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Club Established: June 1982 and Celebrating our 43rd Anniversary

Buckeye Searchers Association of Northeast Ohio Celebrating our 43rd Year Anniversary

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Hello Buckeye Searchers-

*The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 11th, 2025, 7PM at Ellenwood Recreation Center, located at 124 Ellenwood Ave in Bedford. **Find of the Month entries must be posted by 7:30PM to allow plenty of time for voting.** You get a free raffle ticket for each find submitted (limit 4). **We will also have the monthly raffle and 50-50 drawing.** If someone wants to give a short presentation on a topic, we would welcome that. **Since last month's meeting was cancelled bring your finds since the August meeting for the FOTM contest.***

If you have not been paying attention, gold is currently over \$3600 / oz and silver is over \$42 / oz. If you have been stacking gold and/or silver, congratulations. It doesn't look like the metals are going to be going down anytime soon, so we'll see how this affects the club regarding prizes needed for raffles and seeded hunts.

Good luck on your hunts, Bernie, Terry & Tammy



Notes from the Editor:

If you are interested in Minelab equipment, Richard Walsh recommends dealer Ron DeGhetto (The Gold Digger). He is a Minelab dealer who will give club members a 5% discount and free shipping for orders over \$200. He can be reached at 908-595-9933 or email ronnie@thegolddigger.com.

Coin Show News: The Cleveland Coin Expo's next monthly show is Saturday September 13th at St. Michael's Woodside in Broadview Hts. Click the below link for more info:

<http://www.clevelandcoinexpo.com>

August 2025 Finds of the Month

No results, meeting was cancelled.

Key Club Dates – Mark Your Calendar

2025

Sep	11	Thu 7PM	Club Meeting
Oct	09	Thu 7PM	Club Meeting / Auction Fund Raiser
Nov	13	Thu 7PM	Club Meeting
Dec	11	Thu 6PM	Christmas Party and Mega Raffle

Additional seeded hunts that are **NOT** hosted by Buckeye Searchers:

46th Annual Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt: August 16 & 17, 2025: Tammy says this is a good one. They don't have a website but they do have a group page on Facebook where the flyers for next year's hunts will be posted. I will attach the flyers to the newsletter email when they are published.

Treasure Week 2025: July 12 thru 19: at the Fox Den Campground in New Stanton, PA. Eight days of hunts with each day having a different sponsor.

- **If you are thinking of selling your silver coins, please remember to contact club VP Terry Stahurski. He will pay cash for circulated coins at a higher rate than you will get at the typical coin shop. He will consider paying more for higher quality coins at his discretion. The club is usually looking to buy silver coins for raffles, hunts and prizes.**
- **If you have a detector or accessory you would like to sell you may bring it to any of our meetings and display it for everybody at the meeting to see and buy. All transactions will be responsibility of the buyer and seller.**
- **Please be aware you can now purchase raffle tickets using 90% silver coins! The exchange rate is: Silver Dollar – 25 tickets, Silver Half Dollar – 10, Silver Quarter – 5, silver dime – 2. These will be used for prizes/hunts so please no damaged or extremely worn coins.**
- **We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Fisher, Teknetics, Bounty Hunter, Minelab, and Garrett for supporting our Anniversary Picnic and Club activities. Please say**

thank you to them whenever you get the chance. Remember these companies when you are shopping for detectors and accessories.



<http://www.fisherlab.com/>



<http://www.garrett.com/index.htm>



<https://www.minelab.com/metal-detectors>

Treasure Hunting News Seen on the Web

First up are some finds featured on the Garrett Metal Detectors Facebook Page:



Since picking up the detecting hobby two years ago, Martin V. has been chasing a childhood dream, uncovering history one signal at a time. According to him, every beep is a heartbeat, and every find a victory with his Garrett AT Pro. One morning on his way to work, he made a spontaneous stop at a promising spot. Just minutes in, he heard a clear strong sound. He dug in and came up with a silver coin of the Spanish Crown, from the rule of Carlos and Juana, making it nearly 500 years old. He says, “Moments like this remind me: dreams can be found in the dirt. Thank you, Garrett, for making it possible to chase history.”



