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## The Fun of Finding Never Fades

There are few things in life that I can compare to that special thrill of making a great recovery with a metal detector. Whether it's a rare coin or an ancient artifact scooped from the earth, I'm as excited as a kid at Christmas time.

This summer I participated in an archaeological project on the San Jacinto battlegrounds, where in 1836 the Lone Star State secured her independence from Mexico during the Texas Revolution. We worked shoulder to shoulder with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department team in their ongoing effort to recover artifacts from this historic battle.

With my *GTI 2500*, I was able to pinpoint several important artifacts that were then recovered by the archaeologists and volunteer stewards with us. Each artifact is a record of history that will now be preserved for future generations to admire.

You can read more about this relic recovery mission in this issue of the *Garrett Searcher*, as well as stories of fantastic finds from many of our loyal customers. I'm always excited to hear about the wonderful coins, jewelry and relics that Garrett users discover.

The fun of finding treasure is a worldwide pastime now

that is continuing to gain momentum. My latest pocket-sized treasure hunting field guide, in fact, is an introduction to the European metal detecting experience. The ancient Roman, Celtic and medieval treasures that you can find in Europe are simply remarkable. I urge you to read this guide if you've ever contemplated taking a trip to Europe with your metal detector.

Our other new RAM Books title is *Last Stand of the Texas*

*Cherokees*. Steve Moore, who manages our marketing and advertising efforts, led a team of Garrett detectorists on a number of searches to pinpoint relics from the 1839 battlefield which once hosted the largest conflict between the legendary Texas Rangers and thirteen affiliated Indian tribes.

There are countless other sites of yesteryear just waiting to be explored with metal detectors. You can find your own historical hot spots with patience, perseverance, quality detecting equipment and good research.

Garrett's fall Pro Pack specials can help you gear up for success in the field with bonus-item savings built around either the *ACE 250*, *GTI 2500* or the invaluable Garrett *PRO-POINTER* pinpointer.

You simply can't go wrong with the right tools. Until next issue, I wish you continued success in your searches and I hope to see you in the field.



Charles Garrett shows his genuine enthusiasm as his recovery team excavates another musket ball at San Jacinto.

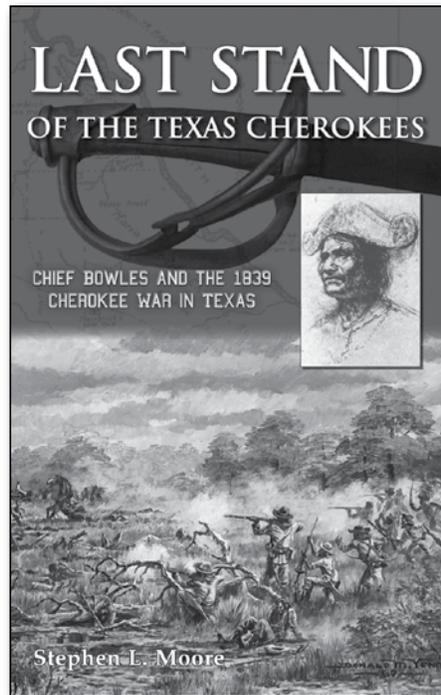
*Charles Garrett*

# New RAM Book on Cherokee Battleground

## Garrett Search Teams Donate Recovered Relics

A team of Garrett detectorists recently pinpointed the key areas of conflict of an 1839 East Texas battlefield. The battle of the Neches—the final fight of a short campaign known as the Cherokee War—was fought west of present-day Tyler 170 years ago. More than 1,600 Indians, Texas Rangers, Texas Army soldiers, and Texas Militia volunteers clashed for two days in this area of eastern Texas. The 1839 battle of the Neches was the largest sustained Indian battle in which the fabled Texas Rangers participated.

Author Stephen L. Moore, a Garrett employee, has written a new book that describes the last stand of the Texas Cherokees in 1839 under their 83-year-old leader, Chief Bowles. While *Last Stand* is primarily a moving history of this battle and a bitter land struggle between Native Americans with Texas and Mexico, it is also a story of how



See the *Searcher's* back cover for more details on this new RAM book!

modern metal detectors bring history to life.

Moore and several groups of Garrett detectorists made a number of expeditions over private property to try to pinpoint exactly where Chief Bowles and his thirteen affiliated Indian tribes made their last stand against Texan

forces. It describes how diligent research and use of early maps helped the team shift its focus to another area which proved to be productive.

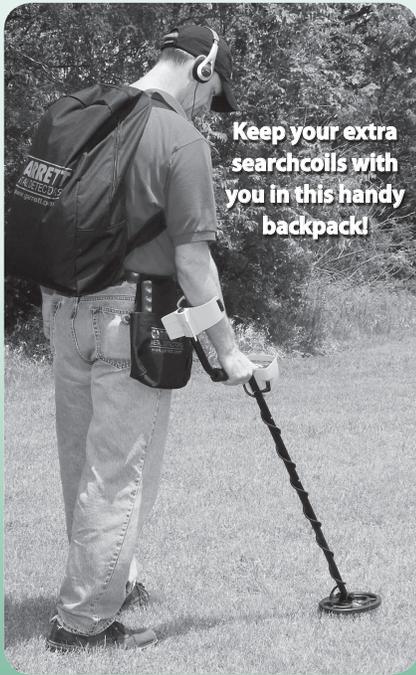
Members of the Dallas-area Lone Star Treasure Hunting Club joined in the searches. The Garrett team successfully recovered a large number of relics, including a Texan bullet-button from the 1830s, several buck and ball shot loads and dozens of rifle balls fired by both Texas Rangers and their Cherokee opponents.

The majority of these relics have been donated to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco and to the American Indian Cultural Society—the group which maintains the historical marker and battlegrounds where Chief Bowles was killed in battle. Several of the musket balls have been placed on special display in the Garrett Museum in Garland, Texas.



(Left) Rifle balls and relics recovered in 2009 with metal detectors, plus Indian artifacts plowed up by the land owners, from the 1839 Neches battleground in East Texas. (Right) Author Steve Moore presents an artifact case to Texas Rangers officers (left to right) Lieutenant George Turner, Captain Al Alexis and Captain Kirby Dendy in the Garrett Museum.

