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Scope and Content Note:

The collection covers the entire process by which the NH Commemorative Quarter was designed, selected, and minted, from 1998-2000. Included are the artists' submissions of artwork for consideration by the Governor's Coin Committee, copyright releases, final selections, correspondence, and materials related to the media launch of the selected design, the Old Man of the Mountain.

Size: 1.5 linear feet. This collection consists of 144 folders housed in 2 letter size Hollinger boxes. One sketch is housed in a separate oversized folder.

Dates: July 23, 1998-August 8, 2000

Provenance: Donated by the Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee.

History:

States Commemorative Coin Program Act was signed into law on December 1, 1997. The United States Mint's 50 State Quarters Program was a 10-year initiative that honored each of the nation's states in the order that they ratified the Constitution. Each quarter was produced for about 10 weeks and will never be produced again. Its purpose was to promote knowledge of individual states, their history and geography. During the ten-year period of the 50 State Quarters Program, the United States Mint produced approximately 34.8 billion commemorative quarters honoring the 50 states.

The New Hampshire Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee was assembled by Governor Jeanne Shaheen, and directed by Van McLeod, Commissioner of New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources. It also included Senator Burt Cohen, Representatives David Alukonis, Terri Beyer, Phoebe Neiswenter, Gerry Williams, and Audrey Sylvester, and McLeod's secretary Louis Richard, who acted as an intermediary between the committee and outside entities.

New Hampshire was one of eight states to hold a public contest for the design of the quarter. The Coin Committee received nearly 400 entries, of which five could be sent to the U.S. Mint for final review. The five selected drawings required final editing and approval at the U.S. Mint by Philip Diehl, chairman of the Citizen's Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee (CCCAC), the Fine Arts Commission (FAC) and the Secretary of the Treasury, Lloyd Bentsen. The U.S. Mint then narrowed it down to four drawings: The Old Man of the Mountain, Covered Bridge (2 depictions), and Town/Meeting House.

The members of the NH Commemorative Coin Committee were not pleased with the Mint's choice of Covered Bridge design, nor with the changes made to the Old Man of the Mountain design. The Mint put its final choices of designs on their website for the public to see. After viewing the depictions of the bridges, several people wrote to Commissioner McLeod to express their disappointment with the choice of bridge pictures. It was widely expressed by several citizens that the bridge chosen to represent New Hampshire was actually a bridge in Pennsylvania, known as the "Day Bridge."

The Mint's depiction of the Meeting House also lacked any resemblance to the New Hampshire style of meeting houses. McLeod stated to Governor Shaheen that the Coin Committee "would be mortified" to have that design represent New Hampshire. The final issue was with the Mint's choice of putting "Live Free or Die" on the coin, the

committee deemed to leave the state motto off of the coin because of its controversial nature and the division it could create. They wished to use "The Granite State" instead, but the Mint ignored their request. Commissioner McLeod further expressed to Governor Shaheen the Committee's general disappointment, stating "of those four drawings, the Committee finds three of them totally unacceptable."

Although McLeod and his committee were disappointed with the motto on the Old Man of the Mountain design they still chose it to represent the State of New Hampshire in the 50 States Quarter program.

Historic note: The Old Man of the Mountain was a rock formation located on top of Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch, 1,200 feet above Profile Lake. The Old Man's face was 40 feet tall and 25 feet wide. Geologists believe that the granite face was sculpted 12,000 years ago by the last retreating glaciers in New England. Over the last century there had been several efforts to reinforce the structure and safeguard it against erosion and cracking, but the granite finally gave way May 3, 2003, leaving the state without one of its most iconic images. In May 2011 construction started on a memorial viewing area at the foot of the mountain. Steel profilers were installed so when viewed inline with where the face once rested individuals are able to see what the cliff once looked like.

Condition of the Collection:

The overall condition of this collection is very good. There are very few issues with any of the documents. There are some creased edges on a few sketches due to the way that they were placed in the original folders.

The Committee labeled all of the drawings with sticky notes that had a letter on them that correlated to the subject and folder they belonged; they were all removed during processing, along with all staples, and paper clips. There were some documents with tape on them, where possible it was removed, but removal of all the tape would have damaged several documents.

Arrangement and Description:

This collection consists of 7 series with 145 folders, housed in 3 boxes and 1 oversized folder. The collection was donated in one large storage box, containing a stack of folders with several loose documents mixed in. The folders that contained the artists'drawings were labeled by subject; these subject headings were retained as subseries within the first series.

The series for the collection have been arranged according to subject matter and content. The content falls into seven areas: sketches, copyright releases, final submissions, committee correspondence, quarter launches, press releases and oversized documents. Within the series, the items have been placed in alphabetical order.

