

Fernand David Collection

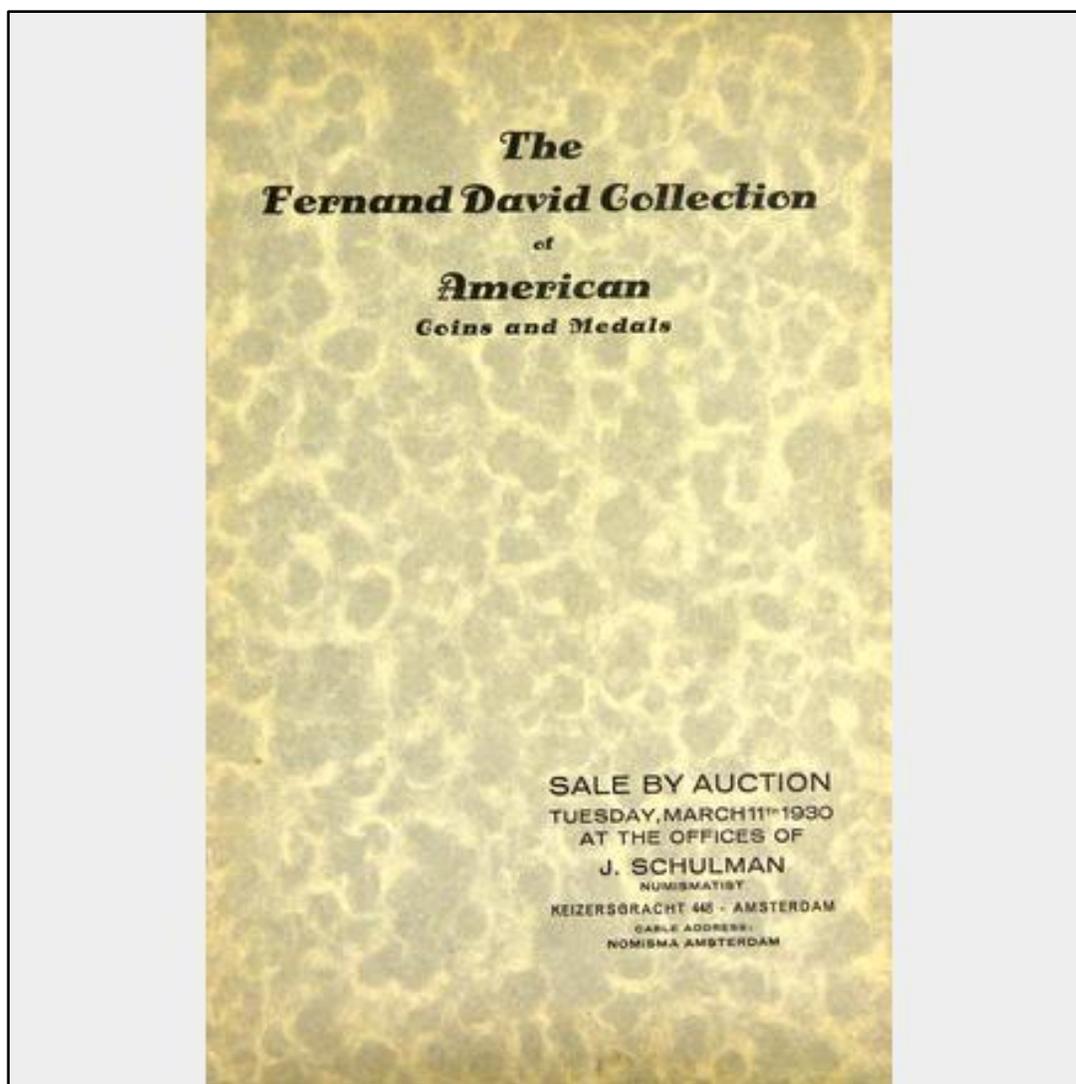
J. Schulman Auction March 11, 1930

A selection of slides presented by Herman Blanton at the Mount Vernon Numismatic Society at the September 20, 2021 meeting.

