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# Paul R. Murphy Mint Coin and Medal Collection

1921-2019  
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Read collection overview

Coin and medal collection of UMass Amherst graduate Class of 1973 and long-time supporter of the library, Paul Murphy. Collections consists chiefly of coins and medals that commemorate historic moments, achievements, places, and individuals in U.S. history.

## Background on Paul R. Murphy

Born and raised in Boston, Paul R. Murphy attended Boston Public School, graduating from Rosindale High School. While at UMass Amherst (Class of 1973), he lived in Thatcher House in the Quad, was a floor counselor, and participated in house government and intramural sports. Many of his professional pursuits have been in the realm of service: Murphy is an Honorably Discharged Veteran of the States Navy Reserve; he worked as a tax examiner, a middle school teacher at Sacred Heart School Rosindale, and as the Executive Director of the Parkway Boys and Girls Club in West Roxbury, Mass. He worked for Merrill Lynch, and retired as an associate vice president for AECOM, U.S.A.

Over the years, Murphy donated a large numismatics to SCUA as well as university treasures and ephemera spanning its founding and history. He also established a planned gift to create the Paul R Murphy Special Collections and Archives Fund.

## Scope of collection

Murphy's collection features coins and medals that commemorate historic moments, achievements, places, and individuals in U.S. history. Coins are minted by acts of Congress and as such represent what the Congress wants to memorialize. Murphy understands the historical and the material value of the coins and believes that coinage and currency will become a thing of the past. These coins selected for this collection future artifacts of U. S. coin and currency.

## Series descriptions

### [Series 1. Americana](#)

1921-2019

Coins and medals to commemorate historic events and individuals, national monuments and parks, military milestones and victories, laws and legal achievements, and American innovators and community groups or organizations.

### [Series 2. Athletics](#)

1983-2014

Coins to commemorate Olympic achievements, World Cup victories, and sports halls of fame.

### [Series 3. Other](#)

2018

Commemorative coins in support of medical and educational research and awareness and international service organizations.

## Inventory

### Series 1. Americana

1921-2019

100th anniversary of the National Park Service commemorative clad proof half dollar

2016

Box :

100th anniversary of the National Park Service commemorative clad uncirculated half dollar

2016

Box :

100th anniversary of the National Park Service commemorative proof three-coin set: silver proof dollar, clad proof half dollar, five dollar gold coin

2016

Box :

100th anniversary of the National Park Service commemorative silver proof dollar

2016

Box :

100th anniversary of the National Park Service commemorative silver uncirculated dollar

2016

Box :

Abraham Lincoln commemorative silver proof dollar

2009

Box :

Abraham Lincoln commemorative silver uncirculated dollar

2009

Box :

American Eagle one ounce silver uncirculated coin

2021

Box :

West Point mint.

American Innovation \$1 coin proof set

2021

Box :

San Francisco mint.

American Innovation \$1 coin reverse proof set

2021

Box :

San Francisco mint.

America the Beautiful Quarters collection

2010-2018

Box :

All issues Silver Proofs and Proof Sets including 2010-2019 Circulating Coin Sets; 2010-2018 Uncirculated Coin Sets; 2010-2019 3 Coin Sets; 2 Littleton America the Beautiful Quarter Albums (2010-2015 and 2016-2018) complete collection to date of Philadelphia, Denver, Silver Proof and Proof coins.

American veterans disabled for life commemorative silver proof dollar  
2010

Box :  
American veterans disabled for life commemorative silver uncirculated dollar  
2010

Box :  
Annual Mint Sets collection  
1955-2019, 2021  
Box :

Includes 1955-1964 PC envelope sets; 1965-1967 Special Mint sets; 1959-2019 Uncirculated Mint sets; 1982-1983 Souvenir sets; 2007-2016 Annual Uncirculated Dollar Coin sets; 1992-2019 complete collection of Annual Silver proof sets; 1992-2019 complete set of Annual Proof sets; 2012-2018 complete collection of any issued Limited Edition Proof sets; 1994-2018 complete collection of any issued Coin-Currency-Stamp sets.