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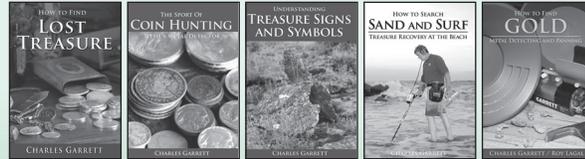
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Pennsylvania

## Daddy's Little Digger

William M. of Fairfield, PA, joined the metal detecting hobby six years ago and set about researching brands and prices. "I finally came to the conclusion that if Garrett was the choice for law enforcement and major airlines to use in the fight against terrorism, they must be pretty good," he wrote. "I went out and bought an ACE 250 and got started."

In short order, William had found his first Civil War bullet in a pasture where a field hospital had been near Gettysburg. Several years and two children



*Rachel M. now enjoys coin hunting with her father and keeping the coins!*

later, he had upgraded to a GTAx 750. Finding his relic hunting time more limited, he came to a conclusion, "Why

not combine 'daddy time' with some real 'daddy time?'

"When I presented my 4-year-old daughter Rachel with the idea of finding 'treasures,' she was all over it," William recalled. "On a recent trip to Delaware she found her first quarter, and when we got back home, I kept her going with some 'coin-sniping' at the local baseball field. Needless to say, my little 'digger' loves our new hobby and the pay-offs are worth more than the dollars and cents. She gets the money and I get the memories."

Michigan

### Oldies But Goodies Found by an ACE Youth

Austin C. of Michigan, a self-professed "detecting fanatic," enjoys taking his ACE 250 along on his family's summer trips while school is out of session. This past June, his family visited a town on the shore of Lake Huron, where he was able to search the property of a 1920s-era home.

"When we pulled into the driveway I immediately fired

up my ACE," Austin related. "I had heard that I should hit the area hard with Iron Mode on and high sensitivity to get maybe 2"-3" of extra depth. I ran to the grassy lot in between the torn-up road and the sidewalk. Immediately I got a real nice copper signal."

Using his pinpoint, Austin recovered a very dirty penny. "By rubbing the penny where the date was located, I uncovered a 1940 Wheat-back penny—my tenth this year. A couple feet away I got a real nice signal; I had never heard my ACE make that signal before."

As Austin retrieved this coin, "I looked at the edge with my mouth wide open. I was expecting a silver Roosevelt dime but it was even better yet. As I rubbed the dirt of the silver coin, the date was 1943.



*12-year-old Austin C. of Michigan was thrilled this summer to find his first silver Mercury dime (right) and these four Wheat pennies. They are dated 1937, 1946, 1944 and 1941.*

Low and behold, it was my first silver—a 1943 Mercury dime only down 3 inches. I ran over to my dad I told him about the extraordinary find!

"After showing my dad, I rechecked the hole and got another high-pitched signal." Expecting another Mercury dime, Austin was instead pleasantly surprised to pop out a 1937 Wheatie—"my oldest Wheat penny! I later found three more Wheat Pennies: a 1944, 1941, and a 1946 Wheat penny. Pretty good for a 12-year-old in his first year of detecting!"

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Missouri

## Detectorists Help Mend A Broken Heart



Dale W. and Paul S. teamed up to find a lost Gold ring and much more with their GTP 1350.



"A few weeks ago my friend and metal detecting companion, Dale W. of Poplar Bluff and I heard a heart wrenching story of a woman who had lost her engagement ring somewhere in her side yard here in Doniphan, Missouri. She was a local pastor's wife and was heartbroken to have lost her ring.

"A couple from their church volunteered to help search for the ring with their brand new, straight-out-of-the-box metal detector. So, off they went, instruction manual in hand, looking for her ring, but they had no luck recovering her lost treasure.

"Dale's and my schedules finally matched so we entered the hunt. Both Dale and I own Garrett GTP 1350 metal detectors and felt confident we

could find the ring where others had not been successful.

"The pastor was out of town and his wife was several towns away working. We contacted the associate pastor who gave us the go ahead to search the yard.

"We weren't hunting more than 15 minutes when Dale got a strong signal on his GTP 1350 for a penny target at 3 inches deep. "Oh, well, it's not gold, but I think I'll dig it anyway," he said. Out of the ground came an 1898 Indian Head penny. Dale had a smile from ear to ear, and was 'doin' the dance' (you always do a dance when you find something special). It was his first 1800s coin, and we were both as pleased as kids out of school.

"Several minutes later, and no more than three feet away from where he found the penny, his Garrett 1350 signaled on a gold target ...again. It was the ring we were looking for! This is what we live for in our metal detecting hobby.

"Once we felt that our ring recovery mission was completed, we just continued searching the remainder of the yard. We ended the afternoon with three wheat pennies, all dated in the teens, two Indian Head pennies (both from the late 1800s), and of course the diamond engagement ring, along with about two dollars in assorted clad coins.

"The next day, my grandson

and I dropped by the pastor's home. His wife had no idea we had found her ring. I introduced myself, told her how we had heard of her misfortune, and that we had been in her yard the day before searching for her ring. I said, "I believe I have something that belongs to you." Her confused look slowly turned to joy as she was reunited with one of her most precious gifts. Her smile made my day. She offered us a reward; as usual, we declined. We are not in this hobby for the monetary reward, but just for the pleasure of finding items lost in time.

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Scotland



Graham S. of Scotland has been hunting for three years with his ACE 250, which he considers to be a “great value machine.” He recently sent photos of two of his favorite coin recoveries. One is a Scottish King Charles I forty-pence silver coin (*above*) which was produced between 1637–1642. The other is a 1696 King William III silver shilling (*below*).



