



Greensboro, North Carolina

# Newsletter

## September 2010

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### The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Diggers,

Our club has enjoyed a great first year. Now's the time to move to the next level. Let's find ways to discover new sites for club hunts. We also want to let people know that our ONSD members can find their lost valuables.

If we can continue to gain new members and hold our 50/50 raffles, we will soon have enough money to run a nice ad in the Greensboro News & Record. Anyway, it's worth a shot. What do you think?

Dig deeper.

William W. Purkey  
ONSD President

### Online Map Resources

In this issue, member Tony Stevenson has an article beginning on page 5, "[NC Maps-X Does Mark The Spot](#)", which references using old archival maps online and available at area universities to locate possible treasure locations in the modern world.

## The ONSD Club is now on



[www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub](http://www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub)

### Alamance Battleground Hunt #4 July 31, 2010

The ongoing dig at the battlefield continued as members found additional shot musket balls, some clad and silver coins, as well as various iron relic pieces. Time was spent across the road by the monument as well as behind the visitor's center near the Allen house.

Some assorted photos are on the following page as well as the ONSD online gallery located [here](#).

The ONSD club again expresses our thanks for the opportunity to assist the state of NC in their exploration of this historic battle site.

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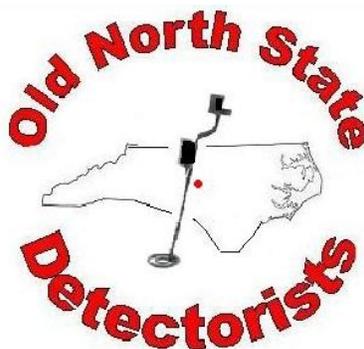


### Alamance Battleground Hunt #4 - July 31, 2010



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## Minutes of ONSD Meeting – July 31, 2010

### Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Purkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Spivey	<input type="checkbox"/> Ron Washburn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Sides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Sides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McAtee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Woolbright	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Gilliam	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Blackburn
<input type="checkbox"/> R.H. Stewart	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Kelton	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kirk
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Griffis
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Nichole Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Moloney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hanes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Stevenson	<input type="checkbox"/> Margarete Basner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Furmage		

### New Attendees/Members:

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by President Purkey at 9:00 a.m.
- ✓ A guest, Jim Furmage (now a member) was welcomed.
- ✓ Tina Sides read the ONSD Code of Ethics.

### Old Business:

- ✓ Ron Washburn was absent for the treasurer's report.
- ✓ Last months minutes were approved.
- ✓ Jim Spivey reported on special projects. The Greensboro library will host a display starting 10:00 am Monday August 2, 2010 that will run for 2 months. Also, there will be a display in the Jamestown library starting in December.
- ✓ Randy Woolbright gave an update on the Newsletter and website.
- ✓ William Purkey discussed the "Golden Detector Award".

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### New Business:

- ✓ William Purkey announced special thanks to Jim Spivey and Mac McAtee for the time they have put in for the special displays.
- ✓ Jerry Murphy has been noted to receive the Golden Detector Award.
- ✓ William Purkey discussed if we want to add other hunts bi-monthly as long as we have a backlog of places to go. It was approved and the next scheduled hunt will be announced soon.
- ✓ William Purkey asked if we want to start a public service of collecting the pocket change we find and donate to some charity or needy group. Approved.
- ✓ William Purkey proposed additional activities such as a garage sale, swap meet, and even a social. Approved awaiting a schedule or proposed date.
- ✓ A 50/50 raffle was not conducted due to time constraints.
- ✓ No door prize due to time constraints.
- ✓ The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. and was followed by a hunt at the Alamance Battleground.

### Meeting closing remarks:

- ✓ The next regularly scheduled meeting of ONSD will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, August 28, 2010. The meeting will take place at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview drive in Greensboro. The meeting will be followed immediately by a group hunt at the Old Grist Mill in Jamestown, NC.

### Secretary Notes:

I am holding \$20.00 membership fee for Jim Furnage to be turned over to Ron Washburn.

### Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Gilliam - ONSD Secretary

## Member Comments

by James Furnage

As for my finds at Alamance they are 1 Musket ball (1st), 1 square wrought iron stake, 1 Mercury 1940-S silver dime (1st), 1 rosie 1947 silver dime (1st), \$.92 in clad, and some farm equipment. This was a great first group hunt for me, I learned a lot and look forward to repeat performances. Everyone was very receptive and a pleasure to be around. I genuinely had a good time. To Dennis and Tina, thank you for the cantaloupe and the friendship. Randy, you made the digging easy, thanks for the loaner. And Jim Spivey, thank you for the opportunity to dig some silver.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone and I look forward to becoming more familiar as time goes on. Semper Fidelis.

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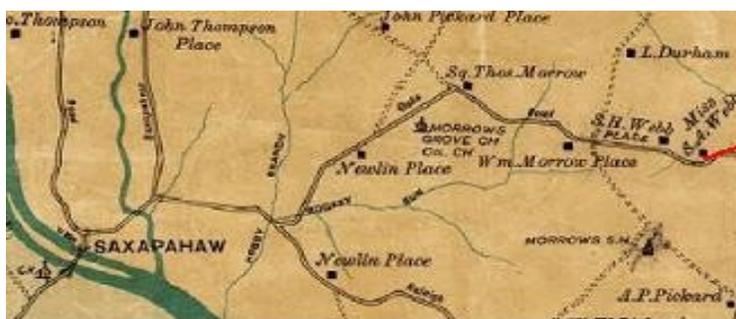
### NC Maps: X does mark the spot!

By ONSD Member Tony Stevenson

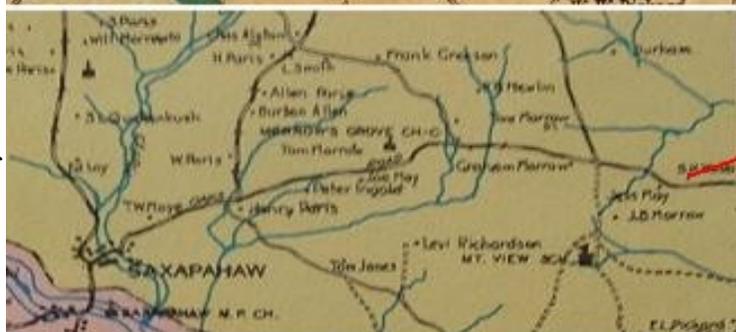
I'm sure you've heard the stories – a wealthy colonial landowner in the area, an original church or school site now relocated, your opportunity for the next big score. But where, *exactly*? Oh somewhere in this general 150 acres! Looks like it's back to the schoolyard to pick through woodchips for zincolns. If only someone had drawn a treasure map...

But they did! Of course, there's no X marks the spot, and it wasn't intended to help you find their long lost coins. But historic maps can be an enormous help in researching your newest old coin or relic hotspot. Here in North Carolina, we're particularly blessed with some excellent map resources. Ever want to find the long-lost Battle of Clapps Mill (and the cannon rumored to be buried there)? Several probable locations for Clapps Mill can be found on maps in the collections I'm about to present. You may recall that the pirate treasure aboard the sunken Whydah was recovered in large part thanks to a marking on a 1717 map found in a university library.

More likely for us, these maps can be used to find unsearched school, church, or home sites that no one else remembers existed there... until now. If you haven't seen them before, here's the rundown on some of the top places to find historic maps in our area.



**William Luther Spoon  
circa 1893**  
Miss S. A. Webb



**Spoon, Lewis,  
and Camp  
1928**  
S. H. Webb



**Google Earth  
2008**  
Victory Calls Stables

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### North Carolina Maps Project

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/nmaps/>

The North Carolina Maps Project is a joint venture between the North Carolina Collection, the State Archives, and the Outer Banks History Center to digitize their map collections in a high-quality searchable database. Over three thousand maps are available spanning 500 years of the state's history. The maps are provided with a zoom function showing a great level of detail. Many mark locations of historic homes, businesses, schools, churches, and more.