Bald eagle commemorative proof clad half dollar  
2008

Box :  
Bald eagle commemorative silver proof dollar  
2008

Box :  
Bald eagle commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
2008

Box :  
Bald eagle proof silver dollar; annual proof president dollars; annual proof coin set; annual proof state quarters set  
2008

Box :  
Benjamin Franklin coins and chronicles set  
2006

Box :  
Benjamin Franklin "founding father" commemorative silver proof dollar  
2006

Box :  
Benjamin Franklin proof silver dollar; San Francisco mint proof silver dollar; annual proof coin set; annual proof state quarter set  
2006

Box :  
Benjamin Franklin "scientist" commemorative silver proof dollar  
2006

Box :  
Bill of Rights commemorative coin and stamp set: silver proof half dollar; 1989 Bill of Rights \$.25 stamp  
1993

Box :  
Bill of Rights commemorative silver half dollar; James Madison Presidential medal  
1993

Box :  
Bill of Rights commemorative silver proof dollar  
1993

Box :  
Bill of Rights commemorative silver proof half dollar  
1993

Box :  
Bill of Rights commemorative two coin set uncirculated silver dollar; uncirculated clad half dollar  
1993

Box :  
Black Revolutionary War Patriots commemorative silver proof dollar  
1998

Box :  
Boy Scouts of America centennial commemorative silver proof dollar  
2010

Box :  
Boy Scouts of America centennial commemorative silver uncirculated dollar  
2010

Box :  
Boys Town centennial commemorative clad proof half dollar  
2017

Box :  
Boys Town centennial commemorative proof silver dollar

2017  
Box :  
Boys Town centennial commemorative three coin set: proof silver dollar, five dollar gold proof coin, proof clad half dollar  
2017  
Box :  
Boys Town centennial commemorative uncirculated half dollar  
2017  
Box :  
Boys Town Centennial commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2017  
Box :  
Bureau of Engraving  
2018-2019  
Box :

Includes Defenders of Democracy; World War I 100th anniversary; 50th anniversary 1969-2019, Moon Landing; 50th anniversary 1969-2019, The Eagle Has Landed.

Capitol Visitor Center commemorative proof clad half dollar  
2001  
Box :  
Capitol Visitor Center commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
2001  
Box :  
Chief Justice John Marshall commemorative silver proof dollar  
2005  
Box :  
Chief Justice John Marshall proof silver dollar; 230th anniversary Marine Corps proof silver dollar; annual proof quarter set  
2005  
Box :  
Civil Rights Act of 1964 commemorative silver proof dollar  
2014  
Box :  
Civil Rights Act of 1964 commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2014  
Box :  
Civil War battlefield commemorative clad proof half dollar  
1995  
Box :  
Civil War battlefield commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995  
Box :  
Civil War battlefield commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
1995  
Box :  
Columbus quincentenary commemorative proof clad half dollar  
1992  
Box :  
Columbus quincentenary commemorative two piece coin proof set silver dollar; clad proof half dollar  
1992  
Box :  
Columbus quincentenary commemorative uncirculated half dollar  
1992  
Box :  
Commemoratives  
2019  
Box :

Includes a complete collection of all issued coins: Apollo 11 50th anniversary proof silver dollar; Apollo 11 50th anniversary uncirculated silver dollar; Apollo 11 50th anniversary proof half dollar; Apollo 11 50th anniversary uncirculated half dollar; Apollo 11 50th anniversary half dollar set; Apollo 11 50th anniversary 3" bronze medal; American Legion 100th anniversary proof silver dollar; American Legion 100th anniversary uncirculated silver dollar; American Legion 100th anniversary proof half dollar; American Legion 100th anniversary uncirculated half dollar; American Legion anniversary 3 coin proof set; American Legion 100th anniversary commemorative proof silver dollar and medal set.

Commemorative Bridgeport Centennial half dollar

1936

Box :

Commemorative Iowa Centennial half dollar

1946

Box :

Congress bicentennial commemorative two proof coin set; proof dollar set; proof clad half dollar

1989

Box :

D.C. and Territories Quarters collection

2009

Box :

Includes complete collection of First Day Coin Covers (unopened); Silver Proof Sets; 1 Dansco D.C. and Territories Album with complete collection of Philadelphia, Denver, Silver Proof and Proof coins.

Dolly Madison commemorative silver proof dollar

1999

Box :

Eisenhower centennial commemorative silver dollar proof

1990

Box :

Eisenhower dollars in Dansco album

1971-1978

Box :

First flight centennial commemorative proof clad half dollar

2003

Box :

First flight centennial commemorative silver proof dollar

2003

Box :

First flight centennial commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar

2003

Box :

First Spouse Bronze medals, complete collection

2007-2016

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative proof clad half dollar

2013

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative silver proof dollar

2013

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative special set: uncirculated silver dollar, uncirculated clad half dollar, copper medal

2013

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative three coin proof set: silver proof dollar, clad proof half dollar, five dollar gold coin

2013

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar

2013

Box :

Five-star generals commemorative uncirculated silver dollar

2013

Box :

Franklin half dollars in Dansco Album

1948-1963

Box :

Complete uncirculated collection all mint.