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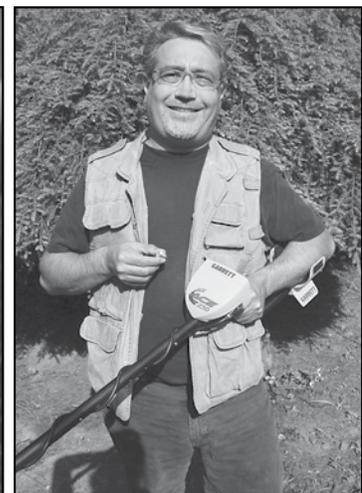
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England

“I bought a Garrett ACE 250 and wanted to send you some photographs of our first find with it,” wrote Tony L. of Lancashire, England. “Myself and my 6-year-old son David were searching in a farmer’s field. David was so excited when the distinctive double bell tone sounded and we found a George the 3rd penny dated 1806 (*right*). My wife and I now have a wish list from him for his birthday—only one thing on it—yes, you guessed, a metal detector!”



Oregon



**\$15,000 Ring is the Start of a “Lifelong Journey”**

“Just one week after buying my ACE 250, I was hunting a friend’s house which was built in 1908. I got a solid signal and a reading at 2 inches. As I pulled it out of the ground, I saw gold!

“I wiped off some of the mud and saw a large stone. I showed the house owner and she said she never knew anyone to lose a ring. We both thought it was fake and she said, ‘It’s your find. Keep it!’

“When I cleaned it off at home, I saw for the first time just how much ring there was! We headed down to a local jewelry store and they confirmed it as

being 14k gold and all of the 35 diamonds were real, including the 1.5k center stone. They estimate the total weight at 2.5kt and with the diamonds being very high quality, they estimated the value at \$15,000.

“The best part is, it fits my wife’s finger perfectly. I have read many stories of people finding rings and other valuable treasure, but I never thought I would be one of those people. This ring will be hard to beat, but thanks to my ACE 250, I’m on a lifelong treasure hunting journey.”

—David A., Portland, OR

Massachusetts

## Button Bonanza

"About three years ago Rob Fahey, a fellow bottle digger/metal detectorist discovered an old mill while searching for old bottles along a river bank," recalls David Thatcher. "While at a club meeting he relayed to me about this site he came upon where buttons of every size, shape, and color imaginable were literally popping out of the ground. The site on the other hand gave up few bottles and Rob lost interest."

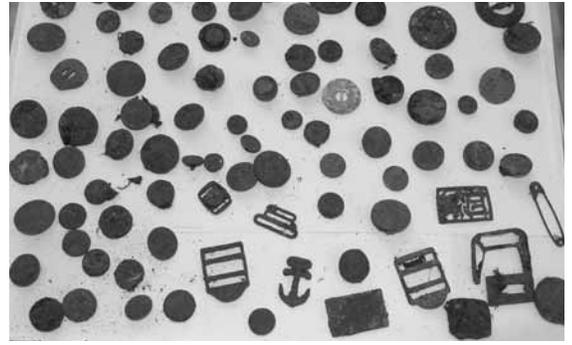
Dave, a member of the Silver City Treasure Seekers Club of Massachusetts, finally returned to the old mill site with other detectorists. "There are still



David Thatcher and his hunting partners have been detecting the site of an old button factory in Massachusetts. Dave (right) uses his GTI 2500 with a Super Sniper coil to find metallic targets and then sifts past the plastic buttons for metallic ones with his Garrett Pro-Pointer.

thousands of buttons at the site waiting to be recovered," he notes. This photo shows just some of the hundreds of buttons of all sizes and shapes that the trio found. Many are metal but they also find plenty of non-metallic buttons as they are digging.

"I used the GTI 2500 to locate



targets and then the Garrett Pro-Pointer to segregate the metallic buttons from the plastic and bakelite," wrote Dave. "The photo of the tray of brass and copper buttons, buckles and adornments attest to my success. There are also an assortment of military, police, fire buttons."

France

## French Rally Enjoyed By All



(Left) Detectorists head toward the field where the day's event is about to start. (Above) Men, women and kids competed for prizes. (Below) Rally organizer Gilles Cavaille, left, presents a Garrett Pro-Pointer to one of the winners.



Garrett's Henry Tellez (third from left) with French detectorists at the Toulouse rally.



More than 100 detectorists attended a rally on a private farm outside Toulouse, France in June. Gilles Cavaille, the organizer, offered metal detectors, Garrett Pro-Pointers, digging kits, shirts, hats, headphones and other prizes based on the various tokens that the searchers recovered. The rallyists also found many early relics and coins, including 28 bronze Napoleon-era coins, and a number of Louis XIII double tournois coins (minted from about 1610 to 1643). Henry Tellez and Steve Moore from Garrett, who attended this French rally, reported that it was enjoyed by all.

## Garrett Team Aids Archaeology Work

"Remember the Alamo!"

"Remember Goliad!"

These battle cries rang out on April 21, 1836, as General Sam Houston and a ragged bunch of 930 Texan soldiers accomplished the unthinkable. These rowdy rebels swarmed over the defensive breastworks of a superior Mexican Army campground and threw their opponents into chaos. Texan leaders were unable to control their men during the next two hours as they pursued and cut down the fleeing Mexican soldiers. Texas independence was thus sealed with this climactic finale to a bloody revolution.

Today the 1836 battlefields of San Jacinto are part of a State Historic Site which honors the heroes of both sides of the battle. The 1,000 acres managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is home to the towering 570-foot San Jacinto Monument. Completed in 1939, this cordova shell stone-faced structure tops the Washington

Monument by 15 feet and is the world's tallest war memorial.

Eleanor and Charles Garrett were pleased to lend their support recently to the ongoing archaeological efforts to recover and preserve important historic artifacts from the San Jacinto battlegrounds. "Texas history is obviously something I cherish deeply," said Eleanor Garrett, a former educator who has spent many years of her life serving on such ancestral organizations as the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and was commissioned by Governor Rick Perry as a "Yellow Rose of Texas."

The Garretts provided financial assistance, ground search detectors and Garrett *Pro-Pointer* pinpointer detectors to the Friends of San Jacinto Battleground to support the ongoing archeological work. In addition, Garrett detectorists volunteered in the State Historic Site with their machines to help archaeologists unearth important

battle artifacts. Working in June 2009 with Moore Archeological Consulting—the consulting firm assisting TPWD with research on the battle of San Jacinto—the Garrett volunteers searched gridded areas in the vicinity of General Santa Anna's Mexican campground.

