

The Big Dig of 2012

By Bill Baab

(The adventure started in March of 2011 and continues for five bottle and pottery collectors who live in and around Augusta, Georgia)

The New Year's Day dig started out with a bang, settled down and ended with another explosion of a sort.

Three of the five diggers dug on the last day of 2011, but results were less than thrilling. A straight-sided clear Pepsi-Cola from Macon, Ga., and an Edenfield Bottling Works crown top from Millen, Ga., were the outstanding finds.

Jerry Newton was back at the helm of the backhoe on a day when we almost started singing "The Backhoe Blues." The machine we used on Dec. 31 suffered a flat tire toward the dig's end and Jerry wasn't able to find a tool that fit the huge lug nuts on the wheel. So there was a slight delay until Jerry could get back to his job site and pick up the larger John Deere backhoe, but everything worked out.

Jugs started popping to the surface during the dig's first hour, including a round-shouldered, alkaline-glazed example with a double-collared top. The handle was missing, but the piece will be restored.

Ben Garriss was poking around in the burned layer about eight inches below the surface when he unearthed an intact ceramic spittoon. The piece was the second one dug and was attributed to the Bennington, Vermont pottery or the Rockingham pottery. It was made in a tortoise shell glaze (looks like a box turtle's shell). Some local experts felt the piece may have been manufactured at the South Carolina Pottery Co., which had hired some turners from the Vermont pottery.

The dump's depth ranges from 10 to 20 feet deep, yet some of the prizes are just inches from the surface. Go figure. That was nice, but the best was yet to come.

Mark White, a friend of Bob Riddick's, was poking around in the wall of the hole when he uncovered a decorated pot. Before he could pull it out, he was rudely shoved to one side by Pat Oliver, who recognized it for what it is – a kaolin slip-decorated, Collin Rhodes clabber bowl from the Edgefield District of South Carolina, circa 1850s! Excitement doesn't describe the pandemonium that followed the discovery.

Also dug was a broken River Swamp Chill & Fever Cure (embossed alligator) that can be described as "a gluer." Two broken Frog Pond Chill & Fever Cures also emerged. Riddick had an exhibit titled "Heartbreak Hotel" at our Horse Creek Bottle Club's show in Aiken, S.C., last April featuring broken glass gems, including the two Frog Ponds.

Other bottles that emerged included one embossed Turpin Hill Dairy. That's a section of Augusta. It was chipped and cracked, but we kept it because it's one of a kind. I'm supposed



Author's glad he has hands big enough to carry four stacker jugs at once. (Photos by Bea Baab)



The Stencil says it all for this jug, probably discarded by local drug store.

to be the authority on local milks, but I had never heard of this one. Research indicated the dairy was in business in 1896-97 under the ownership of William R. Walton. For reasons unknown, Walton moved the dairy from Old Savannah Road in Richmond County to Broad Street and East Boundary in 1898 where it was known as Walton's Dairy.

Two more Camilla Ice and Cold Storage Bottlers crown tops from the southwest Georgia community, a damaged Williamston (S.C.) Carbonating Co., Hutchinson, a damaged straight-sided Coke from Sumter, S.C., a Thomson, Ga. Bottling Co., crown top and a Coca-Cola soda water from Lawton, Okla., were among the better finds.

A tall quart Lowenstein's Old Harvest Corn Whiskey from Cincinnati was the day's lone whiskey keeper. A porcelain pipe with a floral decoration on the bowl was joined by an Arnold Ink from London and the head of a Napoleon figurine (post Waterloo!).

Jan. 15, 2012: Just when we were thinking the dig couldn't get any better, it did.

Pat Oliver has turned into a "pottery magnet." He pulled out the kaolin slip-decorated clabber bowl two weeks ago and this time he tripped over another bowl protruding from the ground a scant foot or so below the surface. It emerged in near mint condition and down near the bottom was an inverted mark like a horseshoe. Horse Creek Bottle Club member Tony Riley, of Belvedere, S.C., and a pottery expert, said the bowl was made in the Edgefield (S.C.) District by the Rev. John Landrum. "That horseshoe is one of his earliest marks," he said.. Landrum died in the late 1840s.