While cruising the beach in Port Aransas, Texas, Hebert L. pulled into an empty parking spot. Just ten feet from his car, his Garrett Apex detector picked up this beautiful sterling silver cross pendant!

Favorite Find

▲ US August Winner



Congratulations to our US Favorite Finds winner Cregg T. from Texas!

Cregg and his wife went to Rockport, Texas to visit the beach. This beach is a popular attraction due to the calm water. Unfortunately, on this day, it was rainy, but that didn't stop Cregg from using his VX9 on the beach. He started detecting and was greeted by a small jellyfish but was able to maneuver around it. After an hour, he finally got a good signal in the 60s. It took him several scoops to dig it out, but he found gold! It was a 1943 Rockport Texas ISD Class Ring! He writes, "There are initials stamped in the ring, so my mission began trying to identify the owner. The person would have to be around 100 years old, which could make this challenging. My theory is that this ring was on a chain and was lost during World War II. Maybe by a girlfriend. I contacted the local newspaper, the Rockport Pilot, to help with the mystery. The editor was very excited and wrote a story for the paper. This led me to find the owner and give it to him. He had a huge smile on his face! Thanks, Garrett."

[Next up is a story about the discovery of a "hidden" rare coin from dailymail.co.uk:](#)

The 'King of American Coins' is found in 'grandpa's closet' after 70 years... and is set to fetch \$5million

By ALEXA CIMINO, US REPORTER

Published: 16 August 2025

Where James A. Stack Sr. acquired it is a mystery that may never be solved - but for more than 70 years, one of the rarest coins in American history sat quietly in his family's collection.

Stack, a prominent New York banker and one of the most discerning coin collectors of the 20th century, began building his collection in the late 1930s with a bold goal: to assemble the most complete and highest-quality cabinet of U.S. coins possible.

He pored over landmark sales, forged relationships with top dealers, and handpicked pieces not just for rarity, but for their pristine condition and impeccable provenance.

By the time of his death in 1951, Stack's holdings spanned everything from early American copper to spectacular gold issues, along with rarities in U.S. paper money, ancient coins, and world currency.

His collection included some of the greatest trophies in American numismatics - an 1802 half dime, an 1894-S dime, an 1838-O half dollar, the 1815 half eagle, and the finest known 1870-S silver dollar.

Even the notorious 1933 double eagle once sat in his albums before being surrendered to the Secret Service, leaving behind only his wry note: 'Secret Service has mine.'

One of his most elusive prizes - an 1804 silver dollar known as the 'King of American Coins' - has remained hidden since the 1940s. Just 16 examples are known to exist, and this one is considered the finest of the so-called 'Class III' type in private hands.

It will be seen publicly for the first time next week at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money in Oklahoma City before going under the hammer on December 9, where it's expected to fetch up to \$5 million.



© James A. Stack, Sr. Collection

The newly discovered 1804 silver dollar - known as the 'King of American Coins' - is one of just 16 known to exist

John Kraljevich, numismatic historian with Stack's Bowers Galleries, which is handling the sale told Daily Mail: 'It certainly has the upshot of making some people who thought they knew everything about everything, or at least everything about this coin, second guess.'

'There's always another collection sitting in grandpa's closet. That's why we do what we do - the joy of discovery and the hunt for hidden treasure.'

Despite its date, no silver dollars were actually struck in 1804. 'None of the silver dollars made in 1804 were actually dated 1804,' Kraljevich explains.

'In 1834 they wanted diplomatic gifts for heads of state, so they made new dies and put 1804 on them.'

Those first pieces went to rulers such as the King of Siam and the Sultan of Muscat - instantly making them rarities.

Later, in the late 1860s and early 1870s, Mint employees struck a few more off the books for collectors. This newly surfaced piece is one of those so-called 'Class III' examples.

'It's high grade, it's beautiful, and it's the only one among all the Class Threes in private hands with that kind of caliber,' Kraljevich says.