"I feel honored to have taken part in such historic work," stated Charles Garrett. "In my books and videos, I have always advised hobbyists to follow a particular code of ethics when it comes to metal detecting. This was a wonderful opportunity for me to practice what I preach and work shoulder-to-shoulder with professional archaeologists and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department."

Mr. Garrett was joined in the field by Michael Strutt, Director of Cultural Resources for TPWD, Roger Moore and Douglas Mangum of Moore Archeological Consulting Inc., Gregg Dimmick



(Left) Michael Strutt of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department thanks Charles Garrett for his team's assistance. (Above) Gregg Dimmick (Lower Right) and others look on as a Texan cannister base is unearthed at San Jacinto.



Many early square nails and other iron artifacts that were recovered are likely the remnants of the Mexican Army's deteriorated breastworks.

(M.D.), and Jan Devault of the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground. The archeologists were assisted by volunteer archeological stewards trained in battlefield survey and excavation techniques. Dimmick coordinated the team of Garrett detectorists, who included: Steve Moore, Bob Podhrasky, Brian Head, Robert Jordan, Rusty Curry, Joe Hennig, Rick Anderson, Glenn Collins, Dave Totzke, Mike Skinner and Herman Denzler. Michael Strutt and Texas State Parks Director Walter Dabney allowed Vaughan Garrett and Brian McKenzie to utilize their video and photographic equipment to document the day's recoveries.

In preparation for this field work, the Texas Department of Transportation mowed several grids of the battlefield which enabled the detectors to work close to the ground surface. All the work at San Jacinto is conducted under a Texas Antiquities Permit for archaeological excavation. These were all in the vicinity of the Mexican breastworks where Santa Anna's Mexican Army had built their defensive position. The

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work was challenging, searching under the junk metal that had accumulated over years of park visitors picnicking: pop tops, shredded aluminum cans, modern coins, and various other "trash" targets.

Charles Garrett helped recover several Mexican musket balls and a buckle from a shot pouch. "I was using the *GTI 2500* in All Metal Mode when I detected the buckle," Garrett related. "It was a very weak signal due to the mineralized ground we faced this day. It was at 9-plus inches deep and it only made a *ssshhh* sound because it was approaching the maximum detection depth in this soil condition."

Robert Jordan and other searchers near the site of the Mexican breastworks recovered a number of square nails and other iron items. Archaeologist Douglas Mangum quickly explained that these pieces were historically significant because they were believed to be the remnants of the breastworks that had long since disintegrated over time. By lunch break, Douglas and Roger had already registered 62 items that had been recovered.

Other artifacts recovered this day included musket balls, a folding pocket knife believed to have been carried into combat by a Texan and a canister plate used by



(Above) A buckle from a Mexican soldier's shot pouch, found by Charles Garrett.

(Below) A flat button found near the breastworks.



(Above) Only three of these Texan canister bases have been found at San Jacinto.

the Texan artillerymen. This plate was thick—the size of the top half of a softball—and had four holes drilled through it. Such canisters or stands of grape, used by both the Texan and Mexican cannon, created a shotgun effect when fired. Only two other such canister plates have been recovered from the battleground, making this an important discovery.

In more than one instance, the Garrett *Pro-Pointers* enabled search teams to find an additional historic

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Note: Garrett metal detectors were used at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in Texas during controlled archaeological investigations and under the supervision of professional archaeologists. Recreational use of metal detectors is prohibited by law at all Texas State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas.



*Steve Moore retrieves a Mexican musket-ball at San Jacinto (left and above).*

object in the side wall of the hole after retrieving the one that we had pinpointed. "We were all pretty impressed with how much easier they made the work and how much more functional they were than the one we'd used before," remarked Douglas Mangum.

Six of the Garrett detectorists returned on Sunday to help survey an area where the Texan cavalry had skirmished with an advance force of Mexican cavalry, artillery and infantrymen. The two-day work on the 1836 battlefield was significant in recovering artifacts because the battlefield is scheduled to be replanted in native grasses present on the day of the battle. This effort will help restore San Jacinto's prairies to the conditions that existed on April 21, when Texans were able to take advantage of the cover and advance right on top of Santa Anna's camp before being discovered.

Michael Strutt praised the efforts of everyone involved as

he spoke with Charles Garrett on the battlefield. "Texas Parks and Wildlife really appreciates Garrett Metal Detectors donating a number of instruments to us and a lot of their employees' time," he said. "You are helping us determine a lot more archaeologically about what happened at San Jacinto. You're taking part in a scientific excavation we've been working on for almost six years now."

Prior to this June 2009 effort, Steve Moore from Garrett had joined Gregg Dimmick on a special project in May 2008 where several archaeology recovery teams helped field test some of the first Garrett *Pro-Pointers*. The group surveyed a specific historic area belonging to NRG Energy near the San Jacinto battleground, an area where many soldiers of the Mexican Army had fled following the chaos on April 21, 1836.

This "Mexican retreat" area was in heavy forest that required special land-clearing by machinery that literally mulched down the trees and undergrowth to create "zipper lanes" which zigged and zagged along the suspected line of retreat. Among the artifacts they recovered while field testing the *Pro-Pointers* were a piece of chain that would have held a Mexican officer's sword to his uniform; a

buckle from a shot pouch; and 44 Mexican .69 caliber musket balls.

All told, the survey work on the San Jacinto battlefields has recovered thousands of artifacts, including more than 600 pieces of shot, ranging from Texan and Mexican musket balls to grape shot and the three canister plates. The recovered artifacts will be cleaned and conserved by expert teams at Moore Archeological Consulting. Certain items in need of specific conservation will be passed on to Texas A&M University for special attention.

Some of the San Jacinto artifacts previously conserved are on display in the Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville. Many other Texas Revolution artifacts unearthed by Gregg Dimmick's teams during their tracking of the Mexican Army's retreat after San Jacinto can be seen at the Alamo in San Antonio, at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin or in the Fort Bend Historical Museum in Richmond.

