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# SHIPWRECK COLLECTION



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**S.S. Central America**

*Above is a beautiful 1857, \$20 gold piece recovered from the ocean floor and preserved as if it was minted yesterday*

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## 1857 Shiptwreck Treasures from Austin Rare Coins

In August of 1857, some 400 passengers left the Vallejo Street Wharf in San Francisco headed from the California Gold Rush back east, first by steamship to Panama, then over the isthmus by railroad— and finally aboard the S.S. Central America steamship headed for New York. Little did these adventurers on board the “Ship of Gold” realize they were headed toward a watery grave in the Atlantic Ocean.

On that tragic day in September of 1857, the mail steamship S.S. Central America was battered by a fierce hurricane off the coast of the Carolinas. Within a few hours, over 500 passengers and a treasure ship full of gold sunk to a watery grave where they remained buried beneath the Atlantic Ocean for the next 130 years.

### Shiptwreck Gold Coins Salvaged

Thanks to the recent advent of underwater robots, items from famous shipwrecks like the Titanic and the S.S. Central America have been brought to the surface and saved. The newest deep sea recovery technology was used to bring up and preserve these historic, National Treasures. **Austin Rare Coins** is proud to offer to the American public a rare opportunity to acquire one of these important pieces of California Gold Rush history.

# OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY



Collectors and investors alike have purchased many historic coins found from 19th century shipwrecks like the S.S. Central America, S.S. Republic, S.S. New York, and the S.S. Brother Jonathan. A large portion of the top graded coins from famous shipwrecks have been distributed to a few trusted dealers like...

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Who can sell these pieces of history directly to you!



### **Rare Gold Treasures from the 1865 S.S. Brother Jonathan Shipwreck**

In July of 1865 the side wheeler steamship S.S. Brother Jonathan sailed from the harbor in San Francisco overloaded with cargo. On board was a treasure chest of gold mined during the last days of the California Gold Rush.

A gale kicked up shortly after Brother Jonathan left port and the storm worsened. Around one o'clock in the afternoon, the ill-fated steamer passed Crescent City, California hitting the Saint George Reef. The impact was so jarring that both passengers and crew were tossed overboard.

A geyser immediately erupted inside the paddle wheeler and within 45 minutes the Brother Jonathan sank to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean as onlookers watched helplessly from the high bluffs of the town. Sadly only 19 of the 223 passengers survived. Among the sunken items were personal belongings, china cups, porcelain, glass bottles, and a group of "Rare Date" San Francisco Mint \$20 gold coins minted during the last years of the Civil War.

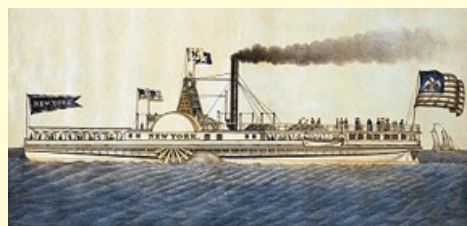


### **S.S. New York Rare U.S. Coins Recovered From The Ocean Floor**

The S.S. New York shipwreck in 1846 was almost overlooked as Americans were devoted to the fighting troops on the battlefields during the war against Mexico.

The ship's captain unknowingly set sail directly into a hurricane, and after trying to wait it out, the ship tragically turned the wrong way and was unable to recover itself from the fury of the storm.

On September 7, 1846 the ship was lost to the sea, taking with it 17 souls and thirty to forty thousand dollars worth of U.S. gold coins, U.S. silver coins, and bank notes. The recovery in 2007 revealed an incredible hoard of little-known U.S. Southern branch mint gold and silver coins, some of which are the finest known examples from Charlotte, Dahlonega, and New Orleans.



### **The 1865 SS Republic Shipwreck — The largest find in history of Civil War Coins**

Lying in 1700 feet of water below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean, rests an historic Civil War Era paddle wheel steamship that sunk in a fierce hurricane in October of 1865. After 12 years of searching, a recovery team pinpointed the exact location some 100 miles off the Georgia coast.

Since then, the cargo of the S.S. Republic shipwreck has been recovered and documented as one of the most valuable and historically significant archeological finds of our generation.

What makes the S.S. Republic shipwreck unique is the additional find of a large number of silver coins from the Civil War recovered in pristine condition. Some of this collection was offered to the American collecting public.

The Buying Trust of **Austin Rare Coins** has acquired many of the historically significant coins for placement with our preferred collectors. Today, you can join that list and be among the first to own Pre-Civil War gold and silver coins from this historic 1860's shipwreck.

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