



# Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association (NVRHA)



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## Last Meeting

Last month's speaker, Dan Clendaniel, gave a rich, and in-depth talk on the 85<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania. The content of letters written by Dan's great grandfather, and his great grand uncle both of whom served in company D contributed to create a palpable connection for the club members to the men of this southwestern PA unit. Thank you Dan for all the research that went into this great presentation for the NVRHA club members.

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday, April 1st**

**Meeting Place:** National Rifle Association, Fairfax, VA

Club member Roland Frodigh will be presenting on the repair and restoration of excavated relics. Roland has been repairing and restoring dug relics since he began metal detecting in 1972. Emphasis will be on how to identify repaired or "doctored" relics, what indicators to look for online and at the shows. Guidelines on when to have relics repaired will be discussed with many examples. As always, club participation and comment will be part of the talk. Come to the meeting prepared to offer your opinions on what it means to "restore" an excavated relic and when it should or should not be considered.

**During April's meeting the relics of the following member's will be photographed:**

Gleb Taran  
Mike Singer  
Dean Arbogast  
Denny Chafin

**IMPORTANT:** Those of you who haven't submitted your survey sheets, we need your help. We need people to bring in relics to be photographed at future meetings. We are running low on completed survey sheets. If you are interested in having your relics photographed for inclusion in the club's relic book, please email me for more information

[@gspring53@comcast.net.](mailto:gspring53@comcast.net)

**Also, we understand that everyone would like to view these great artifacts but please do not interrupt the sessions and certainly DO NOT photograph the artifacts.** It is very important to the success of this project that we obtain the most out of every session. If you have been specifically cleared by the photographic team and the owner of the collection being documented you may be present, otherwise do not enter. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Announcements

- It's time to pay your **2014 dues**, \$30 for single and \$35 for family.
- **NVRHA 42 Annual Civil War Show** April 11th and 12, 2014 at the Fredericksburg Expo Center. Come join us and bring your family. Admission is only \$6 and it's good for both days. Help support your club! A sampling of the photos taken for our relic book project will be on view.
- **Tidewater Coin and Relic Club 27th Open Hunt-** On April 26, 2014 Virginia Beach, VA the club will hold it's hunt on the beach. For additional information- [www.tc-rc.com](http://www.tc-rc.com)
- **Food banks/Pantries-** NVRHA is collecting non-perishable goods at each monthly meeting. So far we have collected over 80 items. Lets all try to help those in our communities that need some support.

# Recent Finds



*Steve Clemments*



*Tim Landis*



*Roland Frodigh*



*Frank Davido*



*Ben Harlow*



*Tony Watters*

To view more of the latest NVRHA member finds visit:  
<http://www.nvrha.com/latestfinds.htm>

# NVRHA Club Relic Book

To NVRHA Club Members,

NVRHA is embarking on a new and exciting project! We are going to publish a hardcover mostly color book of artifacts dug over the years by past and present club members. This book will document and preserve in time artifacts dug by members. It will certainly become a reference source, it will provide educational information to the public, and it will hopefully excite our children in knowing and learning more about the American Civil War, and thus become a major accomplishment by NVRHA.

Weeks ago NVRHA formed a committee to begin work on this project. We recognize this is a tremendous endeavor! We have already begun consulting with club members that have authored books and publications as well as others outside NVRHA. But we most certainly need your help and cooperation. Club members have unearthed and saved many thousands of Civil War artifacts from destruction. It is from this incredible pool of artifacts that we want to draw and incorporate items into this club book. We are going to attempt to contact all past and current club members asking for their support. This alone will be a time consuming task. Below you will find the information we are requesting from those members that want to be contributors plus some book decisions tentatively made by the committee. This will be a work in progress and evolve and be refined as we proceed. We are optimistically thinking this club book will be published in two years.

## **Decisions Made By the Club Book Committee:**

There will be a section devoted to the formation and history of the club. Any member that provides their artifacts for inclusion in the book will be offered an opportunity to purchase the publication at \$1.00 over club cost. Members' names will not be listed or associated with any specific artifact. However, members' names will be listed as contributors unless they choose to remain anonymous. Only artifacts found in the U.S. and dating from the Colonial Period up to and including The American Civil War will be included.