The location of each recovered artifact or cluster of artifacts becomes extremely meaningful when the archaeologists compile their data. "We can also look at the artifacts in relation to a 1930 aerial photo as well as against a picture taken in 2009," Roger Moore detailed. "We can easily add Garrett's 2009 artifact locations to those of the materials previously found in the breastworks area over five years ago."

"I was able to recover a musket ball from the San Jacinto battlefield and even got to hunt with none other than Charles Garrett himself," related detectorist Rusty Curry. "Those things do not happen just every day in my life. Being a native Texan only amplifies my gratitude and pride."

# ACE Success Stories!

## Coins, Gold and Relics

Nevada



### Michael's Park Hunts

"The other day, I did a 6-hour park hunt with my ACE 250 and the Garrett Pro-Pointer. I now have a personal best of 206 coins in one day. Thanks, Garrett!"

—Michael W., Henderson, NV



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Illinois



### Over A Thousand Coins

Since I got my ACE 250, I have found thousands of coins, as well as some jewelry and some nice relics, though the machine is simply a coin magnet!" says Joe C. of Harwood Heights, IL. He sent this photo of the coins he has found in two and a half years with his ACE. "I have more than tripled my investment in clad alone," he wrote. "Thanks to Garrett for providing some truly great detectors."

Australia

### Backyards Treasure

Colin C. of Victoria, Australia, is impressed with his ACE 250 so far. "I tested it in my back yard and found a 1921 half penny; not bad for the first go," he recalled. His sister and brother-in-law had just moved back to Australia from Texas, so



Colin took his ACE 250 over to their home to show them how it worked.

"The first thing I found was an 1867 buckle and two tokens which were invented back in the 1800s when they were short on money. I also found an 1866 penny, 1864 halfpenny, an old silver spoon, a double-headed snake buckle, and a small wheel off a kid's toy. Then



came the find of the day—a half sovereign 22kt gold coin dated 1855 in near mint condition. Now, that's what I call a good day of detecting."



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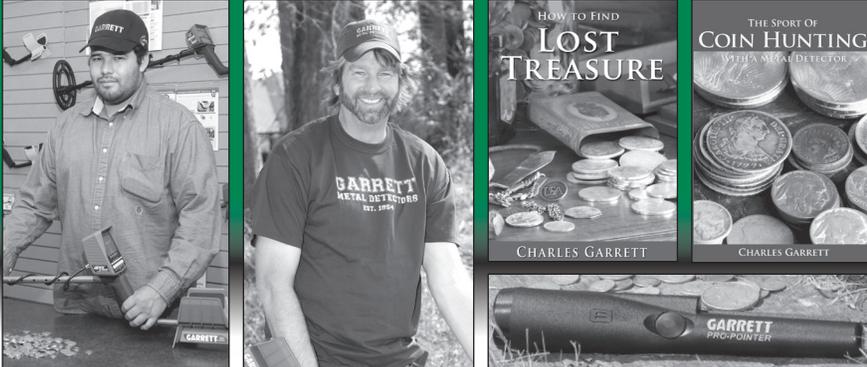
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Garrett users have told us many times over the years how they enjoy reading the Garrett Searcher newsletters. They say that they particularly enjoy seeing what fellow treasure hunters have unearthed with their Garrett metal detectors.

We at Garrett equally enjoy the stories and photos that our users submit. Unfortunately, we simply don't have room to run them all but we would like to at least acknowledge everyone who submits.

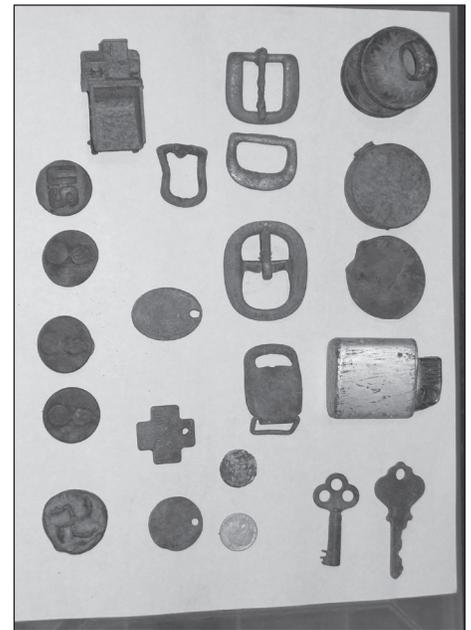
### Something For Everyone

With that goal in mind, Garrett now acknowledges *each and every* treasure story submission with some item of appreciation. Obviously, your return address will need to be included if you would like us to mail a thank you item. This might include, but is not limited to, a Garrett shirt, cap, commemorative pin or a Charles Garrett treasure hunting book.

Texas

## Hometown History: Recovered Relics

Dustin W. returned to his hometown of Fate, Texas, a small town where he hunted near the site of an old cotton gin. Using a GTI 2500 and a *Treasure Ace 300*, Dustin found some early belt buckles, coins, keys, and a lead coin with a swastika.



## How Do I Submit a Story?

This newsletter is all about sharing the joy of metal detecting and informing Garrett fans of products, news and happenings. To have a chance to share with us, and the world, your treasure discoveries there are two ways to submit your favorite Garrett success stories:

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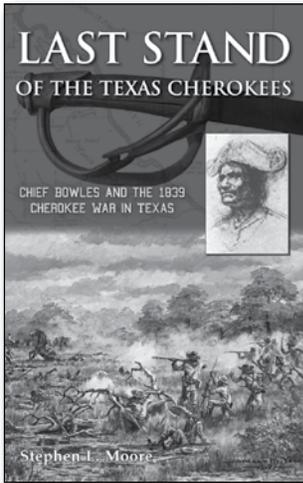
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**Thanks in advance for sharing your success stories with other Garrett fans!**

# Last Stand Word Search

Put your sleuthing skills to the test by locating the hidden words from RAM Books' latest release, *Last Stand of the Texas Cherokees*. (Solution on page 16.)

