

**Greg Shipley**

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So, one of the things about getting out and investigating a site is that one never knows what may be waiting to be discovered! While Doug and I were recovering gun parts, a couple cut scraps of trade silver, various lead balls and melted scraps, WB Baughman gets a signal just a few feet away from us and finds what he thought was a metal cap off of a tube of farm grease - which had been resting no more than four inches down in the farm tillage layer of this soybean field... However, the shiny object he'd detected was what I recognized to be an 18th century trade silver "spoon locket"! As if this wasn't crazy enough, we were pouring water over it and began to see the beautiful engraving on the lid, which I was carefully working to get open. I said " This is heavy - it must be full of dirt". And, just as I'd made that comment, the lid popped open and all we saw were four trade brooches (no dirt). The slight bend on the front edge of the locket's lid is an indication that a farm implement ripper shank had pulled this spoon locket up during the previous corn planting cycle, back in 2021. (2022 crop was soybeans) Anhydrous ammonia tool bars run at about 8" depths, so I'd expect this is what brought this rare object on up to where it had hardly been 4 inches under the bean field's surface. The underside of the lid has the "RC" touchmark of the famous silversmith, Robert Cruickshank. The serrated edge shirt brooch bears Cruickshank's touchmark, also. The cast silver crowned diamond brooch has the "CF" touchmark of Charles Freeth, who worked out of Birmingham, England. I recovered a silver thumb escutcheon, with a Freeth touchmark, at nearby McKee's Town site, years ago, so I know Freeth's 1780s creations are in this upper Mad River region. The two smallest ring brooches are unmarked. This cabin spot, covered with a scatter of rose-head nails, has given up so many dismantled gun parts that I've been certain that a skilled gunsmith individual had lived here or had frequented this dwelling site, often. Now, a quality made trade silver locket and the four enclosed brooches gives an indication that there had been valuables buried under the cabin floor at the time Benjamin Logan's KY militia arrived here, on October 6th, 1786, and burned this Wapatomica town to the ground. Had WB not located this locket, now, the upcoming corn cycle of fertilizing and discing this farm field very likely would have smashed or cut this fantastic object into a mangled mess. However, a documented Cruickshank spoon locket will be known to have been recovered here, forevermore. By the way, all of the recoveries we've been making during the past two years are staying together and are given by us to the property owners - Tom and Joan Godwin. We cannot thank them enough for allowing our investigations and my documentation activities to be conducted, so that materials like this can be known of and have their information



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11th century silver locket and contents found 4 inches under the field's surface

Brant Jones
Holy crap. What a find!!!!

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Wapatomica site farm extension County, Ohio

Roger Moore
WOW! What a find.

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Sharmane Riley McCoy
Amazing find!

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Mike Swisher
Wow that is an amazing find, and story also **congratulations** !!!

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Jon Dickinson
This is a dream signal!!! Tell your buddy congrats!!!!

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Bryan Darby
That's an awesome find!!! Congrats

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Bill Dancy
Wow - that is absolutely spectacular Greg!! Great job documenting it too.

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