



LVNS Youth Program

Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion The U.S. "3 Cent Silvers"

1. Who designed the silver 3 cent piece?
Which of the three types did he design?
2. What were the changes made to the type II and type III coins?
Why were those changes made?
3. What are some other names for the 3 cent silvers?
Why is it called a "fish scale"?
4. Which U.S. coin is the smallest in size?
Hint: it's not the "trime"!
5. Which mint, other than Philadelphia minted "trimes"?
Which years?
6. Which year is the highest mintage; therefore most easily obtained?
7. What changes were made in the "changeover" between 1853 and 1854?
Which other denomination was affected?
8. Why was the mintage greatly reduced after 1862?
9. Which two years are recognized as "overdates"?
What is significantly different about these two years?
10. Why were only PROOF coins minted the final year; which year was it?