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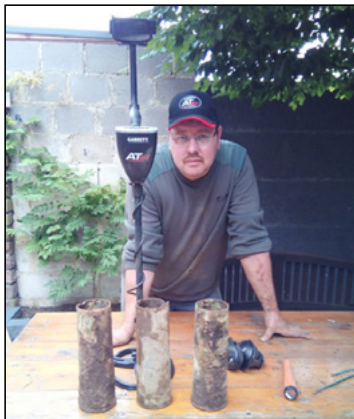


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Garrett Metal Detectors®



Finder: Christopher C., Oregon
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Christopher shows four cache jars of money that he helped his friend's family recover off their property.



Finder: Michael H., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Three empty World War II 25lbs. artillery shell casings

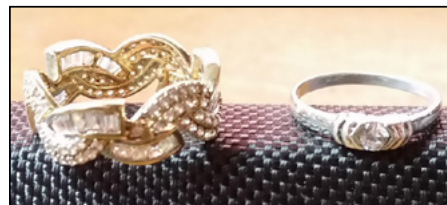
Finder: Aleks K., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Silver signet ring



Finder: Brett W., Australia
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1862 Australian half sovereign gold coin



Finder: Michael H., Europe
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: United States Navy pin



Finder: Jon H., Indiana
Using: *AT Max*
Find: Gold ring, estimated to be \$1,500 - \$1,600, and a silver .925 ring with fake diamond.

See the latest winners in

Vaughan Garrett's

FAVORITE FIND OF THE MONTH

Each month Vaughan selects one local (United States) and one International success story as his favorite submission.

Click on the links below to see the most recent winners!

[U.S. winners](#)

[International winners](#)



Vaughan Garrett



Finder: Mark B., Georgia
Using: *CSI 250*
Find: 14k gold crucifix ring



Finder: Cato M., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Gustav Vasa medallion created as a souvenir for exhibition "Old Stockholm" 1897

Finder: James G., New Mexico
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Civil War dragoon button, circa 1850-1860



Finder: Robert S., Indiana
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Knights of St. Johns medallion



Finder: Sean G., New York
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1851 silver "trime" (3-cent coin)



Finder: Andrew N., Minnesota
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1875-CC Seated Liberty dime

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Garrett's Code of Detecting Ethics

Charles Garrett always urged his fellow searchers to conduct themselves as responsible treasure hunters and to leave their hunt areas in better condition than they found them. Here are just a few of his keys to good conduct in the field:



- Never trespass or hunt on private property without permission.
- National and state parks/monuments, etc. are absolutely off-limits.
- Always fill in every hole that you dig.
- Do not leave litter or other discarded junk items lying around.
- Always carry out all rubbish and dug targets with you when you leave a search area.
- Use reasonable caution in digging toward any target, particularly in areas where you are uncertain of the ground conditions.
- Keep informed on and obey all local and national legislation relating to the discovery and reporting of found treasures.

"LOST FOR 77 YEARS"

FEATURED FIND

There are few things more rewarding to a detectorist than finding and returning a long-lost ring. Adam L. of North Carolina shared this story:

"On the morning of October 28, 2018, myself and fellow group leader Jeffery Z. had organized another NC Dirt Detectives group hunt at a local 1790 plantation home in Warren County. We try to do these hunts for our Facebook members once a month or so to help us all meet new faces in our hobby and enjoy the company on digs.

"Our hunt was not scheduled to begin until 12:30 due to the homeowners being at church service that morning. Jeff and I decided the night before we would meet up with our friend Greg in the morning before the hunt and swing in a public park near an old high school. Little did we know I would recover my most memorable artifact ever.



"After about 30-45 minutes of swinging and nothing to show from any of us besides some wheat cents and clad, we became somewhat weary of the site. But we kept on chugging

along. I was swinging less than 200 feet from the front door of the old town high school, which has now become a dilapidated shell of itself, when I got a choppy high 70s on my Garrett *AT Pro*. I popped a plug out about 9 inches deep and flipped it over. I immediately stuck my probe in the plug and it went off. I caught the glimpse of a gold band within seconds."

It was a 1941 class ring with a ruby red stone centerpiece. Within the inner band were the initials "PLR" and a mark of England Overlay Company, indicating it was a solid silver ring with a thick gold overlay.

