

# Altered Coins

Visual Education Set #31

# Soldered Numeral 7s



# Solder under Numerals



# 1909-S (S fell off!)



# Mintmark Soldered



# Altered Mintmark



# Another Soldered Mintmark



# 1910-S



VDB was placed on the bust truncation beginning in 1918

# Numeral “4” Altered



# VDB on Lincoln's Bust Truncation

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1911-S



# Clever Fake



No VDB on truncation & check spacing between the "9" and "1"

# Another Altered "4"



# 1912-S



VDB has been scratched on truncation & check spacing between the "9" and "1"

1914-S



1914-D



# 1914-D



VDB has been scratched; spacing between the "9" and "1" is uniform, so...  
The second "1" has been soldered between the "9" and "4"

1914-D



1922-D



“D” removed



1931-S



1931-S



Field was "dimpled" then the mintmark was applied

# 1943 Copper



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Made from a 1948 cent

# 1960 Small Date



Faint trace of the removed "D" is visible

# 1937-D Three Legged



The "hoof"  
remains on  
genuine  
specimens

Genuine  
specimens have a  
diebreak from the  
Bison's stomach  
to the mound

# 1916- D Mercury



Is this a genuine coin or not?

# 1942 over 1941 Mercury



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Is this a genuine coin or not? No, "4" should be doubled on a genuine specimen. The field has been scraped to make a "1"

# 1932-S Washington 25 Cents

Is this a genuine coin or not? No, Mintmark has been added



# 1931-D Walking Liberty



Is this a genuine coin or not? If not, why not?

# 1914 \$2.50 Gold

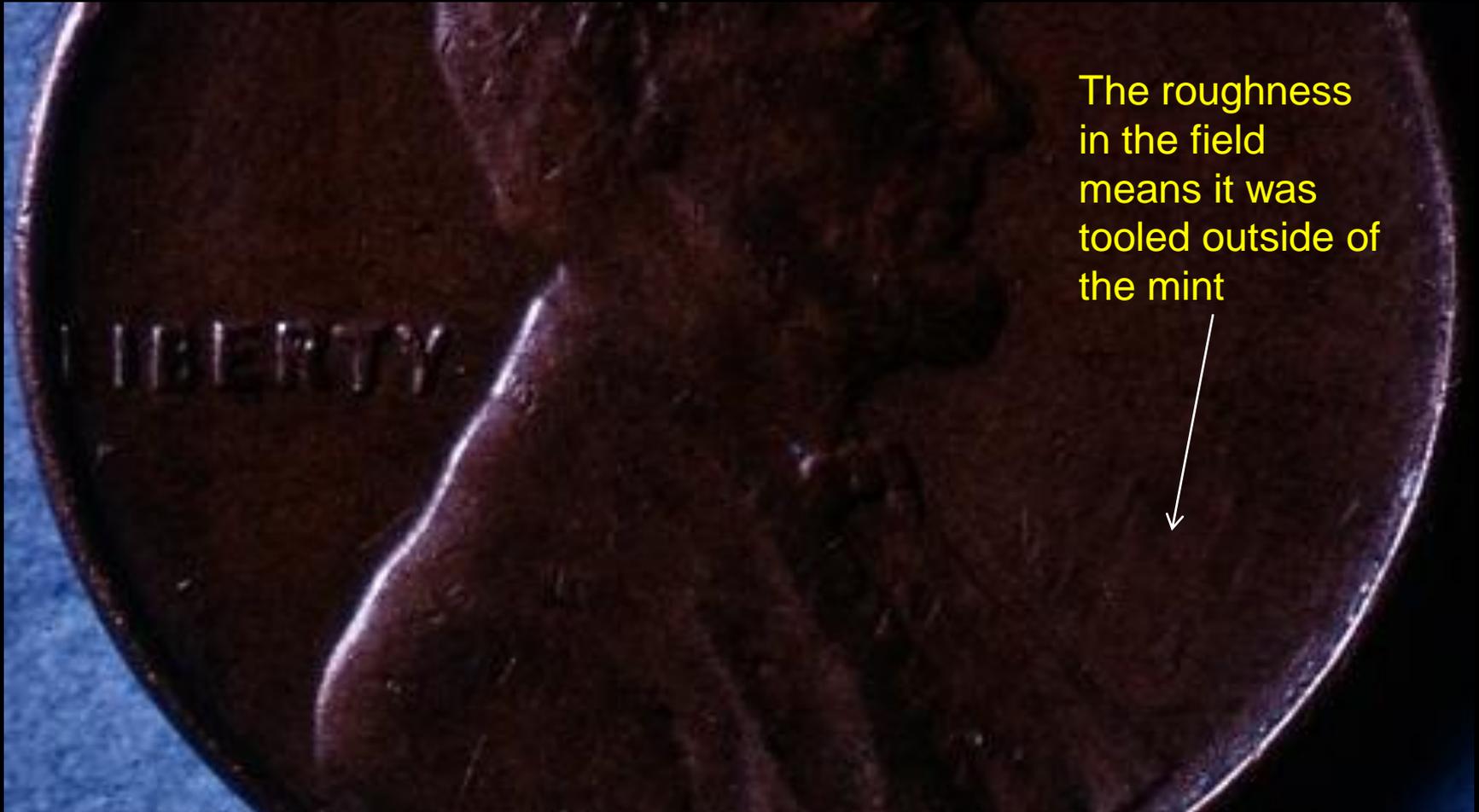


The "nick" is  
evidence of re-  
reeding

# Lincoln Cent missing Date



# Model



The roughness  
in the field  
means it was  
tooled outside of  
the mint

# Suggestions

- 1) Always remove a coin from its holder
- 2) Check numerals for uniformity, spacing, tooling
- 3) Check the coin's field for indications that features have been added, removed, or altered
- 4) Consult the available literature for more information and to educate yourself