Names: (folder #)

Adams, Joe (54) Brusseau, Claude (38, 75, 145) Adams, Peter (21) Bullock, Hannah (55) Allard, Richard (2) Bunker, Becky (107) Allyson, Jayson (94, 119) Bunker, Danny (95) Alpert, Arnie (37) Burke, Michael (125) Alukonis, David (134) Bush, Michael (95) Amazeen-Jones, Tania (2, 54) Campbell, Emma (56) Cappiello, Joyce (120) Anderson, Jen (74) Anderson, Mike (26) Cappiello, Lena (96, 120) Ansara, Ashley (54) Capurse, Amanda (28) Carey, Nicole Marie (56) Aguino, Mike (26) Carlson, Joann (39, 76) Arlam, Mike (106) Arpin, Dennis (2) Carlson, William (76) Audet, Ryan (37) Carter, Carolyn (4) Baggett, Francis (3) Child, Carolyn (76) Bamford, Chris (95) Churchill, Forrest (96) Barnes, Christina (55) Clark, Faith (4) Bartanowicz, Robert (3) Clarke-Pounder, I.J. (28) Bashaw, Anthony (55) Cochran, Cassie (56) Bassett, Keith (55) Cohen, Burt (134) Beaudoin, Laura (3, 75) Cole, Beaman (4, 28, 39, 56, 76, Belvin, W.M. (38) 96) Collins, Warren (4) Bemier, Nicole (3) Bennett, Amber (55) Comeau, Nicole (76) Benton, Richard (38) Conley, Juliana (76) Beveridge, Kristi (55) Corr, Briana (56, 96) Beyer, Terri (134) Craig, Janet (4, 23) Bieda, Steve (3, 55) Crawford, Robert (76, 121) Birt, Harriet (27) Cribbs-LeJ...? (39) Bloom, Heather (27) Curtis, Joey (76) Bloom, Katie (38) Dabilis, Cassandra (29) Bodwell, Walter (38) Day, Aneta (5) Boisvert, Connie (55) Decker, Jenn (77) Boriso, Thomas (3, 38) Degroat, Donny (97) Brooks, Stephanie (107) DePontbriand, Nicole (77) Boucher, Glenn (55) Deveneau, Lea (29) Bowder, Stephanie (55) Devlin, Colleen (57) Bradford, Barbara (132) Diehl, Philip (133, 134) Briggs, David (27) Dion, Eric (57) Boucher, Brian (95) Dooley, Maiely (5) Broussard, Chris (55) Duggan, Caitlin (40) Brown, Ernest (3, 22, 55, 75) Duhaime, Diana (29) Brucato, Tony (55) Dunfor, Hayley (77) Bruce, Ashley (55) Durack, Walter (77)

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Fermoyle, Jaqueline (58) Kangas, Jolian (62)

Feroz, Anna (58) Karajgi, Andrew (9) Kelley, Sean (62) Fishburn, Andrew (138) Flynn, Justin (58) Kelly, Colleen (62) Fraser, E.S. (42) Kessler, Sivana (62) Frost, James (42) King, Brandon (45, 82) Gallagher, Molly (59) Kitzman, George (9) Gauthier, Timothy (30) Knowles, Alberta (9) Gerakaris, Dimitri (79) Kottke, Michael (45) Germain, Nicholas (59) Krecklow, Jennie (62)

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Gugliotta, Francis (30) Little, Pat (32) Guidoboni, Jessica (30) Lowe, Emily (99) Guilmette, Holly (79) MacArthur, Korac (47) Haas, Joe (8) Maccarone, Madeline (64)

Manheim, Josh (11) Hajek, Paula (80) Hallworth, Mary Beth (80) Manson, R. (64) Hamlin, Alex (60) Marino, Kate (114) Hancock, Melanie (60) Marrama, Emily (84) Hart, Jason (31) Mathis, Molly (84)

Hebert, Amanda (60) Mayrand, Ryan (84) Henery, Pat (120) McAbee, Ian (84)

