

History Channel transcripts

Jesse James' Hidden Treasure

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00:00:01 Jesse james.

00:00:02 Pastore: You know, I'd say that I've got A PhD IN JESSE JAMES At this point, after reading hundreds of books on the topic and following his trail out in the wilderness and across the prairies.

00:00:12 Ready to roll?

00:00:13 Ready to roll.

00:00:14 Check.

00:00:18 Narrator: This treasure hunt is the culmination of pastore's 10-year mission to unravel what he believes is a great historical ..

00:00:28 ...The truth about who jesse james really was, why he chose to live outside the law, and where he hid the vast sums of wealth he stole.

00:00:38 [Coins jingle] Pastore:5 million that they accumulated back then -- a lot of it in gold -- that would be \$50 million to \$60 million today.

00:00:48 Where is it?

00:00:50 You know, history portrays jesse james as a common thief who robbed banks and trains for his own gain.

00:00:58 But I think as we delve deeper into that story, we find that it's much more complicated and much more involved than anyone could possibly suspect.

00:01:06 Narrator: Pastore heads a team called national geomantic survey, or ngs.

00:01:12 Backed by anonymous investors, this group thinks they know where jesse james' hidden treasure could be.

00:01:18 Pastore: My confidence is extremely high that it's still out there, and in large quantities, over a great deal of area.

00:01:25 So we're gonna search the high-probability targets, and I'm very sure that we're gonna find something.

00:01:34 Narrator: Pastore thinks there are a number of reasons treasure could be nearby.

00:01:40 The james gang roamed throughout central kansas.

00:01:43 Local lore holds james used this area as a retreat and possible hideout.

00:01:49 Historic records indicate that jesse james' sister, susan, married into a family who owned property nearby.

00:01:57 .. 00:02:00 ..

00:02:06 ...Including this telling inscription, which spells out his mother's name, zerelda.

00:02:14 Pastore: You can barely make it out, even though the letters are almost a foot tall.

00:02:17 But you can only see it under the right light.

00:02:20 Narrator: There are other clues, as well, LIKE THESE J's, WHICH PASTORE

BELIEVES Are the carved initials of jesse james.

00:02:28 I've been in so many caves, and I've found these block-letter double J's Everywhere.

00:02:32 And eventually, you get familiar with it, and you recognize his hand.

00:02:37 " it might have been right there.

00:02:40 Yeah.

00:02:41 Narrator: While there's no way to prove with total certainty that james carved these himself, the fact that they're in an area where james had ties gives pastore reason to hope they might lead him to treasure.

00:02:53 Pastore: Just a few feet to my right, THERE'S A SET OF BLOCK-LETTER JJ's That are jesse james' sign.

00:02:59 He left these throughout the state.

00:03:01 And generally, I believe they're indicative of a treasure cache site.

00:03:05 " Narrator: It's taken several years of negotiations with local landowners to earn the right to search here.

00:03:21 They fear what could happen if the general public believes gold is buried nearby.

00:03:26 Pastore: We want to be good land stewards for the landowners so that no one comes in here and trespasses and damages the site or tries to high-grade it and, you know, recover something on their own.

00:03:38 Narrator: What can be said about this area is it's not your typical kansas prairie.

00:03:44 Hidden under canopies of old growth is a series of naturally occurring cuts in the landscape, where canyons, caves, and bluffs have formed, creating an ideal location for covert activity.

00:03:57 Pastore believes jesse james used these geologic anomalies as reference points for treasure sites.

00:04:04 Pastore: It's a huge territory, but we have a localized phenomenon with the cave.

00:04:08 And you wouldn't necessarily bury anything in a cave.

00:04:11 You would use it as a landmark -- you know, somewhere out around it.

00:04:14 Narrator: The cryptic codes etched into these sandstone walls are markers pastore believes james used to identify the locations of his hidden treasures.

00:04:25 Pastore: Here we have a doorway with an "x" in it.

00:04:30 And, you know, I mean, it sounds cheesy, but to say, "x" marks the spot, I mean, it does come up.

00:04:40 Narrator: To an uninformed eye, these shapes mean nothing.

00:04:45 But to pastore, they are keys to a mystery of epic historic proportions.

00:04:52 After a decade of research THROUGH OBSCURE, 19th-CENTURY ARCHIVES, He's uncovered information about a shadowy secret society called the knights of the golden circle, or kgc -- a group of confederate sympathizers operating at the time of the civil war.

00:05:10 Pastore: The kgc was real.

00:05:12 It's a genuine part of history that's available in the national archives if anyone wants to go do the research, which we have.

00:05:18 Narrator: Some of the records pastore refers to relate to secret kgc codes -- codes similar to the ones he sees on these walls.

00:05:27 Pastore: I could spend a hundred years, probably, studying this stuff before I knew what it was.

00:05:31 Whereas the fellas that did this grew up in it.

00:05:34 You know, they may have been masons tied in with templar legends.

00:05:38 You know, they had a lot of history behind them.

00:05:40 So they were taught this stuff by other parties.

00:05:43 Narrator: If these are kgc markings, their proximity to jesse james' initials could mean something astonishing.

00:05:51 Jesse james, long considered a self-interested bandit, may have been something else -- a secret operative with a hidden political agenda. 00:06:02 Stiles: Jesse james tried to live underground for his entire adult life,so our knowledge of what he actually didand thought and said is very limited.

00:06:11 There is a lot moreto be learned about jesse james.

00:06:14 Yes, we know about the bank robberies.

00:06:16 But what was his political leanings during that time period?

00:06:21 What was jesse doing, besides just robbing banks?

00:06:25 That's where we need to go.

00:06:28 [Gunshots] [wind howling] der crashes] [Male Announcer]AN ALL-WHEEL DRIVE V8 HYBRID.

00:07:02 One of 12world's first innovations.

00:07:05 The lexus ls.

00:07:07 Inspiring an industry.

00:07:11 Cialisasks, time to get out ofthose tubs?

00:07:13 MAN: When we want.

00:07:14 MAN: When we're in the mood.

00:07:15 WOMAN: It's our choice.

00:07:16 ANNOUNCER: Today, guys witherectile dysfunction can be ready with another dosingoption from Cialis. 00:07:20 Cialis for daily use isa clinically proven low-dose tablet you take every day, soyou can be ready anytime the moment is right. So relaxand take your time.

00:07:29 MAN: Tell your doctor aboutyour medical condition and all medications and ask if you'rehealthy enough for sexual activity. Don't take Cialis ifyou take nitrates for chest pain, as this may cause anunsafe drop in blood pressure.

00:07:40 Don't drink alcohol in excesswith Cialis.

00:07:41 Side effects may include headache, upsetstomach, delayed backache or muscle ache. To avoid long terminjury seek immediate medical help for an erectionlasting more than 4 hours.

00:07:52 MAN: If you have any suddendecrease or loss in hearing or vision stop taking Cialis andcall your doctor right away.