'Among the Class Threes, this is far and away the best one any collector will have a chance to bid on,' he added.



© James A. Stack, Sr. Collection

The coin was hidden in collector James A. Stack Sr.'s family collection for more than 70 years

The 'King of American Coins' nickname dates back to 1941.

'That was marketing talk from another numismatic auctioneer... a Lithuanian immigrant named B. Max Mehl, sort of the PT Barnum of the coin industry,' Kraljevich says.

'He spent hundreds of thousands of Depression-era dollars on marketing, got everyone looking for rare coins in their change, and really helped coin collecting blossom.'

Where Stack Sr. acquired the coin remains a mystery.

'We have no backstory,' says Kraljevich. 'The collector bought this between the late 1930s and 1951 in New York... where it was sourced before that is anybody's guess.'

Kraljevich believes the coin's pristine state and fresh-to-market appeal could drive bidding sky-high.

'We're thinking probably four to five million... but anything could happen. People love new discoveries and stories of hidden treasure. You get two wealthy individuals who decide they just have to have it, and records will be set.'

So why does the king still reign? 'Everybody loves a controversy,' Kraljevich says.

'You've got government officials behaving badly, early U.S. diplomacy, colorful collectors, and just enough conspiracy to keep people talking.

'None of these coins are what they seem - they all have a little bit of a secret side.

'Owning one automatically elevates a collection and the collector's place in history.'

Only seven or eight examples of the 1804 dollar are in private hands today.

The last one sold - the famed Sultan of Muscat specimen - fetched \$7.68 million in 2021.

[Next up is a there really a treasure or is he just selling a book from treasureinside.com:](http://treasureinside.com)

A Book to Solve the Largest National Treasure Hunt in History

A treasure worth millions awaits your discovery!

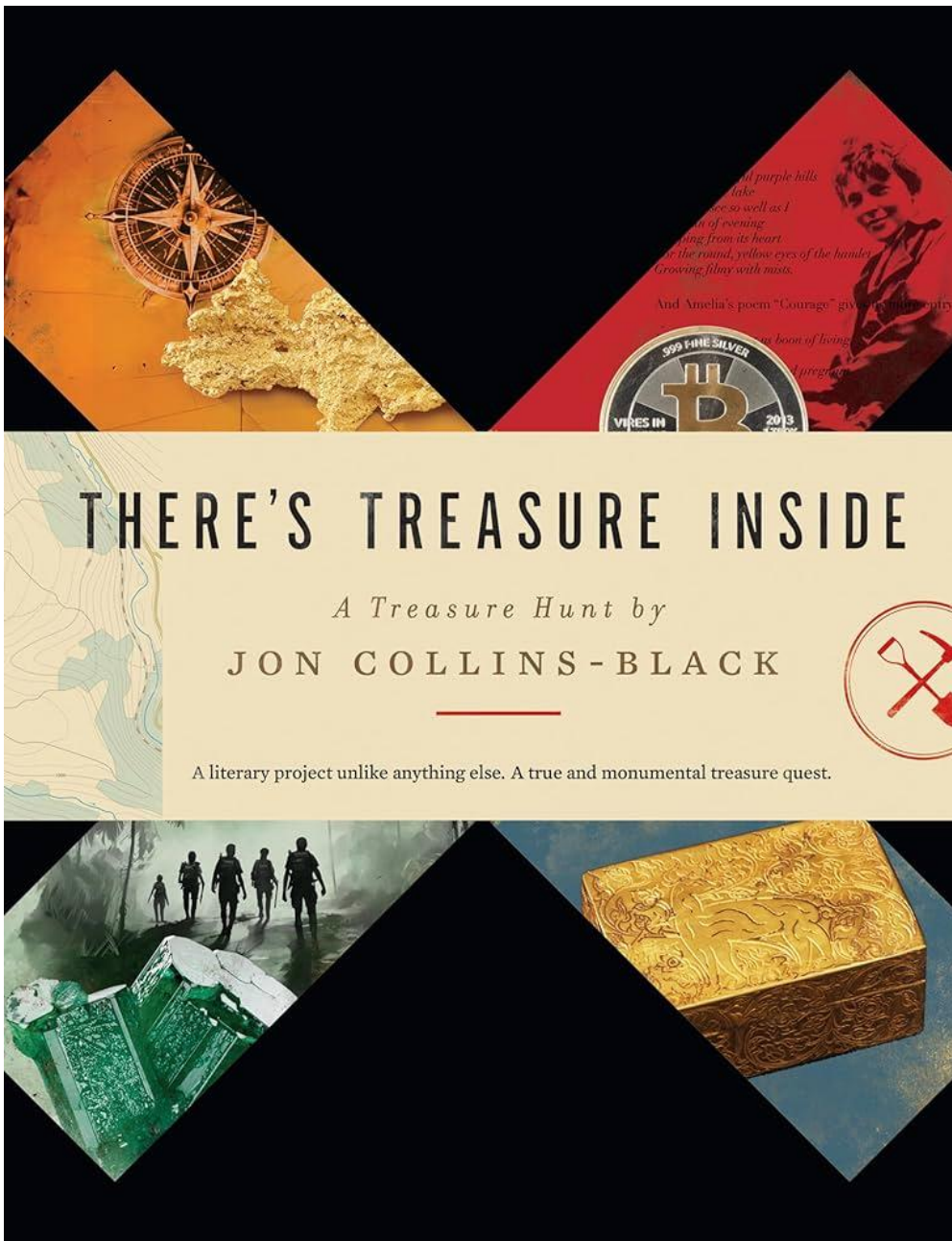
“I hid a treasure somewhere in the United States,
and it is waiting for you to find it. “

