



# THE DIXIE DIGGERS

## WARRIOR BASIN TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION (WBTHA)

The only meeting of the WBTHA in July was held on the 21st at Niki's West Restaurant. Due to Niki's annual closing during the week of July 4th there was no meeting the first Tuesday. The meeting was brought to order by President Joe Box at 7:30 pm with 8 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Bonnie Watson and were approved as read.

### OLD BUSINESS

\*Perry Watson said he had Eric Watson's entry fee for this year's Deep South Treasure Hunt and will pay by the end of the meeting.  
\*Mike Wardlow was unable to make one of the coin shows, but plans to go to the Bessemer Coin Show this weekend. He still has the money given him by the Club to purchase coins. Additionally the Dalton Coin Show will be held at the end of July. It was mentioned we need half dollars to be used in the "21Game Hunt".  
\*Otis Murphy had coins to sell to the Club.  
\*Jim Self has five 2 peso gold coins for sell at \$30.00 each if they are needed.  
\*We also need half dollars and one ounce silver rounds.

### NEW BUSINESS

\*Joe Box the Club will purchase two Garrett metal detectors and Garrett will donate one.

### THE GAMES

*Unique Find:* None entered!!!

*Coin Bingo:* No Bingo!!!!

*The Raffle:*

*1st Draw:* Mike Wardlow won a one ounce silver round.

*2nd Draw:* David Scales won a silver half dollar.

*Door Prize:* Bonnie Watson won the \$3.00 cash Door Prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by President Joe Box.

There have been seven entries received since the last meeting.

Joe Box donate 150 wheat pennies.

The first cutoff is August 1st for this year's Deep South Treasure Hunt.

I would like to give a special "Thanks!" to Secretary Bonnie Watson for emailing me the minutes from the last meeting, since I was unable to attend, and after each meeting!!! Thanks Bonnie!!!

Treasure Tales from Lost Treasure Online:

**ALABAMA:** A ferry operated by Henry Nunez crossed the Perdido River about where U.S. Highway 90 crosses the river. This is about 16 miles northwest of Pensacola on the

Alabama side. Nunez is supposed to have buried a fortune in gold near his home close to the ferry. Local stories say two caches have been found in the area, but the one Nunez buried, worth \$110,000, is still there.

**MISSISSIPPI:** Across the road from Mt. Pleasant High School in Marshall County, Mississippi, one can see the ruins of an old house. It was in former days—the late 1800's—quite a showplace, and it served as the residence of Mrs. Molly Benton in Mt. Pleasant, Mississippi. Mrs. Benton owned a large lumber mill near Holly Springs, the county seat, a few miles to the southeast. This brought her considerable wealth and allowed her to indulge in her hobby, you might even say love, of collecting silver coins. Being in business, all of her deals were transacted for silver. This is how she came to be known as "Silver Molly". She liked to brag about the large amount of silver coinage she had accumulated. She had a brother by the name of Hugh Benton who also lived in the area, and on one occasion she told him that she had several pots of silver coins buried around her house. On April 16, 1897, Silver Molly was attempting to cross the flooding waters of Cold Water Creek, which runs through Mt. Pleasant. Her buggy was overturned and she was drowned. Her body was recovered later. Her brother had no idea where

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she had buried the caches of silver except "around the house". He must have been pretty well fixed financially, for he made no effort to search for them. This property is now in pasture and should be a good search site, since the grass is kept low by grazing cattle. I'm not sure who owns the property now, but it would not be too hard to locate the owner. This old silver would sure be worth a heap today. Maybe you would like to look for one or more of Silver Molly's pots of coins—Robert C. Mills.

**GEORGIA:** William Pendley discovered gold on Sugar Hill in 1855. He took in a partner, Moses Lott. They mined gold for several years in secret. Then Pendley died and Lott died soon afterwards. They carried the secret of the location to their graves. The story appears in the Mining and Scientific Press for October, 1875.

Stay tuned next month for a Treasure Tale from Louisiana, "Treasure of Jean Lafitte".