What you shouldn't miss:

- The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. With holdings from the 1880's and digitized through 1922, the Sanborn maps show homes and businesses in urban areas with a striking amount of detail. Sanborn created maps for more than 150 cities and towns throughout North Carolina.

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/nmaps/sanborn.html>

- William Luther Spoon Map of Alamance County. Spoon was considered one of the more accurate cartographers of his time, and the level of detail and accuracy in this 1893 map of Alamance clearly demonstrates why. Marked on the map are home sites (most with names), schools, churches, roads, cartways, mills, crossing, and more. The wealth of information in this map alone (and it's accuracy in portraying locations) is truly remarkable. As an example, I've located my farm on this map shown above.

[http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm4/item\\_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/nmaps&CISOPTR=259&CISOBBOX=1&REC=10](http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/nmaps&CISOPTR=259&CISOBBOX=1&REC=10)

- Rural delivery routes, Alamance County. Drafted between 1910 and 1915, this map shows postal routes, post boxes, roads, houses, schools, stores, railroads, and churches.

[http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm4/item\\_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/nmaps&CISOPTR=1732&CISOBBOX=1&REC=19](http://dc.lib.unc.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/nmaps&CISOPTR=1732&CISOBBOX=1&REC=19)

### The North Carolina Collection at UNC

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/>

While the digitized collection is highly convenient, visiting the North Carolina Collection at UNC's Wilson Library in person can also be helpful. For example, the Sanborn fire in-

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Insurance maps are only digitized until 1922, but more recent maps in the collection are on file at the University. Use the school's online library catalog to locate what you want before you visit. I've found the staff at the NCC to be incredibly helpful and knowledgeable, so they're also a great resource for your historical questions.

What you shouldn't miss:

Map of Alamance prepared by Spoon, Lewis & Camp. Not digitized because the copyright is still owned, this 1928 map of the county is (like Spoon's 1893 version) highly detailed. I find this map particularly useful in conjunction with the 1893 map, as the earlier map shows older structures while this more recent version is more accurate in terms of modern road locations. Photocopying of this map is not permitted, so bring a digital camera with you to record your places of interest. As an example, I've located my farm on this map shown above, and compared the location with the earlier 1893 map and satellite imagery.

[http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/search~S1/?  
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### **US Library of Congress Online Maps Collection:**

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/>

The Library of Congress is working to digitize its copyright-free historic map collection, which is presented online in a very detailed searchable database. I'm only just beginning to get to know this database, but I'm sure it will be of great use to many of the area relic hunters. Divided into sections such as "cities and towns" or "military battles" (and searchable throughout any or all categories), this collection is quite promising for new hunting leads. And since it's digital, you don't even have to change out of your pj's! Like the NC Maps Project, these maps also provide zoom functionality to see all the details.

### **In Summary**

The best chance we have at finding a piece of history is to start by learning the history of what we're trying to find. Accomplish that, and you've already succeeded (whether you strike gold or not). To learn the history of the locations around you, try pulling out a map. I hope I've shown that historic map resources can be an excellent tool for locating new potential sites and shown you a few of the abundant places to find relevant maps quickly and easily. So happy hunting and remember that X may, in fact, mark the spot!

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### Code of Ethics

The Old North State Detectorists (ONSD) encourages responsible conduct and strict compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and restrictions.