“Our lives are one perpetual treasure hunt. You and I seek. We pour our heart and spirit, tears and sweat, energy and fiery will into acquiring those things we covet, whatever that may be. This is true of everyone.”



*** Not all treasure items are represented in this photo**

There's Treasure Inside is the culmination of close to five years of work. The author worked with experts in several fields to put together a treasure both unique and valuable. Worth millions of dollars and growing more valuable each day, the pieces in the treasure are as varied as they are unique. Chosen to appeal to as many different tastes and interests as possible, items include Bitcoin, antiquities, shipwreck bounty, rare Pokémon cards, sports memorabilia, gold, precious metals and rare gems. Other objects have historical significance, including ones made or owned by the likes of Pablo Picasso, Andrew Carnegie, George Washington, Amelia Earhart, Jackie Onassis, Henry David Thoreau, and Louis Comfort Tiffany.



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The stories and histories of the treasure items comprise the themes and chapters of this book. Glean from them to help you discover where these riches are located. This treasure hunt led its creator to learn much more than he expected. Find out what inspired him. Uncover what he realized. Share the joy he found along the way. Then, if you wish, follow the clues to find the incredible treasures showcased in this book.

[Next up is a rare Roman gold coin found in England from goodnewsnetwork.org:](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org)

76-Year-old Metal Detectorist Discovers Ultra-Rare Roman Coin After 6 Years of Searching in Farmer's Field

By [Good News Network](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org) - Mar 30, 2025



Metal detectorist Ron Walters with rare gold Roman coin from 69AD (SWNS)

A gold Roman coin believed to be the first of its kind ever found in Britain fetched thousands at auction after being unearthed by a devoted metal detectorist.

Ron Walters finally struck gold after six years of searching the same farmer's field near Dudley, West Midlands, every spring and autumn when the crops weren't sown.

The retired welder said he stumbled across the rare Roman coin, which dates back to 69AD, on a day when he was almost going to stay home.

"I was going to go one Thursday and decided against it. It was my wife who basically told me to 'bugger off and get out the house for a bit'," said the 76-year-old grandfather.

"I was glad I did. I was out for a couple of hours and I picked a signal up. I started digging a bit, but then I lost the signal.

"I managed to get this reading again from a clod of earth about 2ft away from me, I broke it open and then this coin dropped into my hand."