Why is the mid 19th century stuff showing up in a late 19th century landfill? Theory is the original owners did not discard the pots until the 1880s-1890s-early 1900s, for one reason or another.

Among bottle finds were a small size amber Barry's Malarial Antidote and a Frog Pond Chill & Fever Cure, both from Augusta. An amber straight-sided Nashville, Tenn., Coke emerged with nine aqua Augusta straight-siders. A Clinton Bottling Works (Augusta) embossed in a tombstone (scarce) joined a number of other Augusta sodas (E. Sheehan Hutchinson and crown tops), Chero-Cola (including one with old-style script), Aqua Distilling & Bottling Co. (Augusta), and four from the Dixie Carbonating Co., also Augusta

A monogrammed pint S.C. Dispensary flask, six local drug store bottles including a scarce Willett Drug Store, three Augusta Brewing Company aqua Hutches, a Georgia-Carolina Dairy Products Co., pint milk from Augusta (circa 1917), a cobalt Bee Brand (McCormick Co.) poison from Baltimore, pint and quart clear Stafford inks with pour spouts, some Jno. Wyeth & Bro. dose bottles (one with intact top) and a fragile porcelain nest egg were among the finds.

Mark White discovered a "nest" of Bennington marbles, the cloth bag in which they had reposed having disintegrated long ago.

Jan. 22, 2012: Twenty straight-sided Augusta Cokes and four amber Nashville, Tenn., straight-siders emerged from the



Mike Newman finally pulled out Hahn from the bank.



Bob Riddick unearths storage jar. It likely was late Edgefield District



Pat Oliver was prepared for a little rain. Umbrella shaft shoved below his waist.

ground. Small towns were represented by a Waynesboro (Ga.) Bottling Works and two from Stillmore (Ga.) Bottling Works. Waynesboro is located in Burke County some 35 miles from Augusta. Stillmore is in Emanuel County, some 60 miles away. A straight-sided Augusta Pepsi and an amber Clinton Bottling Works blobtop soda, the latter from the 1880s also were found.

Drug store bottles include a large economy sized Gardelle, five C.T. Goetchius & Bro., an A.N. Stothart, a LAND, and another embossed From King Pharmacy. Another Frog Pond Chill & Fever Cure from Augusta (this makes nine or 10) and a large amber bottle embossed KOHOLIA / S. Sternam & Co. / New York were found.

Our friend, Walter Smith, came by to check out our finds. While wandering over just dug areas, he picked up a miniature creamer marked Genesta Hotel, E.C. Stulb, Propr. It had been washed clean by a recent rain. Another was found. The hotel was located on the corner

of Eighth and Ellis streets in downtown Augusta. The building is still there. They were joined by another creamer from Augusta's Albion Hotel, which was destroyed by a 1916 fire.

A Chambers Pharmacy / Prescription Druggists / Quitman, Ga., from the far away south Georgia county of Brooks also was found.

Not much in the way of ceramics was found, although Pat Oliver, our "pottery magnet," dug out an intact mini jug from the muck. It was stenciled Old Gum Spring / T.W. & Co. / Whiskey. I'm not sure if this is a local firm.

Jan. 29, 2012: Some of the guys



Ben Garriss shows off a beautiful alkaline-glazed jug from the old Edgefield District of South Carolina



When you gotta go...Bob Riddick's going.

were grumbling that this dig was one of the worst yet, but I disagree with that notion. Any time you dig a half-dozen stacker jugs and some interesting bottles to boot makes it worthwhile. I think we've been spoiled by excavating some really cool pottery.