00:07:57 ANNOUNCER: Today you have options, 36-hour Cialis or Cialis for daily use. Ask your doctor about Cialis today so when the moment is right, you can be ready.

00:08:11 Announcer: autohammer, hammer ..

00:08:16 Driving home nails with the touch of a button.

00:08:20 Innovation. better value. craftsman.

00:08:22 Trust.in your hands.

00:08:26] force, I work with a partner.

00:08:29 This is mine, blitz.

00:08:31 I can't do this job without him, and he can't do it without me.

00:08:36 To keep him at his best, I only feed him eukanuba with prebiotics to promote strong defenses.

00:08:42 You know he means the world to me for a lot of different reasons.

00:08:45 He's more than a partner, he's family.

00:08:49 R[Female Announcer] pASK AN EXPERT AT YOUR PET STORE Twhich formula rIS BEST FOR YOUR DOG.

00:08:55 ovtion (2 A reactivepedestrian detection system.

00:10:01 One of 12 world'sfirst innovations. 00:10:05 The lexus ls.

00:10:07 Inspiring an industry.

00:10:28 [Helicopter blades whirring] Narrator:RON PASTORE IS LEADING A TEAM Searching for the missingtreasures of jesse james.

00:10:38 [Gunshots] he believes finding hidden plunder would reveal an untold side to james' story -- that he was stealing not for personal gain, but as an operative in a secret brotherhood of confederate loyalists called the knights of the golden circle.

00:10:57 Give me the bag.

00:11:00 Pastore: Wouldn't it be great if we found some material artifacts that link this storydirectly to the kgc and show that it was partof his secret mission, to support this society of the knights of the golden circle and to secret away these vast sums of money and protect it forever?

00:11:20 Narrator: Historian ralph ganis is also investigating james' possible links to the kgc.

00:11:26 Ganis is the descendant of a james gang member buried in this cemetery and the author of definitive books on the infamous outlaw.

00:11:36 He recently unearthed the rarely seen kgc manifesto at the library of congress and is intrigued by what it reveals.

00:11:46 Ganis THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE Was a secret politicaland military order of pro-slavery menand slaveholders.

00:11:54 And they had as a goal the creation of an empire, a slaveholding empire that encompassed cuba, mexico, and the caribbean.

00:12:05 The order itself was under the scrutiny of the federal government from its conception.

00:12:11 So, you know, they had rules concerning not writing anything down, and even membership rosters were not kept.

00:12:18 You know, it was a very mysterious order.

00:12:20 It was similar to the masonic order.

00:12:22 It had secret signs and grips, passwords and rituals, so these things tended to make the order itself very mysterious.

00:12:29 Plus its objectives were not really clearly known by people.

00:12:34 Narrator: A link to the kgc seems feasible, given what's known about james' past.

00:12:40 stiles spent four years researching and writing his groundbreaking book on the life and times of jesse james.

00:12:51 He was born in clay county, missouri, ON SEPTEMBER 5th, 1847.

00:12:56 And it was a rural community on the western edge of the settled states.

00:13:00 Narrator: Geographically positioned between north and south, missouri was termed a neutral state, but it was one bitterly divided over slavery.

00:13:11 The james family were slave owners.

00:13:14 They owned, at the time of the civil war, seven slaves, whereas the average number in clay country was only two or three for slave-owning families.

00:13:22 Narrator: When the civil war began, james was 14 and, like his family, fiercely loyal to the southern cause.

00:13:34 His brother, frank, even joined a band of confederate guerrilla fighters, harassing union troops throughout missouri.

00:13:41 The actuality of the guerrillas in missouri is that they were disunified.

00:13:48 They were broken into independent, self-organized bands.

00:13:53 Narrator: Eventually, union authorities caught wind of frank's association with these gangs.

00:13:59 In an effort to rout him out, they paid an unwelcome visit to the home where jesse lived with his mother and stepfather, dr. reuben samuel.

00:14:08 Stiles: And they strung a rope around reuben samuel's neck, they threw the rope over the limb of a tree, and they hauled him up and then let him down again, torturing him to give them information.

00:14:23 The reason they had stormed down to the farm was that jesse's older brother, frank, had joined a guerrilla group and that they were hiding out in the woods on the farm.

00:14:32 [Gasps] so it was a very savage incident of guerrilla warfare.

00:14:37 But at the same time, it was a pursuit of frk james, who was actively fighting against union forces.

00:14:46 Narrator: Though authorities also reportedly roughed up jesse james, he never told them where frank was hiding.

00:14:52 The brutal incident solidified james' resolve.

00:14:56 At the young age of 16, he left home to join the guerrilla fighters on a campaign of ruthless vengeance against northern authorities in missouri.

00:15:04 [Men shouting war cries] Stiles: He took part essentially in what is a death squad.

00:15:10 He rode from house to house, killing unionist farmers on their doorsteps.

00:15:17 They took part in a number of ambushes of union soldiers in the area.

00:15:21 They generally created mayhem and attacked the unionist population, as well as the union authorities and soldiers in clay county.

00:15:35 Narrator: During james' early days as a rebel ..

00:15:40 He fell under the influence of confederate recruiting officer calhoun thornton, a man with known ties to the kgc, according to historian ralph ganis

00:15:51 And it was colonel thornton specifically who would recruit jesse and other boys from that neighborhood into the confederate guerrilla ranks.

00:16:02 Narrator: A july 24th, 1864, new york timesarticle ..

00:16:16 It seems that uprising included a secret agreement between the kgc and the confederacy that would help the guerrillas working behind enemy lines.

00:16:26 Ganis The confederacy knew that these men who were fighting behind the lines would need some way of having places to hide out, access to guns or weapons, ammunition, medical supplies, whatever they needed.

00:16:40 So what the confederacy did was make contact with the knights of the golden circle and basically had the knights create an underground movement across the state to provide these necessary support pieces for the confederate guerrillas.

00:16:54 Narrator: The guerrillas appear to have been a militant wing of the kgc.

00:17:00 Ganis With an asset like the confederate guerrilla movement, you have a very lethal combination, because you have men who are going to stop at nothing to achieve their goal.

00:17:14 So this included murder, arson, assassination, and robbery to finance their operation.

00:17:22 [Fire crackling] Narrator: Did jesse james' past make him the perfect operative TO HELP FINANCE THE KGC's SUBVERSIVE AGENDA?

00:17:33 [Gunshot] the answers may be buried in a kansas meadow.

00:17:55 Frosted Shredded Wheat.

00:17:57 Oh, mommy's favorite, Caramel Delight.

00:17:59 But she says it tastes too good to have fiber.

00:18:02 Fiber One's high fiber. 00:18:03 Isn't that a lie?

00:18:04 No. 00:18:05 Yes it is. Is not.

00:18:06 You know, you're pathological. 00:18:08 What?