It is believed to be the first gold aureus of emperor Aulus Vitellius to ever be recorded as a find in the British Isles.



Metal detectorist Ron Walters

holds rare gold Roman coin from 69AD – SWNS

“My heart was racing; I just popped it in my pocket and went straight back home.

“In metal detecting circles a Roman coin is probably among the best things you can find—that or Ancient English gold.

“I can only imagine a soldier travelled with it, possibly via France.”

The 1,955-year-old coin was auctioned this week by Fieldings Auctioneers and fetched \$6,000, which the Kingswinford man will split with the field’s landowner.

Mark Hannam, senior coin specialist at Fieldings said the coin was a genuinely amazing find and “a unique piece of history.”

“To find a coin from 69AD is incredibly rare, as most coins we find in this country are from the third and fourth centuries, and we are talking about a time when the gold was at its purest level.

“The fact that this one has escaped ploughing in the ground for over 1,900 years and the coin is still in excellent condition is quite remarkable.”

[Next up is a Rolex watch with an interesting story found in England from goodnewsnetwork.org:](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/)

Metal Detective Finds Farmer's Rolex – 50 Years After it was Eaten by a Cow

By [Good News Network](https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/) - Jun 29, 2024



Farmer James Steele with metal detectorist Liam King – SWNSanimal

A metal detective unearthed a farmer's Rolex watch in rural England—50 years after it was eaten by a cow.

James Steele lost the treasured timepiece in the early 1970s when the strap broke while he was tending his cattle. The farmer searched the field at his dairy farm in Shropshire, but there was no sign of the watch.

Incredibly, half-a-century later the 95-year-old has been reunited with it after metal detective Liam King found it buried in the mud. Now they've surmised that a cow swallowed the watch, and it ended up in a cow pile.

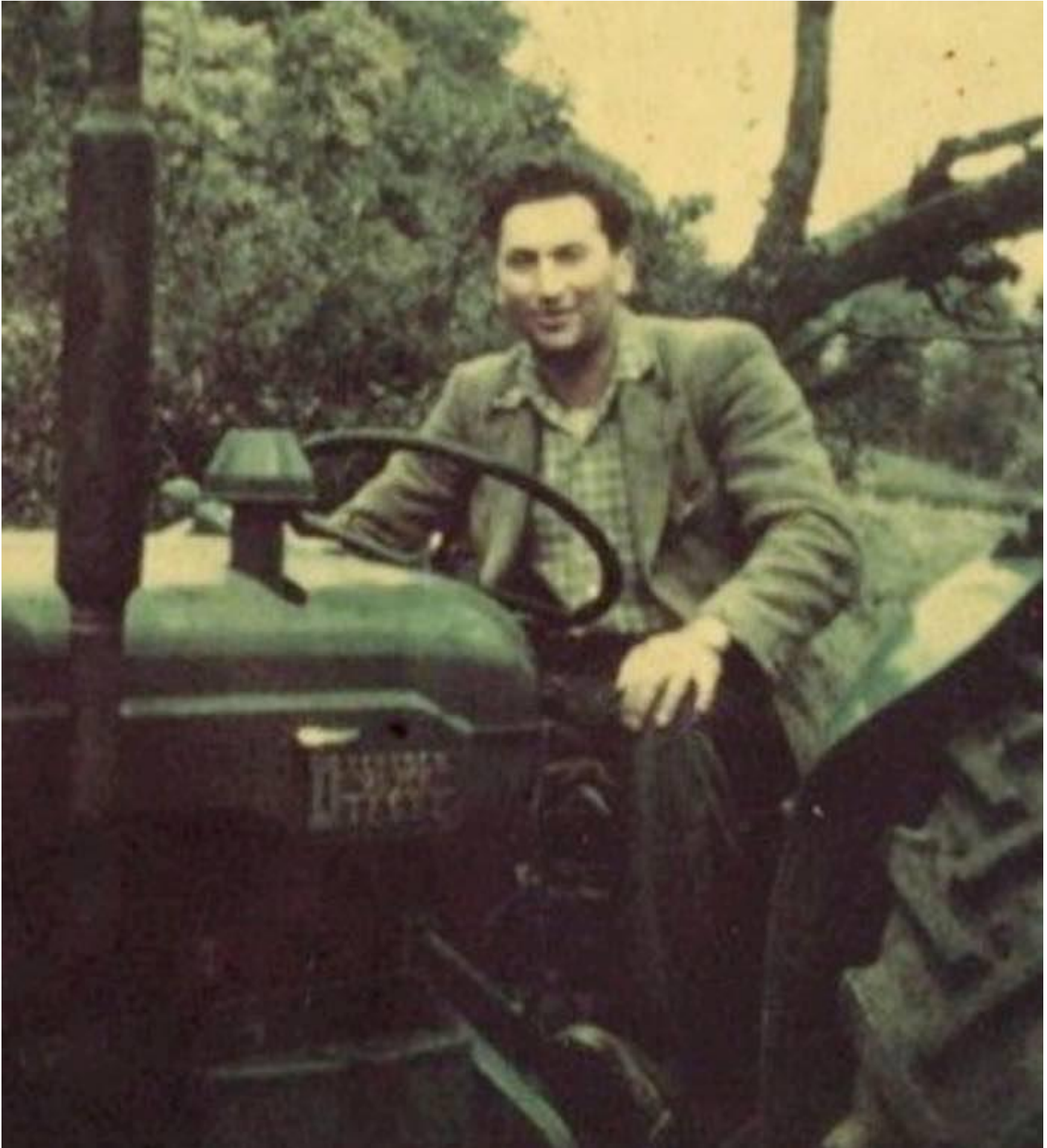
"The cow could have eaten it with a mouthful of grass, said the veteran. "It was an amazing stroke of luck for it to turn up again after all this time lost in the earth.