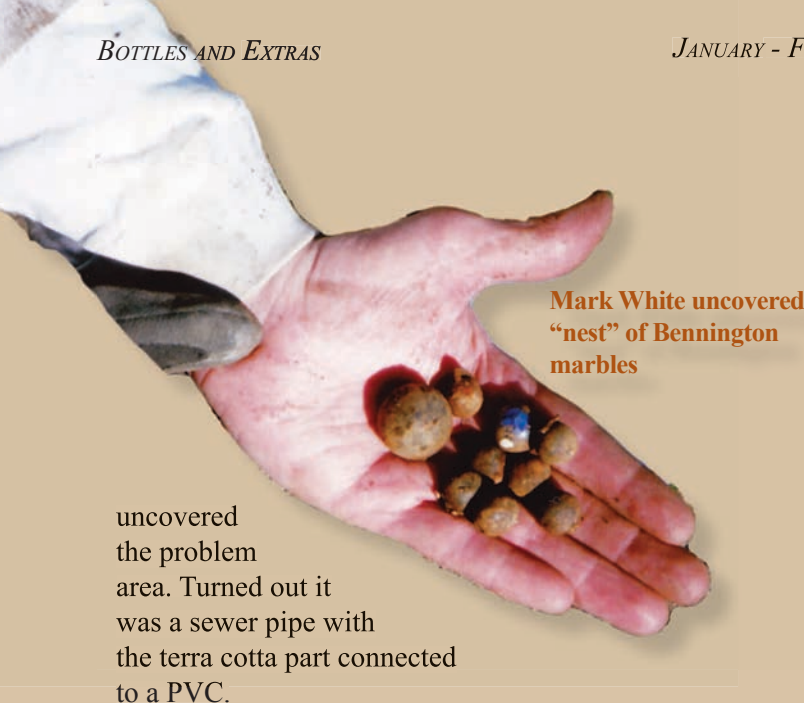
Walter Smith returned with his personal potato fork to help us sort through the dirt piles and Mike Newman's friend, Mark Tuley, who lives in his neighborhood, also lent a hand. Neither will share in the finds, but are fascinated by what's coming out of the dump.

I celebrated my 77th birthday and the fellows gave me some signed cards of congratulations. I really don't feel a day older than 76! Mike wanted to give me a birthday cake, but my wife, Bea, pointed out that we're diabetic. She is borderline and I am Type II, so we can't have our cake and eat it, too.

One of the first bottles to emerge was an American Ginger Ale & Carbonating Co., crown top from Atlanta. It's the first I'd ever seen in more than 40 years of collecting. A Norfolk (Va.) Bottling Co., blobtop and a rare Augusta Brewing Co., Bottling Dept. Pepsi-Cola (slightly chipped lip) joined the Atlanta one.

Whiskeys included a scarce George Payne, Augusta, Ga., and a pint S.C. Dispensary (monogram SCD) with an extremely light strike. A wasp-waist cobalt poison embossed W.H. Crawford & Co., was the most unusual bottle found. The Baltimore Bottle Book of 2002 lists this bottle as rare. The company in that city produced spices, extracts and drugs.

Toward the end of the dig, owner Mark Brantum came in for a visit and asked Jerry Newton if he minded using the backhoe to uncover what Mark thought was a leaky septic tank. This was in another part of the dump so we figured we could check out any artifacts as Jerry



Mark White uncovered
"nest" of Bennington
marbles

uncovered the problem area. Turned out it was a sewer pipe with the terra cotta part connected to a PVC.

This area was much shallower, probably six feet deep, than where we had been digging. A stacker jug with a hole in the side and an Augusta Brewing Co., Bottling Department Pepsi missing its top emerged.

Feb. 12, 2012: By the time I arrived to unlock the gates leading into the area, it was "balmy" 23 degrees. Happily, the high (30-mph) winds of the day before had fallen to 5 to 10 mph. All of us were dressed in layers of winter clothing and some shed theirs as the day progressed and warmed to the lower 50s.

The backhoe didn't want to run, and had to be jumper-cable-started several times during the day. But no one minded and it gave operator Jerry Newton a chance to relax.

A mottled green alkaline slip-glazed stacker jug was among the first of five stackers to emerge. More than likely it was made by W.F. Hahn, of Trenton, S.C., during the 1890s.

Eight straight-sided Augusta Cokes were joined by four E. Sheehan crown tops and a Thomson (Ga.) Bottling Works crown top. The latter is considered scarce. Thomson is 38 miles west of Augusta.