00:18:09 You're pathological. 00:18:10 Truthfully, they're at least a third of a day's worth of fiber.

00:18:12 Besides, if he were a liar his pants would be on fire.

00:18:15 Good point.

00:18:17 Thank you.

00:18:18 They're not, are they? No.

00:18:19 (annnncer)Fiber One. 00:18:20 Cardboard no.Delicious yes.

00:18:55 "TheNight (announcer)THIS SEASON, WALMART WILL MATCH Any other store'sadvertised price.

00:19:02 The pricematch promise.

00:19:03 It means you can stop chasing sales, and start enjoying christmas.

00:19:06 Save money. live better.

00:19:08 Walmart.

00:19:12 Little things can turn against you when you travel. 00:19:20 But if they do, you know who to turn to. 00:19:24 Your american express charge card not only gives you assistance around the world, with the membership rewards program, you can use points to travel without blackout ..

00:19:33 On any airline, anytime.

00:19:35 Can your card say that?

00:19:40 Clock] d you rinse this morning?

00:19:42 If you did, your mouth will thank you.

00:19:43 Listerine® doesn't just put a spring in your step.

00:19:46 It also significantly reduces gingivitis and plaque.

00:19:50 Say goodbye to germs.

00:19:52 Ansa say good morning to Listerine®.

00:19:55 thing you morning.

00:19:56 And the last thing you see at night. ♪?♪?♪?♪? [Piano] It stresses you out. ♪?♪?♪?♪? [Pop] It calms you down.

00:20:03 It helps you remember.

00:20:05 It helps you forget.

00:20:07 It keeps you connected.

00:20:09 It's the only thing you own that is always within an arm's reach.

00:20:14 Which is why you don't need to get a phone.

00:20:16 You need a phone that gets you.

00:20:19 And you. And you.

00:20:21 And we are HTC.

00:20:25 Red... 00:20:26 or Black?

00:20:26 .. 00:20:28 Both. 00:20:29 .. 00:20:32 .. 00:20:33 .. 00:20:36 Pick enterprise.

00:20:38 We'll pick you up.

00:20:41 (announcer) woman express each one more with downy simple pleasures feel more calm with new downy lavender serenity feel more daring with spice blossom dare feel more elegant with orchid allure now all have renewing scent pearls that help you express every side of you downy simple pleasures.

00:21:06 Feel more [helicopter blades whirring] Narrator: THE NATIONAL GEOMANTIC SURVEY Is on a hunt for jesse james' lost treasures -- treasures they believe james may have hidden to finance the secret agenda of the knights of the golden circle.

00:21:31 The team's focus -- three separate areas within this complex of canyons.

00:21:37 First, a rock wall covered with code glyphs located near an open meadow.

00:21:44 Next, a deep canyon surrounded by sandstone walls with more inscriptions.

00:21:50 And third, a slope of land in front of another rock wall, also marked with provocative carvings.

00:22:00 The plan is to thoroughly investigate all three sites before doing any digging, starting with the rock wall near the open meadow.

00:22:10 Barlow: One of you guys got a camera back there? 00:22:13 Man: Yeah, I got one, j.d.

00:22:14 I'd really like to get this, the hash marks leading out to the field " because that might actually give us distance and reference points.

00:22:23 Narrator: Ngs team members focus on a series of hash marks " these etchings sit above what appears to be a carved-out seat.

00:22:34 The team theorizes that this perch may have been the base for a sighting line leading to treasure.

00:22:40 Those tracks are right above that hole.

00:22:43 Yeah. good point.

00:22:44 [Laughs] so this may be the start.

00:22:47 And the "x" might mark the spot.

00:22:49 Yeah. 00:22:50 Narrator: The team speculates that each hash mark represents a pace and that treasure could be buried within the range of paces leading to each " they count out the steps. 00:23:03 ...7, 8, 9... 00:23:06 .. 00:23:08 ...21, 22, 23... 00:23:11 .. 00:23:14 ..

00:23:16 Okay, 29, 30.

00:23:18 And this is the line-of-start marker from where we were looking in that chair at that point.

00:23:25 Pastore: Uh-huh.

00:23:27 Narrator: The meaning of the symbols is largely speculative, so pastore decides to conduct his first real test.

00:23:36 He pulls out his compass, thinking that metallic objects, such as a safe for precious metals, might throw it off magnetic north.

00:23:44 Pastore: So, we've got everything aligned to north here, and we're gonna slowly walk across.

00:23:49 Narrator: His compass begins to drift directly over the area in question.

00:23:54 Pastore: It's already moved 5 degrees.

00:23:58 10, 12, 15. 00:24:01 We went from 360 to 330.

00:24:03 So we have a 30-degree magnetic anomaly as we move across the terrain.

00:24:07 [laughs] Narrator: To find out what's making the compass move, paste brings out the most advanced technology available to him -- high-powered, ground-penetrating radar that can see as deep as 30 feet below the surface.

00:24:24 Pastore believes that if he is standing on treasure, it's likely to be money jesse james stole after the war in service to the knights of the golden circle, for whom the civil war never ended.

00:24:39 Dr. roy roush is an author and historian.

00:24:43 He has a special interest in the kgc and its efforts to raise enormous sums of money.

00:24:49 Dr. Roush: After the war was over, a lot of the southerners were diehard southern rebels and did not want to accept the surrender at appomattox by general lee.

00:25:01 As far as they were concerned, it was just a time-out until they could restart the civil war.

00:25:06 They were not done yet.

00:25:08 [Gunfire echoing] you've heard the saying "the south shall rise again"?

00:25:13 they really meant it.

00:25:16 That was not a joke.

00:25:17 But they knew that to do that, they would have to have financing and backing and military supplies and so forth, so they started collecting it any way they could -- through robberies, through appropriation of funds.

00:25:30 As far as they were concerned, anything goes.

00:25:33 None of you move, now.

00:25:33 Hand over that money, or you're gonna die.

00:25:34 Do it now!

00:25:36 Narrator: The kgc's postwar agenda lines up perfectly with the path that jesse james chose.

00:25:41 Stiles: Jesse james faced a conundrum.

00:25:44 Was he going to turn to a peaceful life, or was he going to step forward and help to keep this pattern of crime and also of harassment of the union authorities?

00:25:55 He chose to keep it going.

00:25:57 Narrator: James would do so as a standout member of an infamous band of ex-confederate guerrillas who came to be known collectively as the james-younger gang, so named for the james brothers and their close, trusted allies, the younger brothers.

00:26:14 Ganis Well, the james-younger gang robbed banks for over 15 years all across the country. 00:26:19 .. 00:26:22 ..

00:26:24 Kentucky, tennessee, mississippi.

00:26:28 We'll never know the full extent of the robberies of the jam-younger gang.

00:26:33 [Gunshot] all of you, get down!

00:26:35 Stiles: Well, jesse james' career spanned an enormous length of time -- far longer than the typical outlaw in the west after the civil war.