George Washington commemorative silver proof half dollar

1982

Box :

George Washington commemorative uncirculated silver half dollar

1982

Box :

Girl Scouts of the USA commemorative silver proof dollar

2013  
Box :  
Girl Scouts of the USA commemorative uncirculated silver dollar

2013  
Box :  
George Herbert Walker Bush coin and chronicle set  
2020  
Box :

Multiple mints: Philadelphia and San Francisco; issued 2021 20 PA.

Innovation Dollars  
2018  
Box :  
Innovation Dollars for Littleton Dollars album  
2021  
Box :

New Hampshire (P-D-S mints, 3 coins); Virginia (P-D-S, 3 coins); North Carolina (P-D-S, 3 coins).

Jackie Robinson commemorative silver proof dollar  
1997  
Box :  
Jamestown 400th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar  
2007  
Box :  
Jamestown 400th anniversary proof silver dollar; Little Rock Central High School desegregation proof silver dollar; annual proof president dollars; annual proof coin set; annual proof state quarters set  
2007  
Box :  
Jefferson Nickels collection  
1938-2018  
Box :

Includes 2 Dansco Albums (1938-2011 and 2012-2018) complete set of all mints including proofs; 2004-2006 Westward Journey Set with complete set of First Day Coin Covers (unopened), 2004 and 2005 Coin and Medal Sets, 2004-2006 complete collection Westward Journey Nickel Series Coin sets.

Lincoln Pennies collection  
1934-2019  
Box :

Includes 2 Dansco Albums Lincoln Penny

Kennedy half dollar collection  
1964-2018  
Box :

Includes 2 Dansco Albums (1964-2011 and 2012-2018) of Philadelphia, Denver, silver proof and proof coins; 1998 Kennedy two piece commemorative; 2014 Kennedy 50th anniversary uncirculated clad half dollar; 2014 Kennedy 50th anniversary four coin set; 1998 Robert F. Kennedy memorial commemorative set.

Korean War memorial commemorative silver proof half dollar  
1991  
Box :  
Leif Erikson millennium commemorative silver proof dollar  
2000  
Box :  
Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemorative proof silver dollar  
2004  
Box :  
Library of Congress bicentennial commemorative silver proof dollar  
2000  
Box :  
Lincoln Pennies collection  
1934-2019  
Box :

Includes 2 Dansco Album Lincoln Penny (1934-2016) complete collection of all mints and proof coins; 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial One Cent Proof set; 2019 2 West Point Mint Special Edition Lincoln Penny.

Lincoln Wheat coin set  
1909-1940  
Box :

90 coins Vg or better condition.

Little Rock Central High School desegregation commemorative silver proof dollar  
2007

Box :  
Marine Corps 230th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar  
2005

Box :  
Mark Twain commemorative silver proof dollar  
2016

Box :  
Mark Twain commemorative silver proof dollar  
2016

Box :  
Medal of honor commemorative silver proof dollar  
2011

Box :  
Medal of Honor commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2011

Box :  
Medals  
1973-2018  
Box :

Includes 1973-1976 American Revolution Bicentennial, silver and bronze medals; 2003 National Wildlife Centennial, silver and bronze medals; 2018-2019 Presidential Silver Medals; 2011 September 11 National Medals; 2016 American Liberty Silver Medals; Code Talkers 1.5# Bronze Medals; U.S. Military 3" Bronze Medals.

Mount Rushmore commemorative clad proof half dollar

Box :  
Mount Rushmore commemorative two count set silver proof dollar; clad proof half dollar  
1991

Box :  
Mount Rushmore commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
1991

Box :  
National Community Service commemorative coin and stamp Augustus Saint-Gardens  
1996

Box :  
National Community Service commemorative silver proof dollar  
1996

Box :  
National Infantry soldier commemorative special set  
2012

Box :  
National Infantry soldier commemorative uncirculated dollar  
2012

Box :  
National Infantry soldier commemorative silver proof dollar  
2012

Box :  
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial commemorative silver proof dollar  
Box :

Peace dollars in Dansco album  
1921-1935

Box :  
Presidential dollar collection  
2007-2016

Box :

Includes 39 First Day Coin Covers, limited edition of Historic Signature Series, Presidential Coins and Chronicles Set, Presidential Dollar Silver Proof and Proof Sets, Presidential Uncirculated Coin Set, Presidential Dollar and First Spouse Medal Sets.