"We thought to ourselves that if this owner was 18 in 1941 that would make him well over 90 years old today." Adam sent out messages to local Warren County friends who are dedicated to their history, and by morning, they had discovered the owner to be Percy Lee "Pete" Riggins. Pete had been a top-notch baseball player when he left for World War II. After returning from the war, he played minor league baseball in Mississippi, and for the Charleston (WV) Senators and St. Louis Red Wings.

"Sadly, Mr. Riggins passed away in 1996, and his wife as well in 2007," said Adam. The Warren County historian did manage to track down the daughter of Riggins, and she contacted Adam soon thereafter. "I told her I would send her the ring as soon as I could and that I was so happy it was going back to the family. We are the NC Dirt Detectives, and this is why we detect, to save history and share it with others!"



Finder: Justin H., Indiana
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Handmade gold pin, circa Civil War era

Finder: Wesley M., Tennessee
Using: *AT Max*
Find: Civil War Hebbert & Co. London Confederate Navy button



Finder: Simon O., Europe
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: Roman coin, estimated to be 2000 years old



Finder: Ray H., Oklahoma
Using: *AT Max*
Find: Beautiful diamond ring

Finder: Brian L., Texas
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Silver .925 ring with 78 diamonds



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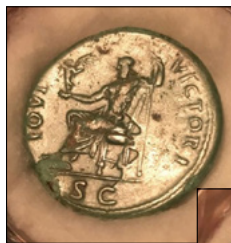
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Finder: Mario H., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: Bronze Roman sestertius coin of Emperor Domitian, circa 95-96AD

Finder: Kevin G., Alabama
Using: AT Pro
Find: Civil War Confederate cast "I" infantry button



Finder: Ramon M., Puerto Rico
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Cut copper 4 maravedis coin, circa 16th century



Finder: Sean W., Ohio
Using: AT Pro
Find: Stash of old jewelry—gold rings, gold earrings, platinum earrings, two baroque pearl necklaces, a couple of cameo pendants, and a gold figure eight pin with an opal stone in the center.



Finder: Philip K., Maryland
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1853 three-cent "trime"



Finder: Kimberly B., Mississippi
Using: ACE 350
Find: Florida motor vehicle title certification tag, circa early 1900s



Finder: Allan K., Canada
Using: AT Gold
Find: Victorian 7th Battalion (Fusilliers) Canadian militia officer's fur cap grenade badge, circa pre-1885



Finder: Thomas E., Massachusetts
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1899 Blaine & Logan presidential campaign belt plate



Finder: Michael F., Tennessee
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k white, yellow, and rose gold ring with 3/4 carat diamonds



Finder: Dean E., Europe
Using: *ACE 200i*
Find: 1849 Victoria gold half sovereign



Finder: Tony B., Wisconsin
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1836 Capped Bust silver dime



Finder: Gabriel C., Mexico
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: 8,635 coins, rings, bullets, medals, buckles, and buttons found over a three year period while hunting with the *ACE 300i*.



Finder: Joshua Y., Colorado
Using: *ACE 300*
Find: 11-year-old Joshua recovered this 14k white gold ring while detecting with his dad in a local park.



Finder: Tony F., Colorado
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: H Disston & Sons Philadelphia, PA Handsaw Medallion, circa 1865-1871



Finder: Kaileb A., Iowa
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1930 .25 cent Nutrena Feed Mills token



Finder: Mark B., Georgia
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: 1920s "Spectemur Agendo" button, meaning Judge Us By Our Actions



Finder: Dale, Virginia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Civil War Confederate carved Louisiana 7th Company "E" crescent moon cape pin



Finder: Gary C., New Zealand
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: 1816 English "Bull head" shield six pence



Finder: Tom K., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Bronze ax, circa 500-1000BC



Finder: Mark S., Indiana
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: 1908 political Taft & Sherman watch fob



Finder: Marcel S., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: 18th century gold ring with diamond



Finder: Andrew T., Washington
Using: *ACE 300*
Find: Gold ring with silver heart



Finder: Daniel H., Switzerland
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Hammered silver denier, circa 1300s



Finder: Roger S., Ohio
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Silver coin cuff-link with engraved "AV" monogram



Finder: Jeffery L., Massachusetts
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Silver colonial shoe buckle



Finder: Ryan A., Wisconsin
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: 1864 two-cent piece



Finder: Kevin C., New York
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 65-year-old college class ring, found and returned back to the owners granddaughters.