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| Arrowhead      | Museum       |
| Battle Creek   | Musket Ball  |
| Buckshot       | Neches River |
| Caddo          | Pro Pointer  |
| Cherokee       | Rangers      |
| Chief Bowles   | Relics       |
| Choctaw        | Rifles       |
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| Horse          | Shawnee      |
| Metal Detector | Sword        |
| Mexico         | Texas        |
| Militia        | Village      |



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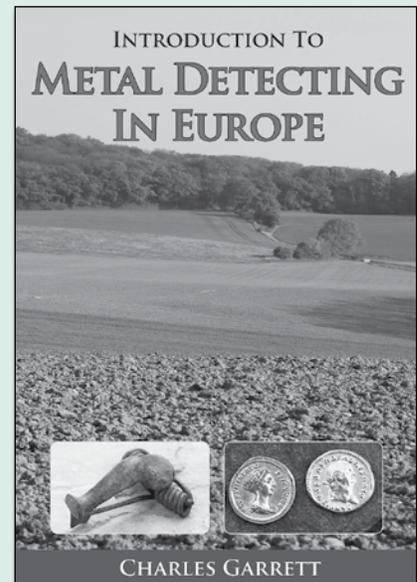
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Texas  
**“Even In Your Own Front Yard”**

“I began looking for coins with your GTI 2500 back in September 2008 and read *The New Successful Coin Hunting* by Mr. Garrett as well as the small booklets that accompanied my 2500. In all of the books Mr. Garrett says coins can be found in your own home site. I never gave it much thought when I read that until I visited my sister in Midland, Texas.

“While I was there I visited several parks and schools resulting in a lot of coins but my sister kept telling me to check her front yard. For the next hour I worked an area in front of her door to the driveway. I found a total of 47 coins including a 1941 Mercury dime and six wheat pennies.

“I showed my wife and sister what I had found and they were just as amazed as me. My next search will be in my own yard. I ended the year 2008 with 747 coins including 8 rings.”  
 —Mike I., Carrollton, TX



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Texas  
**Camp Kids Enjoy Day with ACEs**



(Left) A young boy with leg braces pinpoints his target while his more agile partner digs for the coin. (Right) A blind girl sweeps her searchcoil and listens for her hidden target.

Keith Wills of East Texas Metal Detectors contributed a number of photos and stories from the latest Texas Lions Camp Hunt held in Kerrville. Mentors and metal detector volunteers turned out to make the day enjoyable for a group of children who suffer from various disabilities. One dozen ACE 250s, donated by the Texas

Council of Treasure Clubs, were available for the kids to hunt for planted coins and tokens.

The finders of the marked tokens were able to trade them in for special prizes. Counselors were trained in the proper use of metal detectors so that they can continue to teach such special needs children how to enjoy treasure hunting.



Bryce R. of Poolville, Texas, received an ACE 150 for his

birthday on Aug. 8, 2009. “I found several things in my yard,” he said. “But nothing compares to the buckle that I found on my first hunt on a vacant lot.” Bryce found this shiny Texas Centennial Expo buckle about 6 inches deep while hunting with a friend.



Indiana

Travis W. of Bedford, IN, shared a photo of some of his ACE 250 recoveries. Seen are an 1848 large cent, a Buffalo nickel, an Indian Head bronze cent, a Mercury dime and a 1963 silver dime. In his first year with his ACE, Travis has also found 32 silver and gold rings and 79 silver coins.

### A New ACE 250 Fan

"I'm a grandmother, age 65, and I was looking for a new hobby," admits Janice A. "Since my husband died I sometimes have time on my hands. My son has been metal detecting for a long time but I never had the time or inclination to try it.

"I went with him to a local park one morning and after he



*Janice A. found coins and relics on her first time out with the ACE 250.*

"I joined the Garrett forum and the nice folks there just made me feel

right at home. I hope to continue with detecting as long as health and knees hold up; just wish I'd started sooner."

found clad coins and a Minie ball, I was just hooked on MD'ing and bought my ACE 250.

New York

### New ACE 250 Fan

"I just purchased an ACE 250. Prior to ordering it, I took a good month looking everywhere online and off, for a better detector for the same price and could not find one. I looked for one with the same features; still nothing. The features contained within it are 'Top-Notch.' A lot of the goodies from the higher end detectors have found their

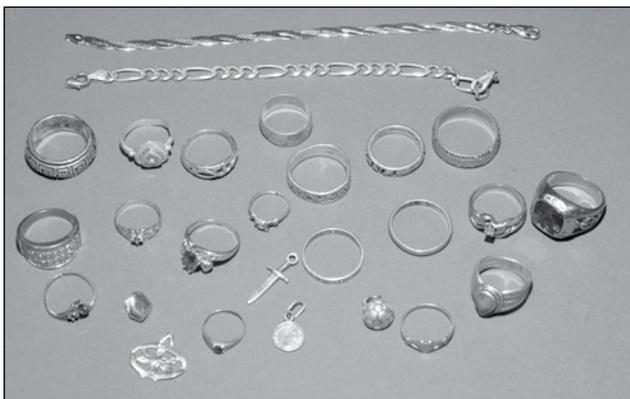
way into the ACE 250.

"As soon as I got it out of the box I noticed one particular thing...it was light as a feather! And durable too! The entire layout of the model is ahead of its time. The user-friendly interface combined with the variety of user options is convenient, quick, and clearly understandable. I couldn't be happier. The history of the company alone is impressive, and reassuring.

"If the ACE 250 is the way of the future, then I'm in for the long haul. I think that what you've done with the ACE series shows the true intentions of your company's dedication to the future preservation of the hobby by being up to date with functionality, style and above all consumer needs. To me, Garrett means quality, and that is exactly what I'll be counting on. Congratulations on this little gem." —Greg T. Lockport, NY

Texas

### ACE 250 Hunter Stops by Garrett



Gary B. of Crandall, Texas, stopped by Garrett's offices and showed some of the many 8k and 10k gold rings he has found with his ACE 250 this year alone. He has learned that many such lesser-grade gold items

often show on his target ID scale under the nickel or tin foil icons. Gary's no slouch on coin shooting either. His log shows \$590 in coins located in just the first five months of 2009.

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Tennessee

## Civil War Shell Recovery Made by Following a "Feeling"

"Have you ever had a 'feeling' about a place?"