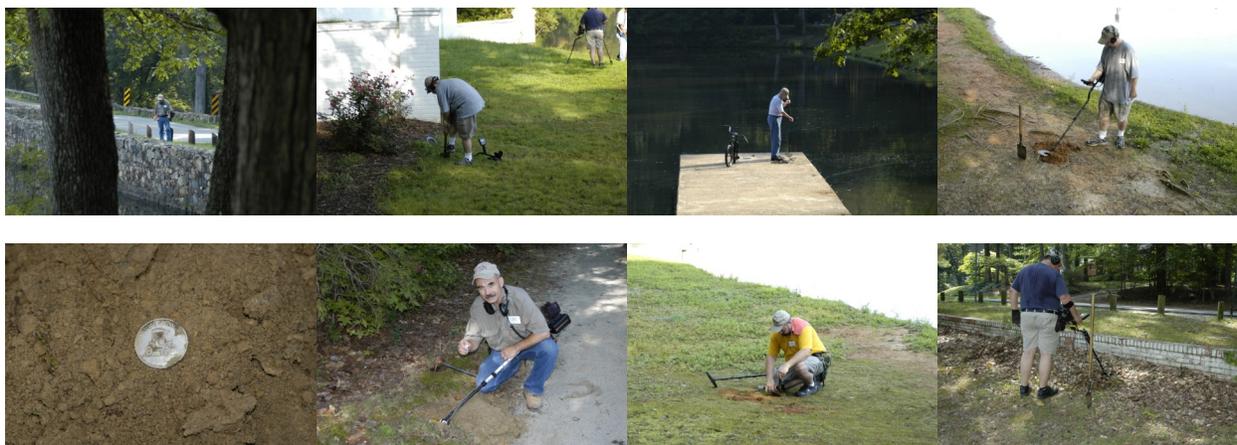
ONSD takes pride in adopting this Code of Ethics.

- I will respect private property and do no metal detecting without the owner's permission.
- I will fill in all excavations and do no damage to property.
- I will work with and support professional archaeologists and historians to protect national treasures.
- I will remove and properly dispose of any trash I dig or is located in my digging area.
- I will make a reasonable effort to return identifiable items to their owners.
- I will conduct myself with courtesy and seek to set an example for other detectorists.

Adopted by unanimous vote of ONSD members, February 6, 2010.

### HAMILTON LAKES HUNT - AUGUST 21, 2010

Members enjoyed a picture perfect day in the shade at Hamilton Lakes searching for lost items from the old beach swimming area, former concession stand and walking trails. Various finds of the day included a White Steamer 1901 auto token, a cross pendant, some clad coins and lots of vintage pulltabs. Broken glass and other trash items were recovered and disposed of. A new member, Thom Metz, joined the club and hunt, and was welcomed. William Purkey, our ONSD President, went "bicycle fishing" at the end of the pier and did indeed land one.



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### Greensboro Library Display thru September 2010

The Old North State Detectorists have set up a display at the main library in Greensboro which runs thru September. Its theme will be about "metal detecting" and items shown will include relics, coins, jewelry, and toys, all found with a metal detector.

Members Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, William Purkey and Herb Griffis will be showing an assortment of items found from past years. Any member that would like to participate or needs information about contributing to the display may contact me by email.

Thanks,  
Jim Spivey



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Have you clicked on the  
ONSD website for the latest  
news and events info?

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### Members...

Please make sure your name is  
matched up to your email address in  
the club records and spelled correctly.  
Secretary Jerry Gilliam has the  
membership list to check.

Here's another map site  
for your research

<http://mapper.acme.com>

### \*\*\*Classified Ads\*\*\*

Send in your metal detecting items  
wanted or for sale to the Editor.  
You'll have the items posted in the next  
3 issues of the ONSD newsletter.

### Golden Detector Award

The Golden Detector Award is presented to  
the member who recovers and returns a valu-  
able item to its rightful owner.

Our newest winner is  
Jeremy Brown.

Congratulations, Jeremy!

### Monthly Meetings

The Old North State Detectorists Club  
meets at 9:00 am the last Saturday of each  
month at the rear meeting room in the Golden  
Corral located at 4404 Landview Drive in  
Greensboro, NC. This is just south of the I-40  
and Wendover Avenue interchange. Member-  
ship fee is \$20.00 per year which includes a  
hat. Guests are welcome.

DIRECTLY AFTER THE ONSD CLUB MEET-  
ING ON AUGUST 28TH, A HUNT WILL  
FOLLOW AT THE OLD GRIST MILL IN  
JAMESTOWN. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE  
WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MEETING.

### ONSD Club Officers

President - William Purkey  
Vice-President & Treasurer - Ron Washburn  
Secretary - Jerry Gilliam  
Sergeant at Arms - Jim Spivey  
Newsletter Editor - Randy Woolbright

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