"I was really pleased because I never thought I would see the watch again.

The face now has a greenish color but it has not rusted up.

"It shows how well made it was to survive 50 years under a field.

Steele's son, who runs the farm with his dad, told the metal detective he could come onto the land to look for coins. He didn't uncover any, but did find the Rolex, pictured below.



Farmer James Steele, circa 1950, wearing the Rolex watch purchased after his 21st birthday – SWNS

“I’m most grateful to Liam who found the watch. He could have quite easily not owned up to his discovery.”

Mr. Steele, who bought the watch on his 21st birthday for £100 in 1950—which is £4,500 / \$5,700 in today’s money—will not bother repairing the Rolex, because of the expense, but says, “It’ll make a lovely keepsake.”

“I remember my neighbor had a very smart Rolex and I really fancied having one myself. I saved up and dug deep in my pockets for it—and wore it all the time.”

“I remember the day I lost it, I’d been out early with the cows. It was very cold so I’d had my hands in my pockets but at some point I must have been feeding a cow and it had slipped off or the strap had broken.

“We looked everywhere but I already knew it was gone and had probably been eaten by one of the cows.



James Steele’s old Rolex and the newer one -SWNS

“I was gutted but I saved up again and bought another one.”

“It’s remarkable that the watch has turned up again and I’m delighted to have it back.”