A Hostetter's Bitters was joined by a Lash's Bitters (it's the first of that kind dug so far), with a clear Hilton's Life for the Liver and Kidneys also found.

Best find of the day was a pot lid in fine condition. It was inscribed Bazin's Unrivalled Premium Shaving Cream / Gold and Silver Medals Awarded by the Institutes of New York, Philadelphia & Boston / X. Bazin, Perfumer, Philadelphia. Bob Riddick later found what may be the base.

Miscellaneous finds included a tiny clear bottle base-embossed Cachicotte Co. / Waverly Mills, S.C., another Norfolk (Va.) Bottling Co., blobtop, a Buffalo Lithia Springs, two Carter's master inks and a Pride of the Farm Tomato Catsup.

Two pint Augusta Brewing Co., crown tops and a



Pat Oliver (left), Mark White with 1850's Colin Rhodes pot.



Hahn stacker jug embedded in the dirt nearly 10 feet down.

quart blobtop from the same firm were found. A fragment of an amber crown top beer still had a partial label of the brewing company's flagship beer, Belle of Georgia.

All of us are looking forward to the South Carolina Bottle Club's 40th annual show and sale in Columbia Friday and Saturday. I know, it says 39th on the advertisements, but club member Harvey Teal says that's wrong. He was present for the inaugural one in 1973 so he should know.

Feb. 19, 2012: I broke in a new notebook for this dig. The old one had gotten wet and its pages were disintegrating. Twelve Augusta straight-sided Cokes joined the ever-growing accumulation. Another amber Nashville, Tenn., straight-sider was unearthed, along with



Pat Oliver works carefully to uncover landrum pot he stumbled over.



Upside-down horse shoe identifies pot slave-made for John Landrum

a Chero-Cola, Baldowski Bottling Works, Aqua Distributing & Bottling Co., and a Dixie Carbonating Co.

Drug store bottles found were two from Gardelle (Louis A. Gardelle, whose formulas included the River Swamp Chill & Fever Cure), Matheny's Pharmacy, Howard Drug Co., and N.L. Willett. Another Frog Pond Chill & Fever Cure (F.A. Beall and J.B. Davenport) and Dr. Pitt's Carminative from Thomson, Ga., came out of the ground.

Beers were a Robert Portner Hutchinson and a blobtop Portner "Cabinet Beer" quart. Two South Carolina Dispensary pints (both monogrammed SCDs) were the only whiskeys found during the rainy day.

Miscellaneous bottles included an amber Keystone Drug Co., South Boston, Va., an emerald green Palmer Perfume and a Dead Stuck for Bugs.

Ceramic pieces include another French mustard imprinted "Moutarde Maile / Avenue de Nevilly / 168 Bis / Paris." An O'Connor and Bailey "eared" jug (it took a wire bail to carry) from Augusta joined five stackers and a mini jug stenciled Compliments of Columbia Liquor Co., Augusta, Ga. This unfortunate business lasted one year (1905), after which Georgia went dry.

Feb. 26, 2012: Five straight-sided Augusta Cokes, another from Vidalia, Ga., a straight-sided Augusta Pepsi-Cola, a clear Atlanta Koca Nola and a tall block-lettered Pepsi from Columbia, S.C., were among sodas dug.

Seven C.T. Goetchius & Bro., drug store bottles joined others from Matheny, LAND, Watson and The King Pharmacy. Aqua quart blobtop and an aqua Hutchinson from the Augusta Brewing Co., were joined by a clear Whitestone Lithia Water Co., Whitestone Springs, S.C. crown top.

Miscellaneous bottles included another Shoomaker Resort (Bar) from Washington, D.C., three cobalt Stafford inks with pour spouts, a Sol Bear Native Wines from Wilmington, N.C., an amber ribbed poison, an amber Carter's cone ink and a Solomon & Co. / Branch Drug Store / Bull St. / Savannah, Ga..

The tall, clear Sol Bear wines have embossed figures of a standing bear. There are two styles: the bear looking straight ahead and the bear in profile.