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Abstract

The writer assembles data from J. Schulman's auction of March 11, 1930 in Amsterdam and later auctions to demonstrate the importance of the Fernand David (of Paris) Collection. The data is presented as a series of slides. Three lots are reviewed. Two lots of US coins and one lot of Colombia.



J. Schulman March 11, 1930 sale catalog cover

The
Fernand David Collection
of
American
Coins and Medals



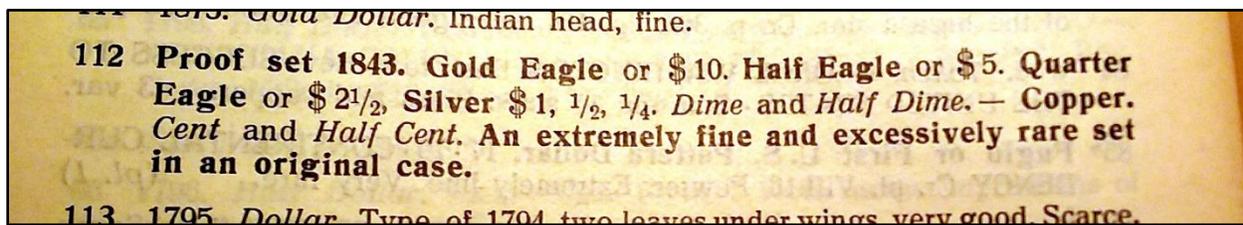
SALE BY AUCTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH 1930
AT THE OFFICES OF
J. SCHULMAN
NUMISMATIST
KEIZERSGRACHT 448 - AMSTERDAM
CABLE ADDRESS:
NOMISMA AMSTERDAM

Keizersgracht is Emperor's Canal. The center and widest of 3 principal canals
in the central district of Amsterdam

Schulman, J. CATALOGUE OF THE IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF THE LATE MR. FERNAND DAVID OF PARIS. FIRST PART: THE COINS AND THE MEDALS OF AMERICA. Amsterdam, 11 March 1930. 8vo, original printed card covers. (2), 32 pages; 642 lots; 7 fine plates. Fine. A scarce sale with significant American content. Were it listed in Adams, it might well qualify as an A sale. Lots 1-39 comprise Canadiana; 40-71 American colonials; 72-88 Washingtonia, etc.; 89-244 gold, silver and copper American coins; 245-251 pioneer gold; 252-367 Betts medals; 368-423 other American medals. Plate I largely depicts colonials; plate II large cents, half cents and rare silver; plate III pioneer gold; plate IV medals. The remainder of the sale is devoted to Spanish and Latin American coins and medals, including West Indies cut and countermarked pieces. Clain-Stefanelli 10539. Ex Doug Robins Library.

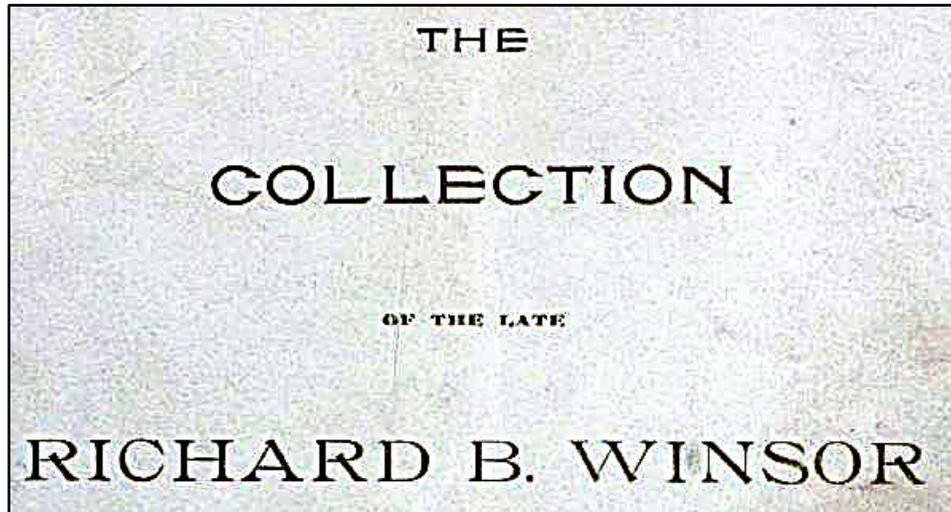
Catalog Description by David Fanning

The US coins were only a part of his collection but a look at two lots shows his discernment regarding rarity and quality.