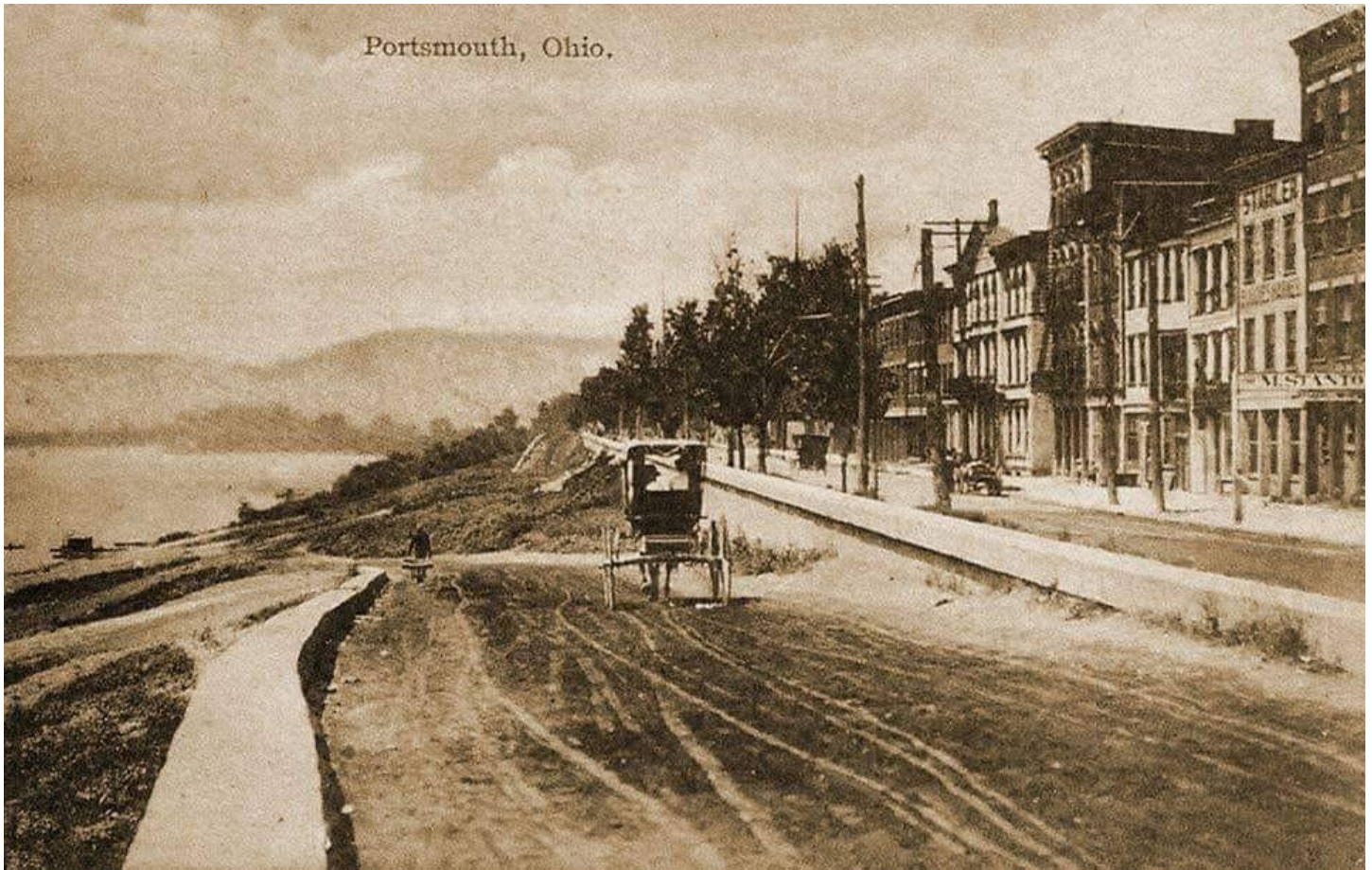
To close out the newsletter this month, I present to you some interesting historic photographs:



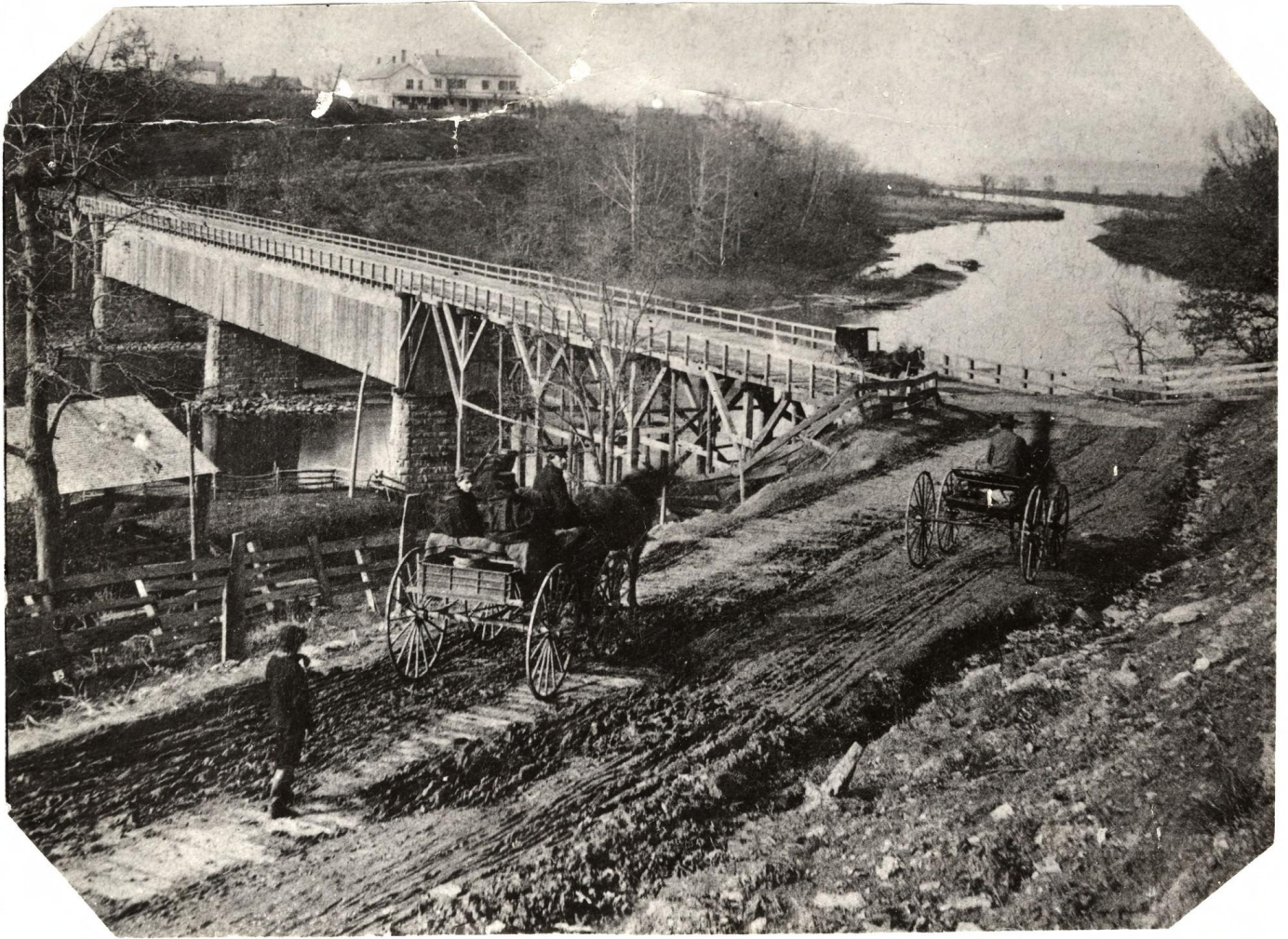
Lake Plata Twinsburg July 3, 1966. The lake is still there but surrounded by a home development. How about that death slide?



Folks in the Hinckley Reservation of the Cleveland Metro Parks trying to spot a turkey buzzard returning on its March Spring migration some time in the early 1960s. Traditionally March 15th is the day of their return, and the town hosts a "Buzzard Festival" to celebrate the event with buzzard watches and a pancake breakfast.



A 1910 photo of a carriage going down to the public landing on the Ohio River at Portsmouth, Ohio in Scioto County.



The photograph is a view from a hill looking down at horse-pulled wagons on a dirt path heading toward the Rocky River Toll Bridge. The bridge is supported by wooden beams on the bank, and stone and concrete piers on the river span. A note on the photograph indicates that the bridge was "somewhat south of the present bridge". Rocky River, Ohio, 1868. (Cleveland Public Library)



Man standing by rail in High Bridge Park, Akron, 1939. Hope he didn't drop anything.