"Between two east Tennessee towns we had been researching Civil War battles and skirmishes back and forth," relates Kevin of Knoxville, TN. He, and his hunting buddy Danny, had passed by one particular field for two years. Kevin had felt for some time that a good Civil War relic was just waiting to be found there.

The land contained acres of soybeans cut to the ground for winter. The field was near a large hill and a close water source. "We stopped in at the owners' house and luckily found them home," he wrote. "They told us of other hunters and about the minnie balls they had found in the flat field by the road. For ease of first check on the site, I didn't grab my Master Hunter 7 with a 12-inch coil (my favorite for hunting Civil War) but opted to try the field



Kevin from Knoxville, TN, proudly holds an 8-lb. Confederate Burton shell found with his Garrett Freedom Two Plus.

first using a Garrett Freedom Two Plus to see how clean the field was."

After 20 minutes of hunting, Kevin had found railroad spikes and horseshoes before getting a "great signal over the top of the hill." He began digging a foot deep to reach what at first looked to be the top on an old mason jar. After some careful digging, he probed the sides of this object. "The sound was sweet," he recalled. "Not glass."

Hollering for his friend Danny to join him, Kevin continued to gingerly excavate around the shell until he could

pry it loose and realize what it was.

"The look on our faces had to be precious! Yeehaas! filled the valley and doing a jig in a soybean field on top of that hill had to make passersby on the road wonder what kind of crazies were loose in the fields in the winter around here! Oh, well...it's not the first time and I'm sure it won't be the last.

"My cell phone photos prove that when you have that 'feeling' you need to follow it! This eight pound Confederate Burton shell is proof."

Massachusetts



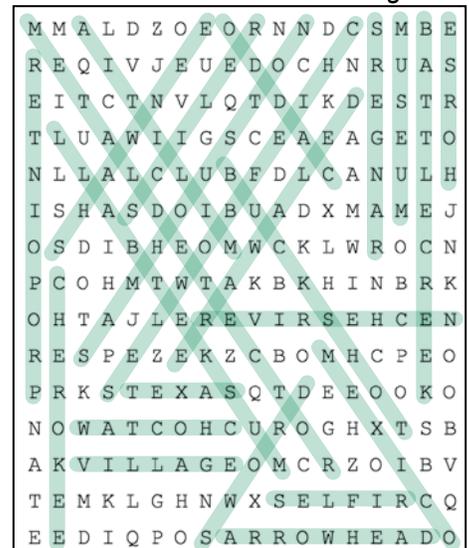
Christopher A. was thrilled to find this 1819 half cent during his first-ever hunt with an ACE 250. He found it about four inches deep in the yard of a 1797 farmhouse he was renting in Chesterfield, Massachusetts.

France



Frédéric C. of France uses his Garrett ACE 150 to hunt the plowed fields in his area. He has recently discovered old Saxon plate buckles from the Mérovingienne period and this half faustine coin.

Puzzle Solution From Pg 13



Texas

## “Don’t Sell the ACE 150 Short”

“The ACE 250 is one of the most popular units in Garrett’s line of detectors, but I wonder if its popularity is not overshadowing its baby brother, the ACE 150. Most metal detector customers expect every brand to have at least one model at a low cost. These are the ones they choose for as a starter unit for their children and seldom consider for themselves. That’s okay because kids need a simple, lightweight detector to begin with and the ACE 150 certainly meets those requirements.

“However, don’t sell the 150 short. It is much more than a starter unit. It has all the necessary basic features. It is equipped with two ranges of preset discrimination, target ID, adjustable sensitivity control, a depth indicator and the same searchcoil as the ACE 250. That is a lot of metal detector for a low price.

“As a Garrett dealer, I put every metal detector through a rigorous field test. I look for the toughest spot I can find to see if any particular metal detector will do its job. In the case of the ACE 150 it was a vacant lot which formerly held an old house with a large amount of refuse behind it. I saw when the owner took a tractor and disc and chopped up the overgrown weeds and remaining debris into small bits. It looked as if no metal detector would handle those conditions effectively. Once plowed, the owner planted grass and within

two years, it looked like it had always been a vacant lot. When I decided to test the ACE 150, I got the owner’s permission and began to search.

“I really didn’t expect much out of this detector, but the little guy surprised me. It handled the chopped up metal very well. Discrimination was right on. If the ID meter did not give a good lock, the target was trash. I did find less falsing when I cut the Sensitivity down. I also learned that the one way to increase its response over the trashy soil was to work with a shorter and slower swing, thus giving the circuitry more time to respond to the various targets.

“I found a few coins, a token and a sterling silver spoon. I dug a lot of iron; not that I thought they were coins, but because I wanted to see what was down there. That was great for me. I was satisfied but I put it into my wife’s hands. She used to metal detect a lot, but as we grow older, she kind of drifted away from it. When I first showed the 150 to her, she fell in love with it. It was the perfect weight for her, and it was simple enough that within five minutes, I didn’t have to tell her anything.

“Time for Test 3. I let a true beginner use the unit. I almost didn’t get it back from him. He was able to begin hunting immediately and to begin finding immediately.

“The ACE 150 is such a fine detector that it needs more recognition. This is more than



*Jerry Eckhart says the Garrett ACE 150 metal detector—after passing his recent field tests—“needs more recognition.”*

just a kid’s metal detector. It will work well for a backup unit if you cannot part with your tried and true. It is also an excellent investment for the person that has only a small amount to invest for his initial metal detector. He or she will not feel cheated. It is worth more than what you will pay for it.

“If you are in the market for a lighter weight, low cost but highly efficient metal detector, consider adding the Garrett ACE 150 to your treasure hunting equipment.”  
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Massachusetts

## GTI 1500 Coin-Shooter Pleased With His Choice

“Thirty-six years ago, I started in metal detecting or coin-shooting, as it is commonly called. My first metal detector could not detect much more than a bottle cap on the ground’s surface, but the bug had bitten and I was hooked.

