



Echoes of Freedom Certificate of Authenticity

Artifact: 1865 United States Two-Cent Coin

This Certificate of Authenticity verifies that the accompanying artifact is an original United States Two-Cent Coin dated 1865. Issued during the final year of the American Civil War and the beginning of Reconstruction, this coin represents a nation emerging from conflict and redefining its future.

Historical Significance

The 1865 two-cent coin was struck at a pivotal moment in United States history. By the spring of that year, Confederate forces had surrendered, President Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated, and the nation faced the immense task of healing and rebuilding. Coinage issued during this period reflects both continuity and change in the American story.

Like the 1864 issue, the 1865 two-cent piece bears the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST," reaffirming the spiritual and moral language adopted during the Civil War. Its continued use signaled the nation's reliance on shared ideals as it transitioned from war to peace.

Produced by the United States Mint, the 1865 two-cent coin circulated widely during the early Reconstruction era. Today, it stands as a tangible artifact of national survival, unity, and the enduring effort to move forward after America's greatest internal crisis.

Photographic Documentation

Photograph of the 1865 United States Two-Cent Coin (Obverse & Reverse):



Catalogue Number: EOF-US-1865-COIN-003

Authentication & Provenance

This artifact has been documented and preserved as part of the Echoes of Freedom Public History Project. Echoes of Freedom is dedicated to the ethical preservation, interpretation, and educational presentation of authentic American historical artifacts.

Certified by: Thomas Smith McNeill

Certifier Signature: _____

Certified Date: January 8, 2026

Location: Wilkes County, North Carolina

