

A Real Treasure Hunt

In the summer of '07 I ran across a man on the Internet through a coins discussion group who was a contractor advertising that he had just purchased an old farm house in Southeastern Kansas (name and location withheld) that dated back to 1853. While re-modeling the house, he ripped out a wall to discover an old hidden wall safe with Confederate money (bills) inside with maps drawn on the back suggesting that there was hidden stashes of Civil War loot in various places under this house. Well, you can just imagine the rebuttal from sceptics in this and other coin discussion groups! Words like “crazy”, “kook” and “looney” sprang up from all sides.

Advertising on the coin group, he stated that anyone with the knowledge of locating and recovering this storied cache that would help him attempt to recover the loot he would split 50/50 with those individuals. Well, myself, my detecting buddy Michael Cloe and my lovely and equally adventurous-minded wife Tari responded and said we would take the long shot. Out of the entire Internet, we were the only 3 individuals that physically made an appearance to take this 1-in-a-million chance. Who knows ? Stranger things have happened!

So, we made the 3-hour drive on a blistering hot July Saturday and finally got a look at the house. Nothing out of the ordinary. Semi-modern concrete foundation and all. Until we got underneath where he had ripped out an old furnace base. Three to five feet in on all sides of the outside concrete foundation was the most beautiful original stone foundation that made our hearts start pumping!

But, alas, after an all-day crawl through dirt, rocks, boulders, spiders, crawlspaces, it all came to naught, just like we thought the day would probably turn out like. But, who knew? What if????????? You can't win the Lottery if you don't buy a ticket!