Pottery finds included a machine-made stacker stenciled "Apple Vinegar / Put Up By / The Augusta Grocery Co. / Augusta, Ga." The company was chartered in 1902. Bob Riddick found a huge round-shouldered jug with spout damage, while "Jug Magnet" Pat Oliver located a smaller one of the same style. Six plain stacker jugs joined another with HAHN impressed on one shoulder. That's the Thomas Hahn Pottery Works in what is now North Augusta, S.C.

March 10, 2012: I was home on this Saturday, checking my e-mail, when Mike Newman called. He said Bob Riddick, Mark White and Jerry Newton were in the vicinity of our dump and would I consider coming down and opening the gate? They wanted to dig for a few hours and leave the backhoe inside the property so it would be ready to go on our scheduled Sunday dig. Pat Oliver was absent. So I did and we dug.

The dig started slowly until a stacker jug rolled down a growing pile of dirt, unseen until it reached the bottom of the pile.



Riddick displays his find.

A surprise find was a cobalt John Ryan / 1866 / Savannah, Ga., blobtop soda, joined by a bottom script Coca-Cola (no city) and an aqua 1890s Clinton Bottling Works (Augusta) blobtop soda.

Six local drug store bottles, including two Howard's, were joined by beers from Augusta Brewing Co., and Robert Portner Brewing Co., Alexandria, Va. A clear Harris Springs, S.C. mineral water was the only mineral water bottle found and a clear pint Stafford's Ink was the only miscellaneous bottle.

March 11, 2012: Sodas that emerged during this dig included a straight-sided Augusta Pepsi, four straight-sided Augusta Cokes, a clear Petet Bottling Works, Macon, Ga., crown top and a scarce E. Sheehan / Bottler / Augusta, Ga., crown.

Only one drug store bottle from Gardelle was found, while among the local beers was a Palmetto Brewing Co., Charleston, S.C., aqua blobtop. A huge (1 gallon) Equinox Spring Water, Manchester, Vt., joined an aqua Harris Springs (S.C.) crown.

Ceramic finds included a handled whiskey with spout stenciled The Kintore Reserve Stock Scotch Whiskey



Newman was the first man in 100 years to handle one-gallon whiskey jug.

/ A Blend of Whiskies Bottled By (indecipherable) Einhardt Bros. Co., N.Y. A stacker jug impressed Mfg. by HANKINSON, AUGUSTA, GA. and an Edgefield District pitcher impressed Lm (Lewis Miles) were found. A similar pitcher is pictured on Page 44 of Cinda Baldwin's book, "Great and Noble Jar." Collectors consider pitchers to be rare forms from the Miles pottery. Miles was in business in the 1850s-60s. The slave potter Dave worked for Miles during the 1860s.

The Hankinson is Luther Hankinson, who owned a brickyard along the Savannah River bottomlands in the 1890s below what is now North Augusta, S.C. He briefly (1898) teamed with Thomas Hahn to produce whiskey jugs stamped HANKINSON & HAHN, AUGUSTA, GA. Paver bricks impressed H-H also are known. North Augusta did not exist until it was incorporated in 1906, while Augusta was the well known big city across the river.

Also found was a mini jug stenciled Ridgeway Straight Corn Whiskey / H.L. Sprinkle Dist. / Jacksonville, Fla. Missing were its spout and handle.

March 17, 2012: St. Patrick's Day dawned sunny and

warm and our digging team was primed for a great dig. That didn't happen. A Baldowski Bottling Works crown top was the first soda to emerge, followed by just two straight-sided Augusta Cokes and only three local drug store bottles (Gardelle, C.T. Goetchius & Bro., and LAND).

Pottery finds included a damaged Bristol-glazed spittoon, the third example found, and just three stacker jugs.

March 18, 2012: A semi-round-bottomed Cochran & Co., ginger ale, an Augusta Brewing Co., Pepsi (rare) and an Edwards Bottling Co., Ginger Ale from Milledgeville, Ga., were dug. Twelve Augusta drug store bottles (C.T. Goetchius & Bro., 2; Matheny, 2; LAND, 6; Perrin & Land, Gardelle) were joined by a cobalt Jno. Wyeth & Bro., dose bottle complete with cap and rubber interior liner. A tall, base-embossed Congress Water and a clear Glenn Springs (S.C.) crown top were found. A quart ginger or root beer, five stacker jugs and a quart ink were among the ceramic finds.