## **Requirements for Inclusion:**

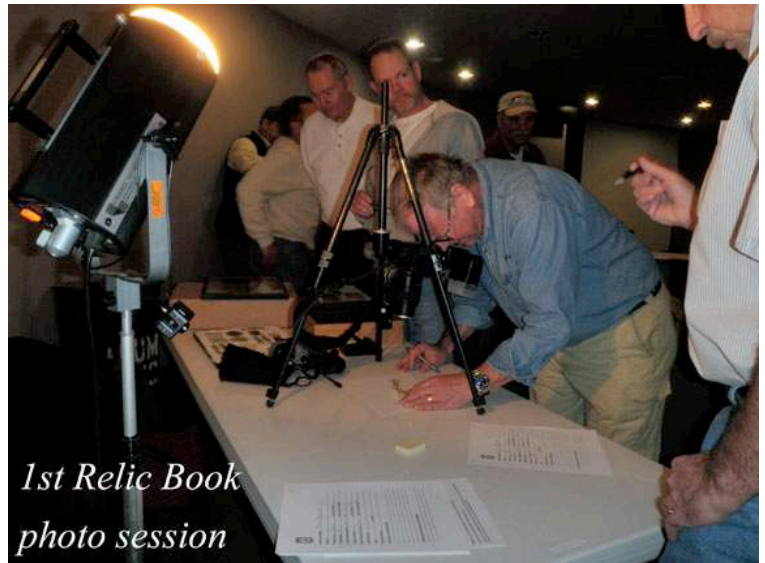
1. Artifacts must be dug/found by club member (past/present)
2. Submit your favorite artifacts
3. No purchased artifact will be accepted
4. Artifacts dug anywhere in the United States can be submitted
5. Please include any information you may have about the item and its use
6. You are encouraged to give the general location where the artifact was dug, i.e., Fairfax, VA, Northern VA, Romney, W VA, etc.), but that information is optional.

Please understand that some artifacts submitted and photographed may not be chosen for the book. Once we have reviewed the survey sheet information, we will contact members with further information on proposed locations and dates for photographing their artifacts.

## **Instructions:**

Please print out the Artifact Survey Form on the following page (or from here: <http://www.nvrha.com/rss.htm>) and fill it out, then send it to us by any of the following methods:

- 1) Scan it, and save it to your documents, then attach the form to an email and send to [clubbook@nvrha.com](mailto:clubbook@nvrha.com)
- 2) Mail it to: NVRHA Club Book, PO Box 418, Clifton, Va. 20124
- 3) Return it at the next monthly meeting.





# ARTIFACT SURVEY SHEET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME OR CELL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PHOTO SHOOT \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION OF PHOTO \_\_\_\_\_

SHOOT \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The Date, Location, and Book Photo ID No. will be filled out at your Photo Shoot

If you know of any member or members, past or present that may be willing to have Relics photographed, please list their name below with any contact info you may have.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ -

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ -

## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for artifacts that fit the following categories: Accoutrement Plates, Artillery, Bullets, Buttons, Camp Items, Civilian Items, Coins, Edged Weapons, Firearms, Glass, Horse Tack, ID'd Items, Insignia, and Miscellaneous, from the U.S. Colonial period through the Civil War. Your favorite and unique items are needed, however if you have an artifact that is very nice, and commonly found in one of these categories, please submit it also. We need to include common examples of dug artifacts in all categories in this book.

On the following pages please list up to 15 of your artifacts that you would like to have photographed for the book. Please give us as much information as possible, including the location, camp, or general location where it was dug, (this information is optional) the approximate year, and any interesting or pertinent info you think we could use. If you have researched the item, and can give us the name of a reference book and page number where we can find a similar item this would be very helpful. If you have more than 15 items that you think might qualify for inclusion, please list them on the last page. If you fill this form out by hand please print or write legibly.

Thank you for your participation!

Artifact

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

Location Dug \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Artifact

Info \_\_\_\_\_

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BOOK PHOTO ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Artifact #2

Location Dug \_\_\_\_\_

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Artifact

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For additional survey forms visit: <http://www.nvrha.com/rss.htm>