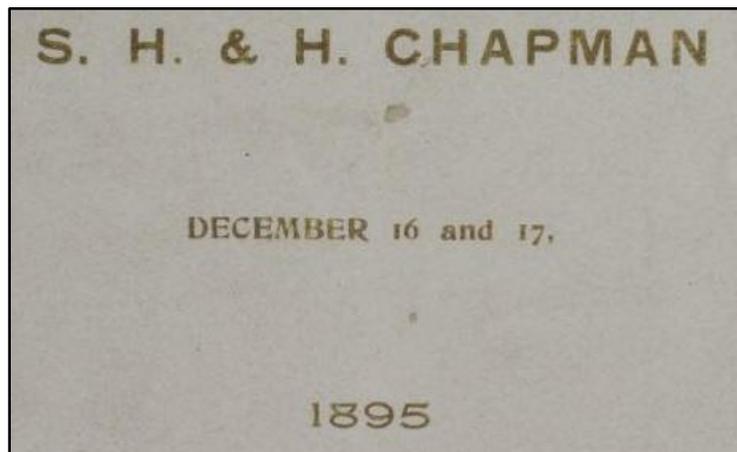


Schulman 112 lot description

Provenance of the Fernand David
1843 US Proof Set in Case



Chapman 1895 title



Chapman sale date December 16-17, 1895

1067 1843 Complete set of *all* the coins of this year. Gold \$10, \$5, \$2½. Silver, dollar, ½, ¼, ⅛, 1/16, cent 1842 obverse and reverse. ½ cent original. The silver yellowed, the copper steel and red color. In the original case. Said to have been presented by President Tyler. Cost Mr. Winsor \$100 at a sale about 15 years ago. Unique. 10 pieces.

The US one cent dies were changed in 1843.
1842 mention here means this specimen struck with "old" design dies.

Chapman lot 1067 description

Heritage sale 382 (2005)

Heritage sale 382 lot 10485 (July 2005 ANA San Francisco). Unsold (did not meet reserve of \$465,000)

... It is our opinion that the Neil-Carter cased proof set is the same set that earlier appeared in the Winsor sale of 1895, and is the only completely original 1843 Cased Proof Set: possibly the President Tyler presentation set.

Possibly presented by President Tyler to an unknown dignitary, later to Richard Winsor (Chapman Brothers, 12/1895), lot 1067.

Later, Fernand David Collection (Amsterdam, 1930); B. Max Mehl; Frank Stoddard; B. Max Mehl; Colonel E.H.R. Green; B. Max Mehl; Will W. Neil (B. Max Mehl, June 1947), lot 2292; Amon G. Carter, Sr.; Amon G. Carter, Jr.; Carter Family (Stack's, 1/1984), lot 630.

Stacks January 18, 1984

**The Amon G. Carter, Jr. Family Collection of
United States Gold, Silver & Copper Coins
and Foreign Coins**

Stacks Jan. 18, 1984 lot 630

1843 PROOF SET



Lot No. 630

630 1843 COMPLETE PROOF SET. HALF CENT TO EAGLE. The ten

Stack's January 18, 1984 lot 630 image

The entire set is housed in its original mint case. The card printed by Manly & Orr in Philadelphia is no longer in existence. The case is 4½" x 5", of red Moroccan leather with gold tooling on the cover and with brass hinges and a spring lock. The interior is in blue plush with each opening having a stiff cloth liner and blue satin ribbon. The case is in a remarkable state of preservation.