“The next two years proved interesting as I tried new metal detectors. It was then that I decided to do some research, which brought me to make a list of priority for a truly good metal detector:

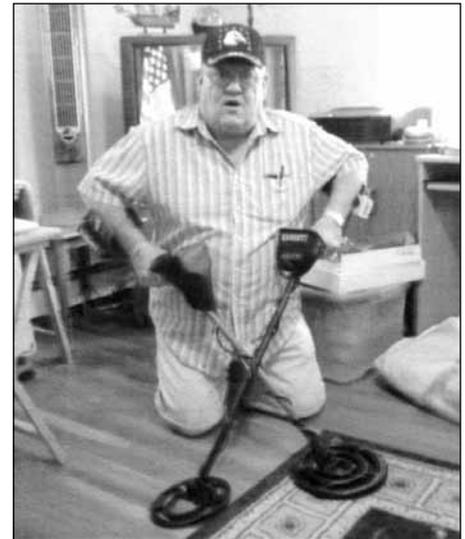
1. Ease of operation.
2. Adjustable capabilities.
3. Adjustable discrimination.
4. Adjustable depth.
5. Durability.
6. One that did not create condensation in the control box.
7. A company and support staff that truly stood by their machines and customers.

“I made dozens of phone calls to check on companies, brands, models, features, hype and truth. Some of these companies, I feel, took advantage of people by selling them equipment that was inferior—useless, just a lot of hype—at prices that were too good to pass up.

“Fortunately, most detector companies today produce fine machines and most have a very good customer service staff.

“There can only be one number one. Garrett detectors are my choice, for the reasons that I mentioned earlier. There is no hype, just the pure fact they work and work extremely well.

“When you have the best, there’s no need to try the rest. The same



(Above) Larry K. with his GTI 1500 and ACE 250 detectors.

stands for their customer service staff. I’ve had my GTI 1500 for about three and a half months now. So far, I have found five Indian Head pennies, a Liberty seated half dime, a Liberty seated dime, two large cents, many Wheaties, an 1838 half dollar, several Walking Liberty halves, three Barber dimes, eight Mercury dimes, etc.

“For only 8–9 hours a week for three and a half months, that is not too bad in places that have already been searched.” —Larry K., Lynn, MA



(Above) An 1858 silver half dollar and an 1889 Morgan silver dollar. (Below) Some of Larry’s favorite silver finds, including Walking Liberty half dollars, Barber and Mercury dimes and an 1863 large cent.



New York



### 25,000 and Counting

This dime may not be the most impressive recovery to some people, but for Chris W.

of Saugerties, NY, it marked his 25,000th coin found with Garrett detectors—in just two years and 27 days!

Starting with an ACE 250, Chris was quickly able to sell enough recovered gold rings and roll enough coins to step up to a GTI 2500 metal detector. “It took me about two weeks to get familiar with the differences

between the two machines and now I use my ‘Green Machine’ exclusively,” he says.

His first 25,000 coins break down as: one gold coin, 25 dollar coins, 22 half dollars, 6,534 quarters, 7,580 dimes, 2,564 nickels and 8,274 pennies. Chris promises to report in when he hits 50,000!

Washington

## Lost and Found

"I didn't think that this could ever be possible..but it did happen," reports Joel R. of Tacoma, WA.

Joel had just received his new ACE 250 and was trying to decide upon a good hunting location. He decided to search the site of an old house where he and his childhood friend had once played at the age of 6.

"We used anything we could to build roads and forts for our toy soldiers. I thought I remembered that we used coins of various sizes that day, the last day I ever saw my friend, for he passed away that afternoon from a heart attack. I didn't



remember if the coins were ever returned because I was sent home in a rush as they put their son into a car and sped away."

Fifty years later, Joel watched his ACE 250 DVD and then went back to the site of his friend's home. It had been recently torn down. "I thought back to the day we were playing in the flower bed and remembered

*Fifty years after the death of his childhood friend, Joel R. returned to the area where they had been playing with his ACE 250. He recovered the Wheat pennies, Mercury dimes and a Morgan dollar they had been playing with when his friend died that day. The modern dime was also found on the property.*

about where it was located," he related. Within minutes, Joel had found "an 1880 Morgan dollar, 6 Mercury dimes and 7 or 8 Wheat Back pennies just a few inches under the soil in the same flower bed. I couldn't believe my eyes! Coins that my friend and I used to play with over 50 years ago!

"Mixed emotions filled my heart that day...but without my Garrett ACE 250 those coins would have been lost forever."

Florida

## Garrett Metal Detectors Help Save Wildlife



*Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary rescuer Liz Vreeland uses a Garrett SuperScanner to find hooks and lures. Melissa Simoneau holds an Eastern Brown Pelican. Four hooks were found and removed.*

"Garrett Electronics is best known as the leader of innovative security electronics for over 45 years, but to wildlife rescuers, they are known as godsend," writes Michelle Glean Simoneau of Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary in Florida. Suncoast is the largest wild bird hospital and sanctuary in the United States.

Rescuing up to 10,000 birds each year, the Sanctuary's hospital staff and outside rescuers use Garrett *SuperScanners* to locate items that can injure or kill the birds. Most of the items they pinpoint are fishing hooks and lures that are attached to or ingested by the birds.

The object is then removed, the bird is scanned again to make sure no additional pieces remain, and the injury site is treated if necessary. Sometimes the bird has to be taken to the Sanctuary hospital for further treatment, but most of the time it can be released back to its natural habitat immediately.

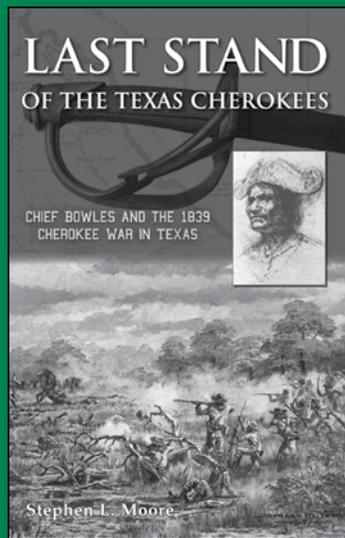
"Garrett Electronics works with the Sanctuary to make sure it has the correct equipment and is active in supporting the Sanctuary with its mission to rescue injured birds," said Simoneau.



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