00:26:46 Usually, criminal careers in this period lasted two or three years at the most.

00:26:50 Narrator: Many believe that the gang's legendary success was due in large part to jesse's ties to men of power and influence.

00:26:59 Ganis There were a lot of bandits after the civil war, so the name of jesse james would have been just another name except for the fact that his was singled out by a newspaper editor named john newman edwards.

00:27:13 And edwards took it upon himself for some reason to support this young bandit that was out there.

00:27:20 Narrator: James personally wrote open letters to the public proclaiming his innocence and denouncing northern authorities.

00:27:27 He sent these letters directly to Edwards, who willingly published them in his newspaper, the Kansas City Times, a newspaper with ties to the KGC.

00:27:38 Stiles: Edwards really lifted up Jesse James as a symbol of what the Confederates had suffered and also of their pride and their determination never to take that sort of persecution lying down, as he depicted it.

00:27:52 Narrator: Edwards also wrote his own articles praising James, elevating him to a folk hero, in effect teaming up with James to rally support for their cause -- A CAUSE THAT FELL IN LINE WITH THE KGC's Agenda.

00:28:07 .. 00:28:10 Write flowery articles about a man who was robbing banks?

00:28:16 This is a big question.

00:28:18 And, in fact, the reason behind Edwards' support for Jesse could lie in the associations that Edwards had after the war that included people who were associated with the Knights of the Golden Circle.

00:28:30 Narrator: Among the strongest associations, one of the newspaper's owners belonged to a group with clear ties to the KGC.

00:28:38 If you look at the officers of the Kansas City Times, the officers that were in charge of that newspaper, you had John Newman Edwards, who was the chief editor.

00:28:47 And we know he was the architect of the James boys as heroes.

00:28:52 But let's look at the president of that newspaper.

00:28:56 It was a man named Amos Green, who was the head of the Order of American Knights, a KGC-affiliated organization in Illinois.

00:29:07 Narrator: A report by the Judge Advocate General War Department in 1864 lists the Order of American Knights and the Knights of the Golden Circle as different names for the same treasonous organization.

00:29:21 That same report also estimates that the KGC had between 20,000 and 40,000 members in Missouri.

00:29:28 To gain all of this evidence can only mean one thing.

00:29:32 He wasn't a simple outlaw out there for personal gain.

00:29:36 Jesse James was a political operative.

00:29:38 And I think this accounts for why Jesse and Frank James were defended so adamantly by very powerful men.

00:29:44 They knew that Frank and Jesse James were serving a purpose, and it was a political fight, and that even though they were robbing banks, it was a propaganda piece that was enabling them to garner support from the people of the South that felt disenfranchised by what was going on.

00:30:01 He was definitely a political operative.

00:30:04 No doubt about it.

00:30:07 [Helicopter blades whirring] Narrator: IN KANSAS, RON PASTORE CONTINUES His search for treasure -- a search that, if successful, could support the theory that Jesse James

robbed on behalf of the kgc.

00:30:21 barlow to help. 00:30:25 Barlow is a certified specialist in the operation of ground-penetrating radar, the most advanced technology available to the team.

00:30:34 Barlow will use it to get a subterranean view of the area where they think treasure may be buried.

00:30:41 Utilizing gpr is a definite benefit to this expedition, because we do get the advantage of being able to see some of what is down under the soil before we actually break the ground.

00:30:52 Barlow: Look at those boys go.

00:30:54 Oh, they're doing a great job. look at that.

00:30:57 They're soldiers. they're rocks.

00:31:03 Narrator: They scan a predetermined grid to create a consistent and accurate pattern.

00:31:08 6 Feet. 00:31:10 .. 00:31:12 3, 2, 1.

00:31:15 Engaged.

00:31:18 Barlow: Ground-penetrating radar is radio waves being sent down into the ground, and we're getting a collection of the reflections off of the different variations in the strata layers.

00:31:28 So we'll see anomalous events that are, say, from zero to 30 feet down fairly clearly.

00:31:34 And we will get much the same image back as they do in some of the medical-technology imaging when they do an mri or a cat scan.

00:31:42 You get this image of what's going on below the surface without breaking the surface.

00:31:50 Narrator: Barlow has a portable monitor that receives real-time readouts from the gpr.

00:31:57 Check it. ooh, man.

00:31:59 Do you believe that? yeah. no, I don't.

00:32:01 [Both laugh] I see it, but I don't believe it. 00:32:04 I'm telling ya!

00:32:05 Whoa!

00:32:06 Narrator: Pastore and barlow gather 10 separate files which cover 1,600 square feet.

00:32:12 That was like the first or second pass, we hit that.

00:32:15 [Sighs] I don't know what it was.

00:32:17 I've never seen anything like it.

00:32:19 " there you go. okay.

00:32:24 The parabolas represent objects under the ground.

00:32:29 Breaks in the strata could mean the ground has been disturbed.

00:32:32 We get the two parabolas on either side, and then there's disturbed earth in between.

00:32:38 Looks like a mine shaft to me.

00:32:40 It looks like somebody's dug something up.

00:32:41 It looks like somebody maybe dug something up, buried something under.

00:32:44 That disturbed earth no longer has the soil stratification of the natural sedimentation that occurs over time.

00:32:51 The results of the scan indicate something is underneath them.

00:32:55 This is also where we got the magnetic anomaly on the compass, you know, that 30-degree variance on the compass.

00:33:01 And we do have that low-lying trough there.

00:33:03 For some reason, the soil is settled.

00:33:05 And there's no real reason for that, other than maybe an aquifer.

00:33:08 You know, if there's some hydrological action going on here, and it's causing the soil to get wet enough that it's sinking over time.

00:33:14 But, you know, we've even buried a target, and that's the only thing that I say looks close to this, is a test target that we buried before.

00:33:23 He wants me to get the track-o out now.

00:33:26 Track-o!

00:33:27 He wants to dig now.

00:33:28 I want to dig some ground, man!

00:33:31 Oh, geez!

00:33:34 Narrator: No digging yet.

00:33:36 Pastore still wants to search treasure clues at two more sites.

00:33:41 Patience, laddie. patience.

00:33:44 Yeah.

00:33:45 What will they find?

00:33:46 so now I'm getting a little excited, all right?

00:33:50 [Laughs] ♪? I'm cool like that, I'm cool like that ♪?

00:34:15 ♪? I'm cool like that ♪?

00:34:16 [Female Announcer] There's a smarter, cooler way to get your clothes brilliantly clean.

00:34:21 And it's a turn for the better.

00:34:22 ♪? I'm cool like that, I'm cool like that ♪?

00:34:24 [Female Announcer] Tide coldwater.

00:34:26 It's specially formulated to clean in cold better than the other brand does in warm.

00:34:31 ♪? Cool like that ♪?

00:34:31 and by washing in cold, you can save up to \$10 on your energy bill with every 100 oz bottle.

00:34:37 And that's cool.