Finder: Dwayne S., New York
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1851 Civil War officers sword belt plate

Finder: Roger S., Ohio
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Royal Regiment of artillery button, circa 1790-1802





Finder: Cristinel M., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 63 Roman Republic and Imperial silver coins



Finder: Barry C., Canada
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1721 Spanish silver 2 reale



Finder: Gary R., Oklahoma
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition watch fob from San Francisco



Finder: Jason B., New Jersey
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1771 silver half reale and 1780 silver 2 reale



Finder: Soren E., Vermont
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: 1782 silver half reale



Finder: Jaap S., Europe
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Middle to late Bronze age spear point, circa 1800-800BC



Finder: Sébastien, Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: 17th century promise ring



Finder: Joe B., Georgia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1889 Morgan silver dollar



Finder: James H., Alabama
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Meteorite



Finder: Zeb H., Kentucky
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Civil War breast plate, buttons, and bullets



Finder: Casey C., Connecticut
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1652 silver pine tree shilling



Finder: Tony B., Wisconsin
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Grand Army of the Republic, GAR, belt plate



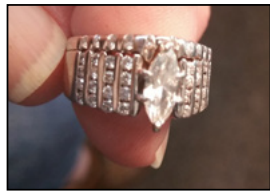
Finder: John K., Oregon
Using: ACE 400
Find: French dagger chape: a protective fitting at the bottom of a scabbard or sheath for a dagger



Finder: Jasja H., Europe
Using: AT Max International
Find: 1700s gold ring



Finder: David A., Connecticut
Using: AT Pro
Find: On a trip to France and Belgium, David, his son, and his son's godfather discovered this lost GI's dog tag from Charles Keim of Oregon. With the help from the internet they learned he had recently passed away the previous year at the age of 93. David states, "He was a private in H company of the 101st Airborne Division, was in Normandy, Holland and, of course, the Battle of the Bulge. He won a Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals. I've been in touch with the family members and will soon send his dog tag to them. I don't think we'll ever know how he lost it."



Finder: Don F., Florida
Using: Sea Hunter II
Find: 14k white gold diamond ring



Finder: Juan C., Chile
Using: AT Max International
Find: 1666 and 1664 silver 2 reales



Finder: Simon O., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: Three Bronze age axe heads, estimated to be 3800-4000 years old



Finder: Gabriel K., Europe
Using: AT Pro
Find: I Hunyadi Matthias Corvinus silver denar, circa 1458-1490



Finder: Jason O., Minnesota
Using: AT Pro
Find: Grand Army of the Republic "GAR" belt buckle



Finder: Mark R., Ohio
Using: AT Pro
Find: Early 1900s military button



Finder: Hunter T., Wisconsin
Using: ACE 400
Find: Coin spill—5 cent trade token, 1891 Indian head penny, 1916 Barber dime, and a 1944 Mercury dime



Finder: Chris S., Indiana
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: World War II victory "V" pendant



Finder: Luca B., Europe
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1602 Albert and Isabella Spanish/Netherlands silver coin



Finder: Bert C., Minnesota
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k gold bracelet with eight small diamonds



Finder: Scott F., Indiana
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1842-O Seated Liberty silver half dime



Finder: Frank K., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Bronze age axe head, circa 1600BC



Finder: Alexey G., Russia
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: 1873 copper 3 Kopeks coin



Finder: Heriberto R., Mexico
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: Copper antique engraved ring



Finder: James M., Kansas
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Nazi belt buckle

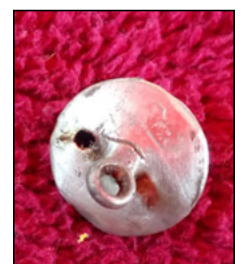


Finder: Michael A., Florida
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 2001 18k gold Tiffany and Co. men's bracelet, estimated \$1,932 melting value



Finder: Damian S., Europe
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Tsar Peter I silver Kopeks, circa 17 century

Finder: Frank K., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Silver Tudor button, circa 1710-1760





Finder: Maik M., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Roman gold ring, circa 150-300AD



Finder: Maximiliano G., Uruguay
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1805 Carlos III reale converted into a button



Finder: Andrew C., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Rare Constantine the Great I follis coin, estimated 330AD



Finder: Doug F., Michigan
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1851 Non-commissioned officer's sword belt plate



Finder: James S., Michigan
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1860s "R.S. Mich" reform school button for young men with disciplinary problems.