March 24, 2012: Straight-sided Cokes from Macon, Ga., and Augusta (3), a Columbia, S.C. straight-sided Pepsi, a Coca-Cola flavor bottle embossed with a capital D on the shoulder and an old-style script Chero-Cola started off the day. We were told later the "D" stands for Denmark, S.C.

A Lake View Pharmacy (eagle perched on a mortar), a small aqua R.H. Land and a Howard were the only drug store bottles to emerge. An aqua quart Augusta Brewing Co., crown top was the lone beer. Miscellaneous find was a cobalt pint Stafford's Ink.

Eleven common stacker jugs (from the Thomas Hahn Pottery) and a small ginger beer were the ceramic finds.

March 25, 2012: Another Nashville, Tenn., amber Coke led a parade of mostly common Augusta sodas. Why just Nashvilles? Why not a Dalton (Georgia's only amber Coke)?

Two LANDs, Tessier and Gardelle drug store bottles were joined by an interestingly looking Four Roses amber quart. It was embossed New Protective Bottle Adopted July 1914 / Paul Jones Co. / Louisville, Ky. A half-pint S.C. Dispensary monogrammed (SCD) flask also was found. We have yet to dig one of the many dispensary varieties featuring palmetto trees, or any of the amber flasks and bottles.

A Free Sample / Hentz's Curative Bitters was found, along with a Buffalo Lick Spring Water and two more pint cobalt Stafford's Inks. The Carlyn Ring-Bill Ham Bitters Bottles book calls the aqua Hentz sample "scarce."

A mini jug stenciled Columbia Liquor Co., Augusta, Ga., was pulled from the bank by Mike Newman, while a "tobacco spit-glazed," round-shouldered jug joined six other stackers, one machine-made.

Just for the fun of it, I decided to tote up each of the drug store bottles found last year and this year. As of April 1, 2012 (no fooling!), the clear LANDS led the pack with



Mark White (right) watches as Mike Newman uses probe to clear path for ovoid jug.

60, followed by C.T. Goetchius & Bro., at 43, Gardelle at 40, Matheny at 30, Howard's at 19 and The King at 10. The rest were all in single digits.

No digs were scheduled on April Fool's Day (no foolin' again!) or Easter Sunday, but are scheduled to resume April 15.

April 15, 2012: A couple of rare birds flew out from their nests of dirt after more than 100 years. Minutes into the dig, a Star (embossed 5-pointed-star) Bottling Works, Graniteville, S.C., emerged, causing finder Mike Newman to crow with delight. The circa 1902-1905 crown top from the tiny Horse Creek Valley town across the Savannah River from Augusta is very rare, with less than a half-dozen examples known.

Later in the dig, Mark White's friend David Lloyd held up an aqua bottle embossed Prepared by / Dr. J. Dennis / Augusta, Ga., on the front and side panels. The bottle dates to the 1870s. Dennis, a quack, is better known for his 1840s, iron-pontiled Georgia Sarsaparilla. David is among the many visitors who like to help scratch around in the dirt piles looking for "goodies."

An amber John Ryan Ginger Ale from Savannah turned out to be cracked. Four straight-sided Augusta Cokes were joined by two aqua Clinton Bottling Works blobtops from

Augusta, an amber E. Sheehan / Augusta blobtop which had suffered a lip chip back in its day, an Augusta Chero-Cola and an aqua E. Sheehan Hutchinson.

Eight drug store bottles included a scarce W.H. Tutt & Remsen (the latter was Tutt's son-in-law) from the 1870s. Others were LAND, Gardelle, Howard, Watson, C.T. Goetchius & Bro., N.L. Willett and King. A cobalt pint Stafford's Ink was the only miscellaneous bottle recorded.