00:34:38 Tide coldwater.

00:34:39 Get out of the old and into the cold.

00:34:41 ♪? I'm cool like that ♪?

00:34:58 I'm all brawn.all brain.

00:35:02 Built not to lastbut to outlast.

00:35:05 Not to achievebut to overachieve.

00:35:09 My tank is full.

00:35:10 the loyalty of my owners.

00:35:13 The accolades of my industry.

00:35:15 I carry reputations.i carry livelihoods.

00:35:18 And I deliver the goods without fail.

00:35:21 My name is ram.and my tank is full.

00:35:25 ♪?♪?♪?

00:35:28 any continue.

00:35:33 (strokes violin) ♪?

00:35:37 friendly service.

00:35:38 Real value from your friends at hampton.

00:35:42 in the history of moms has ever turned down a hand-made ornament.

00:35:47 That's why we've set up Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops.

00:35:50 Where kids can get their picture with Santa.

00:35:52 And, this weekend, make a Chrismoose ornament.

00:35:55 And it's all free.

00:35:58) - () - (whirring) - OH, YOU KNOW WHAT?

00:36:10 Let me call you back.

00:36:13 Announcer: You don't drink every time you smoke.

00:36:15 Yet you smoke every time you drink.

00:36:18 Drinking and smoking don't have to go together.

00:36:22 Re-learn life without cigarettes, free, AT BecomeAnEX.org. A NEW WAY TO THINK ABOUT Quitting.

00:36:27) Narrator: New research suggests jesse james had ties to the knights of the golden circle.

00:37:40 There are stories about jesse james being connected to treasure, you know, treasure buried by the knights of the golden circle.

00:37:49 Narrator: Now a search for this mythic treasure could reveal bigger clues about james' secret life.

00:37:55 So, we're gonna research the clues and follow the treasure trail and see what we find.

00:38:00 [Helicopter blades whirring] Narrator: Ngs is headed for their second search site, a deep canyon surrounded by cliffs.

00:38:10 Pastore: You walk across what seems to be a flat kansas prairie, and then suddenly come up to this cut in the pasture, and it drops down 40, 50, 60 feet into these canyons with huge rock cliffs on each side.

00:38:24 It's just -- extraordinary view.

00:38:29 Barlow: Snake repellent?

00:38:31 10-4 On that.

00:38:33 [Laughs] well, there's lizards up here.

00:38:37 [Grunts] hey, we have scorpions, too?

00:38:40 [Both laugh] Narrator: To do their job, the team must get their gpr equipment into the canyon.

00:38:48 Pastore: It's gonna swing out.

00:38:49 Barlow: Well, right now, we're throwing about \$40,000 worth of equipment over the cliff.

00:38:54 So we want to be a little tender with it.

00:38:57 Don't get too close over here.

00:38:59 Have radar, will travel.

00:39:00 I don't know how else to say it, you know?

00:39:01 We'll find a way to bring this stuff to the site, and we will find a way to set it up where we can get accurate readings.

00:39:07 Narrator: Pastore is interested in this area because of a provocative carving on a rock wall.

00:39:14 It appears to be a map of the open space at the base of the canyon.

00:39:18 Inside the shape is another carving that looks like a turkey footprint -- a shape pastore's research tells him is kgc code, possibly pointing to treasure.

00:39:30 Pastore: We've got this kidney shape, and it does look a lot like the little piece of flat ground that we're gonna scan over here.

00:39:38 And with the turkey track in it, that gives us a possible target area where the two creeks meet.

00:39:42 Might be where they're trying to indicate that there's a possible cache there.

00:39:47 So, with the radar scan, we'll take a look and see if it does reveal anything.

00:39:53 That's 4 feet.

00:39:55 Narrator: Ground-penetrating radar scans reveal a few minor blips of interest.

00:40:00 They're difficult to identify.

00:40:02 you know, just a little bit.

00:40:05 But, you know, if a tree limb fell or something like that, it's gonna give that kind of impression, too.

00:40:09 But what I would suggest here on our next course of action, get a metal detector down and see if there's something.

00:40:14 Discriminator. yeah. uh-huh.

00:40:19 [Beep] ready, honing. 00:40:21 " okay.

00:40:25 [Slow beeping] [steady beep] Barlow: Okay, what we have is we have a target 5 on the scale, which is right in that iron, zinc, you know, tin area.

00:40:40 And it's kind of where we want, and it's right about at a foot down there.

00:40:44 So, it's within the range of a mason-jar lid, as far as metal goes.

00:40:48 Correct.

00:40:49 It's about a foot down. about a foot down.

00:40:51 And it's the size of a pop can or a mason jar.

00:40:54 Correct.

00:40:56 Narrator: A mason jar.

00:40:57 An encouraging sign to pastore, because it's consistent with legends that the knights of the golden circle buried money in mason jars to secretly pay sentinels charged with guarding kgc treasure.

00:41:10 Dr. Roush: For each treasure site, they had selected a sentinel -- somebody who was familiar with the area, somebody who was a diehard member of the knights of the golden circle who was sworn under oath to protect this treasure under threat of death if they failed.

00:41:29 And they would constantly survey the area to make sure it was not disturbed.

00:41:38 Pastore: Well, if you had a major cache site and there were a sentinel watching it, you'd have to see to it that he had plenty of funding to keep him interested in staying on his post.

00:41:48 So, a mason jar was probably the only reliable, waterproof container that you had in the old days.

00:41:54 And if you cached these around the region with a particular coding system, then you could have them go out and recover it as needed.

00:42:02 Dr. Roush: These sentinels were also to assign either their son or their grandson or a brother or somebody that they could trust for a lifetime to protect this treasure.

00:42:16 Narrator: Pastore believes that if jesse james was a kgc operative, it's likely he followed these traditions.

00:42:23 There's other evidence to support the theory that james was familiar with kgc rituals ..

00:42:30 Especially in this 1879 photograph of james gang members.

00:42:36 It was taken in a barrel-making factory in nashville, where it's believed the men were working, laying low between crimes.

00:42:44 The photograph was taken at the lambert mocker barrel factory.

00:42:48 In that photograph is jesse james and frank james, and frank james is giving the sign of greeting of the knights of the golden circle.

00:43:06 Another member of the gang is also giving that greeting. 00:43:10 His name is lorenzo merrimon little.

00:43:13 Little commanded the north carolina faction of the james gang.

00:43:18 .. 00:43:19 Years after the civil war -- the date is 1879 -- and frank james and merrimon little are giving the sign of greeting of the knights of the golden circle.

00:43:32 So they're saying hello to their fraternal brothers out there.

00:43:37 They're saying, "you boys keep plowing.

00:43:40 " Narrator: More evidence of jesse james' familiarity with kgc rituals and traditions may lie in references to his childhood home in missouri.

00:43:52 Ganis In the knights of the golden circle, the local chapters were called castles.