Presidential dollars in Dansco Albums  
2007-2016

Box :

Complete collection of Philadelphia, Denver, Proof Presidential dollars.

Proclaiming the Triumph of Democracy Bicentennial of United States Congress commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar

Box :

Proclaiming the triumph of democracy commemorative proof clad half dollar

1989

Box :

Robert F. Kennedy commemorative silver proof dollar

1998

Box :

Robert F. Kennedy commemorative uncirculated silver dollar matte finish; John F. Kennedy silver half dollar

1998

Box :

Roosevelt Dimes

1946-2018

Box :

Dansco Album complete set of all mints and proofs.

Sacagawea dollars in Dansco album

2000-2018

Box :

San Francisco old mint commemorative silver proof dollar

2006

Box :

Silver Eagles

1986-2019

Box :

Includes 1986-2019 complete set Proof Silver Eagles; 2006-2018 Uncirculated Silver Eagles (11 coins); 1986-2019 Dansco Album Silver Eagles complete set uncirculated; 2006 20th anniversary Silver Coin Set; 2011 25th anniversary coin set; 2012 West Point two coin set; 2013 West Point two coin set.

Smithsonian Institute 150th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar

1996

Box :

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, American buffalo commemorative proof silver dollar

Box :

Star-spangled banner commemorative silver proof dollar

2012

Box :

Star-spangled banner commemorative special

2012

Box :

Star-spangled banner commemorative uncirculated dollar

2012

Box :

State quarters

1999-2008

Box :

Includes complete collection of 50 First Day Coin Covers (unopened); complete collection of state quarter silver proof and proof sets; 2 Dansco Albums (1999-2003 and 2004-2008) complete collection of Philadelphia, Denver, silver proof and proof coins.

Statue of Liberty commemorative proof clad half dollar

1986

Box :

Statue of Liberty commemorative two piece coin set proof silver dollar clad proof dollar

1986

Box :

Statue of Liberty commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar

1986

Box :

Susan B. Anthony dollars in Dansco album

1979-1999

Box :

Thomas Alva Edison commemorative collector's set proof silver dollar

2004

Box :

Thomas Alva Edison commemorative proof silver dollar

2004

Box :

Thomas Jefferson 250th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar

1994

Box :

U. S. Capitol Bicentennial commemorative uncirculated silver proof dollar

1994

Box :

U. S. Capitol Visitor Center commemorative proof silver dollar

2001

Box :

U. S. Capitol Visitor Center commemorative uncirculated silver dollar

2001

Box :

U. S. Constitution Bicentennial commemorative silver proof dollar

1991

Box :

U. S. Military Academy bicentennial commemorative proof silver dollar

2002

Box :

U. S. Prisoner of War Museum commemorative silver proof dollar

1994

Box :

United States Army commemorative clad proof half dollar

2011

Box :

United States Army commemorative clad uncirculated half dollar

2011

Box :

United States Army commemorative silver proof dollar

2011

Box :

United States Army commemorative uncirculated silver dollar

2011

Box :

United States Botanical Garden commemorative silver proof dollar

1997

Box :

United States Marshals Service 225th anniversary commemorative clad proof half dollar

2015

Box :

United States Marshals Service 225th anniversary commemorative proof three coin set: silver proof dollar, five dollar gold coin, clad proof half dollar

2015

Box :

United States Marshals Service 225th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar

2015

Box :

United States Marshals Service 225th anniversary commemorative silver uncirculated dollar

2015

Box :

United States Marshals Service 225th anniversary commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar

2015

Box :

United States Mint 225th anniversary American liberty silver four medal set  
undated

Box :

United States Mint 225th anniversary American liberty silver proof medal  
undated

Box :

United States Mint 225th anniversary American liberty proof \$100 gold coin  
undated

Box :  
United States Mint 225th anniversary enhanced uncirculated set  
undated

Box :  
USO 50th anniversary commemorative silver proof half dollar  
1994

Box :  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial commemorative silver proof dollar

Box :  
Walking Liberty half dollars  
1941-1947

Box :  
Washington quarters in Dansco Album  
1932-1998

Box :

Complete set of all mints and any proofs.