McBride, Keith (114) Poole, Sandra (67) McDonald, Brian (64) Porter, John (14) McDonna, Amy (11) Prushinski, Amy (87) McKeon, Kathleen (64) Punch, Heather (50) McKeon, Mike (64) Punch, Sally (67) McKernon, Kathleen (114) Reardon, Brittney (15) McLaughlin, Melinda (84) Reardon, Samantha (68) McLeod, Van (134) Reese, David (68) McMurdo-Minnich, Cailn (11) Reese, Jenean (68) Remick, Benjamin (88) Medeiros, Jesse (64) Merrill, Andrew (84) Rene, Audrey (68) Midolo, Alyssa (47, 84) René, Carolyn (88) Midolo, Nathan (33, 47) Reynolds, Frank (51) Richard, Louis Millis, Mike (84) Mitchell, Tanisha (64) (119,120,121,122, 23,124,125,132,134) Montgomery, Jamie (64) Richards, Ian (101) Montplaisir, Michael (47) Rieder, Lindsey (68) Morin-Schedin, Paula (64) Robbitts, Kevin (34) Morse, Darren (11) Rosen, Len (116) Mudgett, Heather (64) Ross, Lindsey (68) Murray, George (84) Roy, Richard (134) Nadeau, Emilie (65) Santeusanio, Tom (52) Neiswenter, Phoebe (134) Schreiner, Karen (89) Nemec, Nancy (12, 65) Schwarz, Erin (69) Newhall, Patricia (48) Scott, Jami (69) Newhall, William (48) Seeley, Horst (52) Nicholas, Judith (85) Sevich, Karen (16) Nolan, Michelle (65) Seymour, Matt (16) Northrop, Chris (48) Shaheen, Jeanne (133, 134) Oakes, Josh (66) Shoja, Jafar (89) Older, Julia (13) Smith, Bob (138) Oliveira, Katie (66) Smith, Kim (16) O'Neil, Andy (86) Smock, Stacie (16, 89) Osmundsen, William Barth (13, Spangler, Misty (89) Spaulding, Russell (16) 49) P., Da-In (115) Spillane, Monika (69) Spirdione, Joshua (89) Parkin, Colleen (87) Sridhar, Ananth (16) Pasquale, Lisa (87) Patch, David (115) Stanvick, Paula (89) Perutz, Hannah (14, 24, 67) Starch, Stevie (69) Phillis, Dani (50) **Stark**, **Sam** (89) Pickens, David (135, 136, 137) Stark, Thomas (52) Pike, Brian (100) Stawasz, Emily (89) Pike, Justin (67) St. Lawrence, Felicía (69) Plaisted, Aaron (87) Stone, Jay (89) Poirier, Eric (50) Strayer, Jeff (69)

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Wakefield, Chris (72)
Way, Bethany (72)
Weinstein, Aaron (19)
Weinstein, Josh (93)
West, Caroline (19, 93)

White, Ian (72) Wiggin, Janet (19) Williams, Gerry (134) Wischinski, Yvette (19) Withrow, Mary Ellen (135,136,137)

Wolf, Lawrence (72)

Wolff, Carl (19,104,118,124) Woodward, Winifred (19) Wroblewski, Taylor (72) Yates, Wendy (105)

Young, Janie Chester (20) Zaremba, Chris (73)

Box I

Series I: Sketches submitted to the Governor's Commemorative Coin Committee from July 23, 1998-April 9, 1999

Subseries 1.1: Committee Concepts topic list for potential submissions

Folder 1: Committee concepts September 25-28, 1998

Subseries 1.2: "Unique" sketches of New Hampshire and the state's history

Folder 2: Allard-Arpin

3: Baggett- Brown

4: Carter- Craig

5: Day- Dooley

6: Elliott

7: Goodwin

8: Haas- Hughes

Folder 9: Karajgi- Knowles

10: Linnane

11: Manheim- Morse

12: Nemec

- 13: Older- Osmundsen
- **14:** Perutz- Porter
- 15: Reardon
- 16: Sevich- Sridhar
- **17:** Tyers
- 18: Verani
- 19: Weinstein- Woodward
- **20:** Young

Subseries 1.3: "Concord Coach" sketches

- Folder 21: Adams
 - **22:** Brown
 - **23:** Craig
 - 24: Perutz
 - 25: Verani

Subseries 1.4: "State Outlines" sketches

- Folder 26: Anderson- Aquino
 - 27: Birt- Briggs
 - 28: Capurse- Cole
 - 29: Dabilis- Duhaime
 - 30: Gauthier- Guidoboni
 - 31: Hart- Holmes
 - 32: Lincoln-Little
 - **33:** Midolo
 - **34:** Robbitts
 - **35:** Talbot
 - **36:** Walker

Subseries 1.5: "Old Man of the Mountain" sketches

- Folder 37: Alpert- Audet
 - **38:** Belvin- Brusseau
 - **39:** Carson- Cribbs-LeJ...?
 - 40: Duggan
 - **41:** Esty
 - **42:** Fraser- Frost
 - **43:** Holbrook- Holmes
 - 44: Jackson- Judd
 - **45:** King- Kottke
 - 46: LaPree- Levinski
 - **47:** MacArthur- Midolo
 - **48:** Newhall- Northrop
 - 49: Osmundsen

- **50:** Phillis- Punch
- **51:** Reynolds
- 52: Santeusanio- Swift
- **53:** Verani

