Sold to Ryohei Ishikawa in private transaction brokered by Harvey R. Warm and Scott R. Trepel (purchased from Weills)
- 1993 Sep. 29: Ishikawa sale, Christie’s NY, lot 740, $195,000 hammer to Melissa Purser, agent for Columbian Stamp Co. (Hagendorf), on behalf of private collector
- c. 1996: Sold to Steven C. Walske (Lafayette) by Hagendorf
- 2003 May 2: Walske (Lafayette) sale, Matthew Bennett Inc., lot 1331, $375,000 hammer to Hagendorf for inventory
- c. 2004: Sold to Maryland collector by Hagendorf
- 2006: Sold by Maryland collector’s estate to Jay Parrino for “Beverly Hills” through Siegel Auction Galleries and Hagendorf

“W.H.C.” backstamp (Warren H. Colson)
PFC 398836 “Genuine, previously hinged” (2003)
PSE 1270180 “Genuine unused, o.g., previously hinged” F70, Mint OGph (2013)

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- c. 1930’s: Sold to Wharton Sinkler (during second round of collecting)
- c. 1940’s: Sold to Metta Heathcote (d. 1965)
- c. 1960: Sold to Capt. Barrett G. Hindes (d. 1964)
- 1968 Jan. 23: Hindes sale, H. R. Harmer, lot 238, $17,500 to Weills
- c. 1969-73: Sold to Charles A. Schafer (by Weills)
- 1974 Feb. 1: Schafer sale, D. F. Kelleher, Sale 518, lot 2233 (with 120b-UNC-02 and 121b-UNC-06), $100,000 for set to “Newport”
- 1974-2008: With “Newport” collector and his estate heir
- 2008 Feb. 9: “Newport” sale, Philip Weiss, $670,000 plus 13% to private collector

PFC 26532 “Genuine unused with very slight marginal soiling” (1968)
PFC 458208 “Genuine, unused (no gum), faint soiling in the left and right margins” (2007)

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- 1958: PFC issued to Herbert Houghton “Hoky” Phillips Jr., a Texas relative of Benjamin D. Phillips and Weill client
- c. 1985: H. Houghton Phillips collection sold to Weills
- 1988 Apr. 23: Siegel 1988 Rarities of the World sale, Sale 692, lot 211, $125,000 hammer
- 1995 Sep. 27: Christie’s NY sale, lot 4071, $90,000 ($101,500 with premium) to William H. Gross

Signed in pencil “RHW Co.”
PFC 10048 Issued to H. Houghton Phillips Jr., “Genuine, uncancelled” (1958)
PFC 288327 “Genuine, unused (no gum), with a tiny tear at bottom left and a few toned spots on the perforations at bottom” (1995)