Mark White scratched from the bank a 1-gallon jug on whose shoulder in cursive was the following: "Empty Me Quick and Send Me Back to Youngblood Bros.," pharmacists that were in business in Augusta from 1898-99.

Four 1-gallon stacker jugs and two round-shouldered (pre-stacker) examples completed the ceramic finds.

April 29, 2012: Rare crown tops from places outside Augusta dominated this dig. One was embossed in a slug plate Cocoa Bottling Works, Cocoa, Fla. Others (all inside slug plates) were the Waynesboro, Ga., Bottling Works, Peteet Bottling Works of Madison, Ga., Thomson (Ga.) Bottling Works and Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Washington, Ga. Unfortunately, the Waynesboro proved to be cracked once the mud was washed away..

Augusta crown tops included seven straight-sided Cokes, a straight-sided Augusta Pepsi, an aqua E. Sheehan and a clear E.A. Fagan

There also was a one-of-a-kind surprise in the drug store bottle world. A dark amber LAND (Augusta) turned out to be a royal ruby red and will be the center of attention at our picks day on May 12. (Thanks to the generosity of our group of diggers, the other four guys made it possible for me to acquire it for my ever-growing collection of Augusta bottles).

Only patent medicine found was a Globe Medicine Co., of Spartanburg, S.C.

Ceramic finds were highlighted by a one-gallon jug stenciled in blue: George A. Dickel & Co. / Nashville, Tenn. / Owners / Cascade Distillery / Tullahoma, Tenn. An authority on Tennessee pottery said it was scarce.

May 6, 2012: We've been finding straight-sided Cokes from cities outside Augusta and Georgia. Latest find was an aqua Coke from Sheffield, Alabama. My friend, Tom Lines, of Birmingham, said the bottle was scarce, but the rare variety was amber. Only amber Cokes to come out of the dump were all from Nashville, Tenn.

Three Augusta straight-sided Pepsis were joined by only two Cokes (lowest count yet) and another E.A. Fagan slug plate crown top from Augusta. Beers included an aqua quart Robert Portner blobtop, an aqua pint Augusta Brewing Co., pint and a crown top Augusta Brewing Co., Bottling Dept. Two S.C. Dispensary (monogrammed) pints were the sole whiskeys found.

Sole occupant of the miscellaneous finds was a neat little clear rectangular ink with an offset spout. It turned out to be cracked.

Two Thomas Hahn (North Augusta, S.C., 1890s)



Closeup of rare Collin Rhodes clabber bowl (Edgefield District, S.C. circa 1850's)

stackers and a pair of round-shouldered, alkaline-glazed jugs made up the ceramic finds..

May 12, 2012: Our first picks of the year, but by no means the last, began at 9 a.m., and took three hours for everything to disappear from the tables. Pat Oliver drew the No. 1 pick and grabbed the 1820s-30s John Landrum pot from Pottersville (present day Edgefield, S.C.). It was in perfect condition, Ironically, Pat was the one who found it.

As previously mentioned, the other four guys made it possible for me to own the royal ruby red LAND drug store bottle. Somewhere during its manufacture, something got left out. It was supposed to be in dark amber. The unique bottle made it to a place on one of the upper shelves of my backlit display case. I'm having it lightly cleaned because even the lights from my display case do not reveal its color.

I also wound up with a damaged early South Carolina pitcher, two badly damaged pitchers attributed to Joseph G. Baynham, Trenton, S.C., a few stacker jugs, straight-sided Cokes from Greenville, S.C. (aqua) and Nashville, Tenn. (amber) and some glass and ceramic odds and ends of my choosing, including two porcelain pipes (one with a running deer in full color) and a porcelain "Moses in the Bullrushes" dime bank put out by the C.D. Kenny Co., of Baltimore and Augusta, one of three found..

Mike and Bob counted the dreaded Bromo-Seltzers and came up with 718. That brings the dig's grand total to 1,750. It also goes to show that lots of Augustans suffered from dyspepsia (heartburn).

The rest of the fellows got their hearts' desires. We did not dig on Mothers Day. **x**

Next: The Big Dig of 2012 begins to wind down.