00:43:57 That's very interesting, because there are early histories that mention that the james farm " so there is a possibility that the reference to castle james means that the james farm was a

kgc safe haven.

00:44:13 [Helicopter blades whirring] [slow beeping] so far, it's not been able to tell me a depth, really.

00:44:27 There's something there, though.

00:44:29 There is something there. okay.

00:44:32 Pastore's manual metal-detector scan of this canyon floor in central kansas reveals an encouraging pattern that seems to correlate with the kgc-like writing on the nearby sandstone wall.

00:44:46 So, we're in the center of the turkey track, and we have two hits 7 feet apart.

00:44:50 Pastore: And this is consistent with what showed up on the radar.

00:44:54 It's been about eight years in the making in total, you know, from we first got on to this mystery to learning about the sites and, you know, a couple of years ago, finding them and finding the glyphs and then starting to figure out what they meant.

00:45:08 [Beeping] Man: Yeah, we got something right there, I think.

00:45:12 5B at 6. 00:45:13 5B?

00:45:14 Exact size and depth undetermined.

00:45:17 Could be some silver dollars?

00:45:19 Could be.

00:45:20 12 Inches.

00:45:22 And it's showing right here.

00:45:23 It's about the size of a pop can. okay.

00:45:26 So we've got three hits in a row, 7 feet apart, roughly about a foot down, and it's on that center leg of the turkey track we had over here that's in the shape of this piece of land.

00:45:38 [Beeping] 5b at 2 inches.

00:45:46 Okay, so now I'm getting a little excited, all right?

00:45:49 [Both laughing] Narrator: But instead of digging, the team continues with their plan.

00:45:54 They want to mark all three locations.

00:45:57 And there's still one more site to investigate -- a site with signs so compelling, the team spontaneously breaks ground.

00:46:05 What they find may cause historians to rethink the story of jesse james' life.

00:46:11 [Gunshot] and his death.

00:46:15 woody.

00:46:15 I have two girls, and they get into everything, especially when it comes to this.

00:46:20 So I had an idea.

00:46:22 I need some control.

00:46:23 You know, control how much time they spend on e pc.

00:46:26 Next thing you know, windows 7 comes out.

00:46:29 Now it's really easy to get between them and all the wrong stuff.

00:46:33 I thought it up, and microsoft did it. 00:46:35 ..

00:46:37 To be heard once in a while!

00:46:39 [Girl] YEAH, YEAH. 00:46:40 I'm a pc and windows 7 was my idea.

00:46:45 and I'm all brawn.all brain.

00:46:49 Built not to lastbut to outlast.

00:46:52 Not to achievebut to overachieve.

00:46:56 My tank is full.

00:46:57 the loyalty of my owners.

00:47:00 The accolades of my industry.

00:47:02 I carry reputations.i carry livelihoods.

00:47:05 And I deliver the goodswithout fail.

00:47:08 My name is ram.and my tank is full.

00:47:12 ♪?♪?♪? 00:47:31 musicplaying) now you can get the latestname-brand cell phones where you already save.

00:47:39 Well, actually,just a few rows over in walmart's expandedelectronics department.

00:47:45 Get unbeatable prices on new fully-activated verizon wireless, t-mobile or at&t phones.

00:47:51 They're a lot closer than you think.

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00:48:36 ♪?♪?♪?

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00:49:51 Narrator: Ron pastore and his team have found encouraging signs at two different dig sites ..

00:49:58 Barlow: Looks like a mine shaft to me. 00:50:01 Looks like somebody's dug something

up.

00:50:02 Looks like somebody maybe dug something up, buried something under.

00:50:08 ...Signs suggesting they may be very close to jesse james' hidden ..

00:50:11 Okay, so now I'm getting a little excited, all right?

00:50:15 [Both laughing] ...and more importantly, a new history for jesse james.

00:50:21 Get down! get down!

00:50:22 If they are correct, jesse james was more than an outlaw.

00:50:26 Get back! get away from that shotgun now!

00:50:29 He was a political operative ..

00:50:34 All right. let's get out of here!

00:50:35 ...Determined to help the confederacy rise again.

00:50:42 But before digging here, pastore wantsto investigate a third site, also located withinthe lengthy complex of canyons he believes was well-traveled by jesse james.

00:50:53 Pastore: A most remarkable petroglyph shows up.

00:50:56 It's the anchor "jj" WHERE THE J's HAVE BEEN MADE BACK-TO-BACK To create the motif of an anchor.

00:51:04 This is just amazing.

00:51:06 A signature mark for jesse james.

00:51:15 The metaphor is quite simple -- this being an anchor site for the treasure locations.

00:51:20 You know, this entire bluff is covered with all kinds of code, and we just started exposing it.

00:51:25 You know, the 150-year-old moss cover has just preserved this really well.

00:51:33 Narrator: Below the anchor j's, pastore's focus is drawn to a curious outcropping of rock with intriguing glyphs.

00:51:41 Pastore: So, now we have the circle with the "x" in it deeply etched in here.

00:51:45 And then we come along to some more indiscernible code glyphs.

00:51:49 As we're looking here, we've got a "j," " " but it's really faded and, you know, worn out.

00:51:57 Another symbol, a hash mark.

00:51:58 This looks like kgc rebel code right out of a textbook.

00:52:02 And then as we come here, we see a really faint "x" on the wall.

00:52:07 we've got this letter here.

00:52:12 It almost looks like an upside-down hatchet or something -- you know, a little, square cubby hole.

00:52:16 I wouldn't know even how to interpret this.

00:52:19 We don't read code.

00:52:21 We just find it [laughs] and try to figure out what it means.

00:52:24 But most of the time, we just scratch our heads.

00:52:26 Narrator: This time, pastore's hoping it means treasure.

00:52:31 Pastore: And mark.

00:52:32 See, something's causing a reflection down here.

00:52:34 Barlow: Yeah, I know.

00:52:35 So, the radar went down and hit something, and it's reflecting up below it.

00:52:40 Well, I think I'd like to metal-detect that last scan.

00:52:46 Good plan.

00:52:47 Today's original plan was to gather gpr readouts to be analyzed later.

00:52:52 I got a double hit. ding-ding, ding-ding.

00:52:54 It's still in there.

00:52:55 But the metal detector is telling them that there is precious metal, and it's not far from reach.

00:53:02 Did you get a depth or anything?

00:53:05 don't remember what it was.

00:53:08 [Beeping] it's still saying a foot.

00:53:12 With the target so close to the surface, pastore decides it's time to dig.

00:53:21 It's the first time the ngs team has broken ground.

00:53:32 Glass.

00:53:37 It was a mason jar.

00:53:38 Was that upside down?

00:53:40 Mm-hmm.

00:53:42 Where's the bottom if that was upside down?

00:53:46 [Beeping] is it locking on anything?

00:53:50 Yeah. it's real small, though.

00:53:51 I mean, real, real small.

