

SONORA CUARTILLAS

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I recently bought a group of 40 cuartillas from Sonora, 12 dated 1861 and 28 1862. I have had many of these the past years but never 40 pieces at the same time. I think that it will be interesting to describe the varieties that I found in this group. I have other varieties of these two dates, but I decided to include just the pieces of this group. I will describe the others in a future article.

1861



Photo#1
 Large dates 11 pieces
 Small dates 2 pieces

PHOTO #2
 Large date
 Roman numeral "I's" 4
 Arabic numeral "1's" 7



Large Date Reverses
"Roman numbers"

The right part of the wreath (Laurel branch) finish with one leaf that is over two tips of two other leaves, with a total of 4 pieces.

"Arabic numbers"

The right branch finish with two leaves, with a total of 7 pieces. (Photo #3).

PHOTO #3



1862



PHOTO#4, Normal date 10 pieces, 1862/9 18 pieces

The wreath branch finish with only one leaf in all 28 pieces, and none has a dot after Sonora. Some had a tiny line, which is the remainder of a leaf of a previous die that was repunched (Photo #5).



PHOTO #5

Conclusions:

1. The pieces dated 1861 and 1862 seem not to exist with a dot after the date like the 1859 issues.
2. The 1861 small date must be scarcer than the large date.
3. The 1862/9 (There is no clear 5 to consider it 62/59), although it is not cataloged in any reference book it is NOT rare.
4. The 1862 pieces with no dot after Sonora are much more common than the ones that have it.