We quote from B. Max Mehl's Will W. Neil catalogue: "This magnificent and excessively rare Proof Set, as stated before, is in the original Mint Case as issued, in 1843. We can readily understand the infinitesimal number of proofs struck at the Mint over one hundred years ago. I know of but one other similar set. The Set here offered originally came from a famous Collection sold at auction in Amsterdam, Holland, some twenty years ago. I had my European representative purchase it for me. I sold it to Mr. Stoddard of Pasadena, California. Later, to be exact, in 1932, when I purchased the Stoddard Collection, this Set was in turn sold by me to the late Colonel E. H. R. Green. After the passing of the Colonel, I acquired this Set indirectly, and again sold it to Mr. Neil. This is the first time this beautiful and exceedingly rare Set is offered at auction in this country. I consider it the most outstanding and desirable item in this Great Collection."

The Dutch Collection, Mr. Mehl refers to, is the Fernand David Collection sold in 1930. The last appearance of this set at auction was at the Will W. Neil Sale, B. Max Mehl, June 17th, 1947, lot 2292.

Illustrated in Walter Breen's *Encyclopedia of United States and Colonial Proof Coins*. Mr. Breen however erred slightly when he attributed a further and later provenance to "A New York State private collection" in his book on Proofs. The set has been in the Carter family possession since its purchase in 1947.

This will undoubtedly be *one of the great numismatic highlights* because it is the first time this set is being offered at Public Auction (B. Max Mehl conducted Mail Bid Sales only). *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

Stack's January 18, 1984 lot 630 description in 3 snapshots

Where is the Fernand David 1843 proof set today?

**From Heritage sale 1298, August 14-18,
2019 lot 3904 (not the Fernand David set)
was a \$10 1843 proof. From the lot
description "...the [Neil-Carter] set was
stolen at the 2007 FUN convention and has
not reappeared."**

**According to my research the whereabouts of the Fernand David 1843 proof
set is still unknown.**

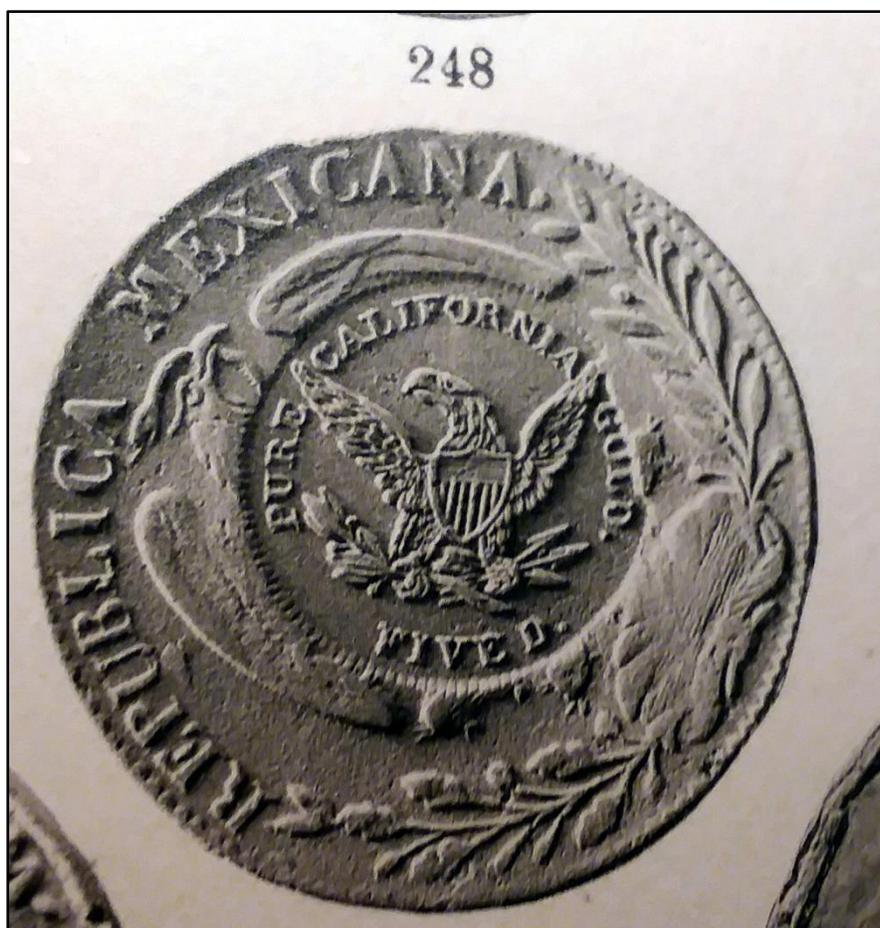
Updated information welcomed.