00:53:55 [Steady beeping] there's still something else down there.

00:54:03 Aha!

00:54:04 There's the bottom. bottom.

00:54:06 See anything on it?

00:54:09 " [laughs] Narrator: A mason jar.

00:54:15 That's consistent with legends that the kgc hid small deposits called paychecks in mason jars.

00:54:21 These were payments for sentinels who guarded treasure sites. 00:54:26 ..

00:54:27 " pastore is hoping this paycheck has not been cashed.

00:54:36 Same thing. still right there.

00:54:38 A foot? a foot down? that's all?

00:54:41 Foot down.

00:54:43 "Boyd's" mean anything to you?

00:54:45 Hey, hey! I found a dollar!

00:54:47 [Laughs] where was that?

00:54:49 Silver dollar. you dug it out, man.

00:54:51 A MORGAN SILVER DOLLAR. Barlow: Whoa!

00:54:53 1880.

00:54:54 1880? Oh, no way!

00:54:59 Look, look, oh. we got more.

00:55:02 I got another one.

00:55:03 Oh, look at this. itisa stash.

00:55:06 1880.

00:55:08 Two silver dollars.

00:55:10 Two-dollar payday.

00:55:12 A two-dollar payday.

00:55:12 That made the whole expedition worthwhile.

00:55:14 Barlow: 1880 Is the right time frame.

00:55:24 [Wind howling] [train whistle blows] Narrator: It was 15 years after the civil war ended, and james was still on a campaign ..

00:55:46 [People screaming] ...targeting banks and railroad companies owned by yankees.

00:55:52 All right, old-timer! stop the train!

00:55:55 Stop it right now, or I'll blow your head off!

00:55:58 At the same time, allan pinkerton, head of the pinkerton detective agency, was on an all-out manhunt for jesse james.

00:56:06 Stiles: He took on the case of the james-younger gang as a very personal mission.

00:56:11 Narrator: And he made it personal for james' family, as well.

00:56:17 In 1875, pinkerton firebombed james' childhood home.

00:56:22 Stiles: Jesse's half-brother was hit in the head and killed, and jesse's mother, zerelda, had her arm badly mangled, and it had to be amputated that night. 00:56:34 It was a shocking attack on an unarmed family, and it had the effect of turning the james boys into heroes even more widely than they had been before.

00:56:48 Narrator: Though jesse and frank james continued to evade authorities, the gang had dispersed.

00:56:54 Many gang members had been captured or killed by authorities.

00:56:58 Jesse wanted to continue the fight, but his brother, frank, did not.

00:57:02 Stiles: Frank actually managed to live peacefully working on a farm, working for a lumber company, actually leading a day-to-day existence quite well.

00:57:13 Jesse james, on the other hand, never managed to adapt to a peaceful life.

00:57:17 He was always looking for a big score.

00:57:19 Narrator: Without his trusted band of ex-guerrillas to turn to, James teamed up with two brothers, Charley and Robert Ford, to plan another heist.

00:57:29 Stiles: And the Fords were from nearby Ray County, and they were -- some of these young men -- attracted by the gangster allure of Jesse James, that glamour that he had about him.

00:57:43 But they had none of that wartime experience of the old James-Younger gang.

00:57:49 Narrator: They also didn't have the same loyalties.

00:57:53 The reward money on Jesse's head proved too tempting.

00:57:58 The Ford brothers made contact Crittenden of Missouri.

00:58:03 After a fancy dinner and ball for a militia unit in Kansas City, Missouri, the governor retired from the festivities and met with Bob Ford.

00:58:15 And they made a deal that Bob and Charley Ford would try to bring down Jesse James.

00:58:21 Narrator: In April of 1882, the Fords were staying with James, who was living in Saint Joseph, Missouri, "James thought they were planning a robbery together.

00:58:36 The Fords had other plans.

00:58:37 Stiles: So, as Jesse James went back and forth between the house and the barn to prepare the horses for the trip, he began to get hot, and he took off his coat.

00:58:47 He commented, offhand, that he had best take off his guns, as well, because it would look suspicious, a man in his own yard wearing a pair of revolvers.

00:58:59 So he took off his gun belt and threw them aside.

00:59:01 This was the first time that the Ford brothers had ever seen Jesse James without his weapons.

00:59:06 They never would have tried anything against Jesse as long as he had his guns on him.

00:59:11 They were, quite frankly, terrified of him.

00:59:13 Narrator: So terrified that even once his guns were off, they still waited till James seemed even more vulnerable.

00:59:23 Stiles: He got up on a chair to adjust or perhaps dust a picture on the wall.

00:59:31 With his back turned, up on a chair, his guns off, Bob Ford drew his revolver, pointed it at the back of Jesse James' head, and pulled the trigger.

00:59:44 [Gunshot, thud] One shot crashed through his skull and finally brought Jesse James down.

00:59:54 Narrator: Since reports of James' death first circulated, there have been those who doubt this story.

01:00:01 Some believe that Jesse James was never shot ..

01:00:07 ...That there was instead a secret conspiracy ..

01:00:14 And make it look like James was dead when he really wasn't.

01:00:24 Back in Kansas, Pastore's team continues to dig at the same site where they just uncovered two silver coins, hoping that their find yields more information about Jesse James' life and perhaps his death.

01:00:38 Then they hit the jackpot.

01:00:41 Oh, we got a -- we got a paycheck cache here.

01:00:45 Hey, we got a whole bunch of them!

01:00:46 We got a whole mason jar full of them. 01:00:50 [Laughs] yeah!

01:00:53 There it is.

01:00:54 Narrator: They unearth a total of 21 silver dollars.

01:01:00 Some are gold.

01:01:02 Oh, my god!

01:01:03 Whoa! yeah!

01:01:04 Yeah. there we go.

01:01:06 Narrator: One \$10 gold piece.

01:01:08 And one \$20 gold piece.

01:01:11 What they're worth today is anyone's guess.

01:01:15 Coins of significant historic value can sell for tens, even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

01:01:21 But these coins are worth more than money to pastore.

01:01:26 [Blows] .. 01:01:30 .. 01:01:33 ..

01:01:35 They could confirm pastore's belief that jesse james was here hiding loot for the kgc.

01:01:46 If it is money that jesse james buried on their behalf, it's a potentially explosive find, because many of these coins are minted after 1882, the year james died.

01:02:01 For pastore, the find opens stunning new possibilities in the story of jesse james.

01:02:06 What the mainstream believes about jesse james and reality are turning out to be two vastly different theories.

01:02:17 horrible like I couldn't catch my breath.

01:02:20 I couldn't believe I was actually having a heart attack.

01:02:23 I remember being at the hospital, thinking about my wife.

01:02:28 I should have done more to take care of myself.

01:02:31 Now I'm exercising, watching my diet, and I trust my heart to lipitor.

