

African American Commemorative Coin Collection, 1946-2009

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Collection Overview

Title: African American Commemorative Coin Collection, 1946-2009

Extent: 1.0 Boxes

Arrangement: 1 box: 11 coins, all encased in clear plastic, four in pasteboard embossed slipcovers.

Date Acquired: 00/00/2009

Languages: [English](#)

Abstract

This is a collection of 11 African American commemorative coins, purchased by the Robert J. Terry Library from a private collector ca. 2009. The coins feature notable African American figures and events in African American history, including Booker T. Washington, Rosa Parks, Duke Ellington, and George Washington Carver.

Scope and Contents of the Materials

These commemorative coins were all minted by the United States government, and with the exception of the Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver coins, do not seem to have circulated. All coins are in clear protective casings to guard against fingerprints.

Numismatics is the scientific analysis and study of money and the uses to which people have put money throughout history. Coin collectors use the word "numismatics" when speaking specifically of the study of coins. A wider and more correct definition includes the study and collecting of all money-related items such as banknotes, tokens, medals, bullion rounds, etc. The study of coins can be useful to historians as they can provide historical, social, political and economical context for civilizations, cultures, or specific persons or events.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: No restrictions. Contact Gary Chaffee, Archivist.

Use Restrictions: All rights reserved by Robert J. Terry Library and Texas Southern University, the U.S. Mint and any artists' works represented.

Physical Access Note: Robert J. Terry Library, Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Avenue, Houston, TX 77004. First floor.

Technical Access Note: Contact Cataloging Department - (713) 313-1074

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Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Item 1: Booker T. Washington half dollar, 1946

Half dollar. 30.6mm, 12.5 grams. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Minted by United States Mint, Denver. Artist: Issac Scott Hathaway. Encased in clear plastic round capsule.

Item 2: Booker T. Washington half dollar, 1951

Half dollar. 30.6mm, 12.5 grams. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Minted by United States Mint, Philadelphia. Artist: Issac Scott Hathaway. Encased in clear plastic case, 2.5" x 3.25".

Item 3: George Washington Carver half dollar, 1952

Half dollar. 30.6mm, 12.5 grams. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Minted by United States Mint, Philadelphia. Artist: Issac Scott Hathaway. Encased in clear plastic round capsule.

Item 4: George Washington Carver half dollar, 1954

Half dollar. 30.6mm, 12.5 grams. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Minted by United States Mint, San Francisco. Artist: Issac Scott Hathaway. Encased in clear plastic case, 2.5" x 3.25".

Item 5: Crispus Attucks silver dollar, 1998

Silver dollar proof featuring Crispus Attucks as part of Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin Program from the United States Mint, San Francisco. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Includes certificate of authenticity. 38.10mm, 26.730 grams. Encased in clear plastic capsule in a felt-lined case, 2.5" x 2.5". Outer slipcase: 3.5" x 6" x .75". Artists: John Mercanti (obverse), Ed Dwight (Reverse).

Item 6: Crispus Attucks silver dollar, 1998

Silver dollar proof featuring Crispus Attucks as part of Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin Program from the United States Mint, San Francisco. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. Includes certificate of authenticity. 38.10mm, 26.730 grams. Encased in clear plastic capsule in a felt-lined case, 2.5" x 2.5". Outer slipcase: 3.5" x 6" x .75". Artists: John Mercanti (obverse), Ed Dwight (Reverse). Duplicate of item 5.

Item 7: Rosa Parks commemorative medal, 1999

Medal, 38mm, approx. 12 grams. Composition: unknown. Minted by United States Mint, Philadelphia. Miniature replica of the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to Rosa Parks at a ceremony at the United States Capitol building on June 15, 1999. Mounted in black felt holder

sandwiched between 2.25" x 4" lucite panels, embossed with "Rosa Parks 1913 - 2005 -- Mother of the Movement."

Item 8: Little Rock Central High School Desegregation silver dollar, 2007

Silver dollar proof depicting the desegregation of Little Rock, Arkansas schools. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. 38.10mm, 26.73 grams. Minted by United States Mint, Philadelphia. Obverse: A group of children walking to school, escorted by a United States soldier; designed by Richard Masters and sculpted by Charles Vickers. Reverse: Little Rock Central High School, designed and sculpted by Don Everhart. Encased in round plastic capsule within a felt-lined jewel box, 2.5" x 2.5". Outer embossed slipcover, 3.5" x 3.5".

Item 9: Little Rock Central High School Desegregation silver dollar, 2007

Silver dollar proof depicting the desegregation of Little Rock, Arkansas schools. Composition: 90% silver, 10% copper. 38.10mm, 26.73 grams. Minted by United States Mint, Philadelphia. Includes certificate of authenticity. Obverse: A group of children walking to school, escorted by a United States soldier; designed by Richard Masters and sculpted by Charles Vickers. Reverse: Little Rock Central High School, designed and sculpted by Don Everhart. Encased in round plastic capsule within a felt-lined holder, 3.5" x 2.5". Outer embossed slipcover, 3.5" x 2.5".

Item 10: Duke Ellington commemorative quarter dollar, 2009

Quarter dollar depicting Duke Ellington on the reverse, George Washington on the obverse. Composition: Cupro-nickel. 24.26mm, 5.670 grams. Minted by the United States Mint, San Francisco. Artists: Joel Iskowitz and Don Everhart. Encased in clear plastic round capsule.

Item 11: Duke Ellington commemorative quarter dollar, 2009

Quarter dollar depicting Duke Ellington on the reverse, George Washington on the obverse. Composition: Cupro-nickel. 24.26mm, 5.670 grams. Minted by the United States Mint, San Francisco. Artists: Joel Iskowitz and Don Everhart. Encased in clear plastic round capsule. Duplicate of item 10.