Finder: Randy G., Massachusetts
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: 1853 silver 3 cent "trime"



Finder: Ray S., Massachusetts
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: German police eagle lapel pin, circa Nazi era

Finder: Brian P., New York
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: First Regiment light Artillery button from the Revolutionary War



Finder: Paulette K., Pennsylvania
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Friend's gold bracelet lost on a golf course and returned.



Finder: Nicholas H., Canada
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Cut 1737 Spanish 1 silver reale



Finder: Jason O., Minnesota
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1842 silver Seated Liberty dime



Finder: Chuck W., South Dakota
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Trade token, circa 1880-1889



Finder: Bryan R., Florida
Using: *AT Max*
Find: Civil War Confederate staff officer's button



Finder: Mark R., Ohio
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1866 three-cent "trime"



Finder: Kim C., Texas
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: U.K.T. belt plate



Finder: Hennie K., South Africa
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: Boer War Leicestershire (Leicester) Regiment shoulder title emblem, circa 1899-1902

WASHINGTON FAMILY RING?

AT Pro user Gregory P. of West Virginia shared this story of an interesting find that he made.

Greg obtained permission through his friend Brian to dig with him on a property in Jefferson County, WV. "Old tax maps show this property once belonged to heirs of Bushrod Washington," said Gregory. "I was kind of excited to get out there with my metal detector because of my background and where I grew up. Let me explain.

"Bushrod Washington was the first president of the American Colonization Society. The group was responsible for the purchase of a territory on the coast of West Africa, and for raising monies that would afford emancipated slaves the means to travel back to Africa and establish a life for themselves. Many ships sailed out of Baltimore with passengers going to the new territory of Liberia. The American Colonization Society provided a home in the new territory for one year so that the person had time to adjust to the climate and surroundings.

"My father worked for Voice of America (VOA) in the 1960s-80s. For most of that

time, our family lived in Liberia, West Africa! While Brian and I were hunting for relics on the property once owned by Washington, my Garrett *AT Pro* hit a nice signal. The item was buried about 9 to 10 inches deep, and when it came out of the ground it was shiny yellow. At the time I thought that this was a nice ring and possibly gold!

"I did exactly what most of us do when we are out metal detecting...I stuck it in my pocket and kept going. It was later that same day, before I finally got home and had a chance to clean the ring. That's when I noticed the initials." Subsequent research led Gregory to believe that this ring might have once belonged to a member of the Washington family.



Finder: Michael E., Tennessee
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k gold Caravaca cross with sixteen inch 10k Italian gold chain



Finder: Michael K., Europe
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: Iron Age swan neck pins



Finder: Larry H., Minnesota
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Civil War Union belt buckle



Finder: Kevin G., Alabama
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1854-O Seated Liberty quarter



Finder: Ewen R., Connecticut
Using: *AT Max*
Find: 1749 King George II colonial copper coin



Finder: Steve G., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1817 George III silver shilling



Finder: Brian F., California
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1876 Seated Liberty silver dime



Finder: Donnie B., New York
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1789 George Washington presidential inaugural buttons



Finder: Phil H., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: 1823 George 4th gold full sovereign coin



Finder: Samo T., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Bronze ax, estimated to be over 3000 years old

Finder: Paul B., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Georgian gold button, circa 1714-1837



Finder: Mario L., Canada
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1721 Philippe V silver 2 reale



Finder: Alexander K., New Jersey
Using: *ACE 300*
Find: 1801 Spanish silver half reale



Finder: Jeffery L., Massachusetts
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1849 Seated Liberty silver half dime



Finder: Norma W., Idaho
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: Military dog tag, returned to the family of fallen soldier



Finder: Yearim B., Mexico
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1823 Mexican Republic silver half reale



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