

# CENSUS OF UNUSED 15-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL INVERT



“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)

- 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



- 119b-UNC-02**
- 1923 Jun. 13 Ferrary sale, Gilbert Sale 7, lot 254, \$3,429, possibly to Philip H. Ward Jr.
  - 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)



- 119b-UNC-03**
- 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, uncanceled” (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)