Subseries 1.6: "Natural World" sketches of New Hampshire

- Folder 54: Adams- Ansara
 - **55:** Barnes- Bullock
 - **56:** Campbell- Corr
 - **57:** Devlin- Dziedzic
 - 58: Feid-Flynn
 - **59:** Gallagher- Gross
 - 60: Hamlin- Holmes
 - **61:** James
 - 62: Kangas- Krecklow
 - 63: LeCours-Little
 - 64: Manson- Mudgett
 - 65: Nadeau- Nolan
 - 66: Oakes-Oliveira
 - 67: Perutz- Punch
 - 68: Reardon-Ross
 - **69:** Schwarz- Stubbs
 - 70: Taylor- Tuney
 - **71:** Vail
 - 72: Way- Wroblewski
 - 73: Zaremba

Box II

Subseries 1.7: "Combinations": sketches that combine two topics

- Folder 74: Anderson
 - 75: Beaudoin- Brusseau
 - **76:** Carlson- Curtis
 - 77: Decker- Dunfor
 - **78:** Fall
 - 79: Gerakaris- Guilmette
 - **80:** Hajek- Hallworth
 - **81:** Johnson
 - **82:** King
 - 83: LaBranche- Little
 - **84:** Marrama- Murray
 - **85:** Nicholas
 - **86:** O'Neil
 - 87: Parkin- Prushinski

88: Remick-René

89: Schreiner- Stubbent

90: Tenhaagen- Twonbly

91: Unsigned Sketch

92: Verani

93: Weinstein- West

Subseries 1.8: "Covered Bridges" sketches

Folder 94: Allyson

95: Bamford- Bush

96: Cappiello- Corr

97: Degroat

98: Gordon

99: Lowe

100: Pike

101: Richards

102: Stuart

103: Talbot

104: Wolff

105: Yates

Subseries 1.9: "Outside Guidelines": sketches with no clear relationship to NH

Folder 106: Arlam

107: Brooks- Bunker

108: Dwyer

109: Ennis

110: Grodin

111: Highland

112: Johnston

113: Leonard

114: Marino- McKernon

115: P.-Patch

116: Rosen

117: Unsigned Sketches

118: Wolff

Series II: Copyright Releases October 15, 1998- October 21, 1998

Contents: This series contains all of the copyright release forms from the candidates that were selected to be considered for the New Hampshire State quarter.

Folder 119: Jayson Allyson

120: Lena Capiello

121: Robert Crawford

122: Charles Goodwin

123: Gerald Levinski

124: Carl Wolff

125: Correspondence between Louis Richard and

Michael Burke (U.S. Mint)

Series III: Final Submissions- October 8, 1998- May 4, 1999

Contents: This series contains the final submissions from The Governor's Commemorative CoinCommittee to the U.S. Mint. The Mint then made changes to the drawings that they felt necessary before returning them to The Governor's Coin Committee for the final selection to represent the State of New Hampshire.

Subseries 3.1: Coin Committee 5 Final Selections- October 8, 1998

Folder 126: Letter from Van McLeod to Philip Diehl

127: Submission #1

128: Submission #2

129: Submission #3

130: Submission #4

131: Submission #5

Subseries 3.2: 50 States Quarters Program Selections- March 25, 1999

Contents: This folder contains 4 drawings that were selected by the 50 States Quarter Program, a committee within the U.S. Mint. These drawings required final editing and approval by Citizen's Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee (CCCAC), the Fine Arts Commission (FAC) and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Folder 132: 50 States Quarter Program Final Selections-March 25, 1999

Subseries 3.3: Approved Final Selections- May 4, 1999

Contents: These are the final selections made by the U.S. Mint; they have been approved by all committees. They were sent to Governor Shaheen for her committee's final selection.

Folder 133: Approved Final Selections- May 4, 1999

Series IV: Committee Correspondence: April 5, 1999- April 23, 1999

Contents: Correspondence between the committee and Governor Shaheen pertaining to the U.S. Mint's final choices of design, particularly expressing disappointment with the Mint.

Folder 134: Committee Letters April 5, 1999- April 23, 1999

Series V: State Quarter Launches- January 4, 1999- August 7, 2000

Contents: This series contains U.S. Mint launch materials from the release of Delaware, South Carolina and New Hampshire state quarters. The U.S. Mint folder for New Hampshire contains 5 slides of the quarters being released in the series. There is also an information packet from the State of New Hampshire's state launch ceremony.

Folder 135: U.S. Mint- Delaware Quarter Launch-January 4, 1999

Folder 136: U.S. Mint- South Carolina Quarter Launch-May 26, 2000

Folder 137: U.S. Mint- New Hampshire Quarter Launch-August 7, 2000

Folder 138: State Quarter Launch- August 7, 2000

Series VI: Press Releases pertaining to the New Hampshire State Quarter - August 5, 2000- August 8, 2000

Folder 139: Portsmouth Herald- August 5, 2000

140: Nashua Telegraph- August 6-8, 2000

141: Fosters Online- August 7, 2000

142: USA Today- August 8, 2000

143: The Concord Monitor- August 8, 2000

144: The Union Leader- August 8, 2000

Series VII: Oversized Documents

Folder 145: Brusseau

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