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I was really glad when your club invited me to share my coin collection.

当你们的俱乐部邀请我来分享我的硬币收藏时，我真的很高兴。

It's been my passion since I collected my first Lincoln cent in 1971; that's the current penny with Abraham Lincoln's image.

自从1971年我收集了我的第一枚林肯美分，这一直是我的酷爱；那是目前带着Abraham Lincoln的肖像的美分（硬币）

Just a little history before I start in on my own collection.

在我开始（分享）我自己的收藏前，简单（介绍）一点历史。

Lincoln pennies are made of copper, and they were the first United States coin to bear the likeness of a President.

林肯美分是铜制的，它们是第一种带有总统肖像的美国硬币。

It was back in 1909 when the country was celebrating the centennial of Lincoln's birth in 1809 that the decision was made to redesign the one-cent piece in his honor.

那是过去的1909年，当国家庆祝1809年林肯诞生的百年纪念时，决定重新设计一美分的硬币向他表示敬意。

Before that, the penny had an American Indian head on it.

在那之前，美分上有美洲印第安人的头（像）。

The new penny was designed by artist Victor David Brenner.

新的美分由艺术家Victor David Brenner设计。

This is interesting because he put his initials V.D.B. on the reverse of the coin in its original design.

这很有趣，因为他把他的（名字的）大写首字母V.D.B.放到了硬币背面的原始设计上。

There was a general uproar when the initials were discovered, and only a limited number of the coins were struck with the initials on them.

当这些大写首字母被发现时有一个大众的骚动，然后只有有限数量的硬币被打了这些大写首字母在（它们）上面。

Today a penny with the initials from the San Francisco Mint, called the 1909-SVDB, is worth over $500.

今天，一个带着这些大写首字母的出自San Francisco的造币厂的美分，叫做1909-SVDB,价值超过500美金。

Now, when I started my coin collection, I began with the penny for several reasons.

好，当我开始我的硬币收藏时，我从美分开始有几个原因。

There were a lot of them.

它们有很多。

Several hundred billion have been minted, and there were a lot of people collecting them, so I had plenty of people to trade with and talk to about my collection.

数千亿（的美分）已经被铸造，并且有许多人收集它们，因此我有足够的可以交易和谈论我的收藏的人。

Also, it was a coin I could afford to collect as a young teenager.

另外，它是一种我（当时）作为一个年轻的，十几岁的青少年能够收集得起的硬币。

In the twenty-five years since then, I have managed to acquire over 300 coins, some of them very rare.

从那时起的25年来，我已经努力获得了超过300枚硬币了，其中一些非常稀少。

I'll be sharing with you today some of my rarer specimens, including the 1909-SVDB.

今天我将同你们分享我的一些比较稀有的样品，包括1909-SVDB。