Shultz & Co. 1851. 5 Dollar. Silver Pattern.
248* **Shultz & Co. San Francisco 1851. 5 Dollar. Pattern struck on a silver Mexican Peso 1847. Obverse counterstamp. Head of Liberty I. surrounded by 13 stars. On the coronet, SHULTS & Co. Below, the date 1851. Rev. Eagle with expanded wings PURE CALIFORNIA GOLD; below, FIVE D. Cf. Adams 45. Extremely fine. Extremely rare. Probably unique.** (pl. III)

J. Schulman lot 248 description



J. Schulman lot 248 image of obverse



J. Schulman lot 248 image of reverse

New Netherlands Coin Co (Wayte Raymond), 59th Catalogue of United States Coins. June 13-15, 1967. Lot 162 was a copy of the J. Schulman catalog and provided supplementary information about the Fernand David sale. "... Possibly the highlight of the sale was the 1851 Shultz & Co. five dollars struck upon an 1847 Mexican 8 Reales, which was purchased by Waldo Newcomer for 4,000 guilders...."

Wayte Raymond commentary of J. Schulman lot 248

COLOMBIA

607* **Nuevo Regno. Bogota. 4 Reales.** Shield between ·III· — ... Rev.
P^oR — 16|67 Pillar between PLV — SV — T — N^oR fine. Extremely rare.
(pl. VII)

J. Schulman lot 607 description



J. Schulman lot 607 image

Provenance (appearances and listings):

- ✚ J. Schulman, March 11, 1930 lot 607, Fernand David collection.
- ✚ (1930-[1950s ?](#))

- ✚ Burzio II: 317-18 well described; III: xciv, no. 725 illustrated with J. Schulman image. 1958
- ✚ Pellicer *Medio Duro*, p. 252 no. 1194. 1974
- ✚ D. Domingo Irigoyen collection. According to my records Sr. Irigoyen participated in the V Exposición Social de A.N.E. in Barcelona March 1-16, 1956 by providing three coins for exhibit (personal communication with secretary of ANE 20180621). Advanced numismatist at least from the 1950s until he died in 1982. His Colombian cobs were sold to the Eldorado collection in 1980 and must have included this coin.

(Irigoyen collection is not published. My research strongly suggests he owned this coin, *Herman Blanton*.)

- ✚ Don Canaparo, cited in Stack's Bowers lot listing. (1980)
- ✚ Eldorado collection: 1980-2018
- ✚ Restrepo 1998, *Macuquinas de Colombia* (The Cobs of Colombia, South America), pp. 38 and 78, M60-1, 1667, illustrated both places by a photo of the J. Schulman coin.
- ✚ Lasser 2000, *The Cobs of Colombia, 1622-1756*, p. 120, M60S-1, 1667, illustrated both places by a photo of the J. Schulman coin.

- ✦ Restrepo 2006, Monedas de Colombia 1619-2006, 1st ed., p. 93, M60-1, 1667, illustrated with a photo of the J. Schulman coin.
- ✦ Restrepo 2007, 2nd ed, listed the same as in 2006 ed.
- ✦ Restrepo 2009, 3rd ed., listed the same as in 2006 ed.
- ✦ Restrepo 2012, Coins of Colombia (Spanish Colonial and Republican) 1619-2012 (Monedas de Colombia 1619-2012) Fourth Edition – First English Edition, p. 89, M60-1, 1667. Illustrated with a photo of the J. Schulman coin.
- ✦ Stack's-Bowers Galleries sale of the Eldorado collection. January 12-13, 2018, lot 11062.

Conclusion

As we have seen the Fernand David collection was world class. His collection covered ancients, medieval, France esp., medals, tokens and world-wide. His US coins alone would today value in the millions of US dollars.

**Hope you enjoyed the presentation.
Thank you for your attention.**