White House 200th anniversary commemorative silver proof half dollar  
1992

Box :  
Women in Military Service Memorial commemorative silver proof dollar  
1994

Box :  
World War I commemorative coin and medal set, Air Service: silver dollar Philadelphia mint; silver medal  
West Point mint  
2018

Box :  
World War I commemorative coin and medal set, Army: silver dollar Philadelphia mint; silver medal West  
Point mint  
2018

Box :  
World War I commemorative coin and medal set, Coast Guard: silver dollar Philadelphia mint; silver medal  
West Point mint  
2018

Box :  
World War I commemorative coin and medal set, Marine: silver dollar Philadelphia mint; silver medal West  
Point mint  
2018

Box :  
World War I commemorative coin and medal set, Navy: silver dollar Philadelphia mint; silver medal West  
Point mint  
2018

Box :  
World War I centennial commemorative proof silver dollar  
2018

Box :  
World War I centennial commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2018

Box :  
World War II 50th anniversary commemorative silver proof dollar; silver proof half dollar  
1993

Box :  
World War II 50th anniversary commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
1993

Box :  
Yellowstone National Park commemorative silver dollar proof  
1999

Box :  
Series 2. Athletics  
1983-2014

XXVI Olympiad cycling commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad gymnastics commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad high jump commemorative silver proof dollar  
1996

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad paralympics blind runner commemorative silver proof dollar; lapel pin  
1996

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad paralympics wheelchair athlete commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad rowing commemorative silver proof dollar  
1996

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad tennis commemorative silver proof dollar  
1996

Box :  
XXVI Olympiad track and field commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995

Box :  
Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative clad proof half dollar  
2014

Box :  
Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative clad uncirculated half dollar  
2014

Box :  
Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative silver proof dollar  
2014

Box :  
Baseball Hall of Fame commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2014

Box :  
Olympic Coliseum commemorative silver proof dollar  
1984

Box :  
Olympic discus thrower commemorative silver proof dollar  
1983

Box :  
Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic Winter Games commemorative proof silver dollar  
2002

Box :  
Seoul Olympiad commemorative proof silver dollar  
1988

Box :  
Special Olympics World Games commemorative silver proof dollar  
1995

Box :  
U.S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative baseball clad proof half dollar  
1995

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative baseball uncirculated clad half dollar  
1995

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative basketball clad proof half dollar  
1995

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative basketball uncirculated clad half dollar  
1995

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative soccer proof clad half dollar  
1996

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative soccer uncirculated clad half dollar  
1996

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative swimming clad proof half dollar  
1996

Box :  
U. S. Olympic Atlanta centennial commemorative swimming uncirculated clad half dollar  
1996

Box :  
U. S. Olympics gymnastics commemorative clad proof half dollar

1992  
Box :  
U. S. Olympics gymnastics commemorative two piece coin proof set; baseball silver proof dollar; gymnasts clad proof half  
1992  
Box :  
U. S. Olympics gymnastics commemorative uncirculated half dollar  
1992  
Box :  
World Cup commemorative clad proof half dollar  
1994  
Box :  
World Cup commemorative two coin set silver proof dollar and clad proof half dollar  
1994  
Box :  
World Cup commemorative uncirculated clad half dollar  
1994  
Box :  
Series 3. Other  
2018  
Breast cancer awareness commemorative clad proof half dollar  
2018  
Box :  
Breast cancer awareness commemorative silver proof dollar  
2018  
Box :  
Breast cancer awareness commemorative uncirculated half dollar  
2018  
Box :  
Breast cancer awareness commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2018  
Box :  
Braille education set commemorative special education set  
2009  
Box :  
Braille education set commemorative uncirculated silver dollar  
2009  
Box :  
Lions Club International commemorative silver proof dollar  
2017  
Box :  
Lions Club International commemorative silver uncirculated dollar  
2017  
Box :  
Louis Braille bicentennial commemorative silver proof dollar  
2009  
Box :  
March of Dimes commemorative silver proof dime  
2015  
Box :  
March of Dimes commemorative silver uncirculated dollar  
2015  
Box :  
March of Dimes commemorative special set 3 coins: silver proof dollar, reverse proof dime, silver proof dime  
2015  
Box :

## **Administrative information**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Provenance**

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