01:02:36 (announcer) UNLIKE SOME OTHER Cholesterol lowering medications, lipitor is fda approved to reduce the risk of heart attack, stroke and certain kinds of heart surgeries in patients with several common risk factors or heart disease.

01:02:47 Lipitor is backed by over 17 years of research.

01:02:50 Lipitor is not for everyone, including people with liver problems and women who are nursing, pregnant or may become pregnant.

01:02:57 You need simple blood tests to check for liver problems.

01:02:59 Tell your doctor if you are taking other medications or if you have any muscle pain or weakness.

01:03:04 This may be a sign of a rare but serious side effect.

01:03:07 I'll never forget what I went through.

01:03:10 Don't take your health for granted.

01:03:11 (announcer) HAVE A HEART TO HEART WITH PYOUR Doctor about your risk.
01:03:14 And about lipitor.
01:03:17 Red...
01:03:17 or Black? 01:03:18 ..
01:03:20 Both. 01:03:21 .. 01:03:24 .. 01:03:25 ..
01:03:28 Pick enterprise.
01:03:30 We'll pick you up.
01:03:32 Clock] d yoyou rinse this morning?
01:03:34 If you did, your mouth will thank you.
01:03:35 Listerine® doesn't just put a spring in your step.
01:03:38 It also significantly reduces gingivitis and pquque.
01:03:42 Say goodbye to germs.
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01:03:47 Announcer: autohammer, hammer ..
01:03:52 Driving home nails with the touch of a button.
01:03:55 Innovation. better value. craftsman.
01:03:58 Trust.in your hands.
01:04:03 ?????ñ ing ourselves.
01:04:34 Woman:THERE'S AN EASIER WAY.
01:04:35 Create your own business site with intuit websites.
01:04:39 Just choose a style, then customize, publish, and get found.
01:04:42 (register bell dings) Sweet.
01:04:43 Get a 30-day free trial AT Intuit.com.
01:04:45 hr Narrator: The national geomantic survey team ..
01:06:16 Barlow: And some are gold.
01:06:17 Oh, my god!
01:06:18 Whoa! yeah!
01:06:19 Yeah. there we go.
01:06:20 Narrator:...The first since their hunt ..
01:06:25 Barlow: I want to see the big gold one.
01:06:27 You want to see the big gold one, the \$20 one?
01:06:29 You bet.
01:06:30 ...A stash of coins buried in the kgc tradition, according to historian roy roush.
01:06:36 They did not put itin vaults or in banks, something like that.
01:06:42 Usually, they selected prominent sites, places that were going to be there for a long time, prominent locations -- landmarks, certain features of the terrain in canyons or mountain peaks.

01:06:58 Narrator: If jesse james buried the coins found near this rock wall for the kgc, it raises an intriguing possibility.

01:07:08 Many of the coins were minted after 1882, the year history tells us robert ford shot and killed jesse james.

01:07:17 Pastore believes his find allows for a fresh look at an old conspiracy theory, one that claims jesse james faked his own death to escape relentless pursuit from bounty hunters.

01:07:30 It's a theory historians don't accept, but understand.

01:07:36 All right, let's go.

01:07:36 Stiles: Well, jesse james is a larger-than-life figure.

01:07:39 And because he's larger than life, the idea that he could be brought down by a relatively pathetic figure like bob ford, I think there are always going to be people who can't accept that.

01:07:51 Narrator: What historians do accept -- authorities at the time created public controversy in their handling of the ford brothers' trial.

01:08:00 Stiles: After they had killed jesse james, they surrendered themselves to the authorities, they pleaded guilty, and were convicted and sentenced to hang for their crime.

01:08:09 And at that point, the governor of missouri stepped in and pardoned them.

01:08:16 The public was shocked.

01:08:19 People who had had no sympathy for jesse james when he was a live criminal began to see him as the victim of a shocking conspiracy upon his death.

01:08:30 Ganis This conspiratorial meeting with the governor and the subsequent assassination of jesse ..

01:08:38 ...Unarmed and in his home, with his back turned, did more to propel jesse into hero status than anything else that was done.

01:08:47 Narrator: Even so, it was decades before anyone suggested james faked his own death.

01:08:52 Ganis A lot of the stories concerning jesse james faking his death AROSE IN THE 1940s, When old men came forward claiming to be jesse james.

01:09:02 Narrator: One of the best-known, a man called j. frank dalton.

01:09:08 Dalton, a texan, announced in 1947 that he was jesse james, age 101.

01:09:16 Dalton claimed he and fellow gang members killed another man and passed him off as jesse james.

01:09:24 Historians dismiss this concept.

01:09:26 These fakers really were just trying to capitalize on jesse's fame and his name.

01:09:31 Stiles: All the evidence that I looked at suggested that there was really no question at the time that jesse james had in fact been the one assassinated IN SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 3rd.

01:09:43 It was not until later that serious arguments were made that jesse james perhaps might have faked his death.

01:09:51 Narrator: But according to ron pastore, the new information suggesting james acted as a secret kgc operative provides new reasons to interrogate what he calls "intriguing inconsistencies" in the reports about james' assassination, starting with ford's own account.

01:10:09 He stated that the bullet did exit out the head and that blood was gushing out 4 inches.

01:10:15 Narrator: Just four days after the killing, the Saint Joseph Daily Herald published a review of Jesse James' autopsy, reporting that the ball, or bullet, did not exit but was found lodged under the cranium, behind the left ear and that the injury above the left eye was not an exit wound, but a gash, possibly from the butt of a revolver.

01:10:39 A passionate amateur historian, Pastore also compared Ford's testimony to photos of the murder victim taken several hours after death.

01:10:48 I think when you look at the Jesse James case, the single most-telling factor in this entire story is the death photo of the victim from 1882.

01:10:58 Bob Ford says when he shot this individual that he simply fell backwards and landed on the ground rather softly, in fact.

01:11:06 This gentleman has some blood evidence on the shirt.

01:11:10 You can see a transfer from the temple injury to his shoulder, and you can actually see that the shape of this injury here looks like the injury from his head.

01:11:21 Because of this injury, there's blood transfer on the shoulder, and that had to be a result of him falling down and the head striking his shoulder this way, which is not consistent with what Ford said happened.

01:11:33 Narrator: Pastore says the photograph suggests ..

01:11:39 ...One where the victim was ambushed and tried to fight off his attackers.

01:11:44 Pastore: That individual, perhaps, pulled his weapon out to fire on his assailants.

01:11:49 They grab the barrel, twist it out of his finger, and create the bruising around his index finger.

01:11:54 And you can see bruising around the index finger.

01:11:57 There's bruising on this portion of the hand here.

01:12:00 The individual was coldcocked on the side of the head with a weapon.

01:12:05 Then the individual falls down and to the left, which is supported by the blood transfer on the shoulder.

01:12:11 And then finally, the death shot is downward, into the base of the skull, and across, and it lodges over here on the opposite side.

01:12:20 And that's the way the autopsy reads.

01:12:24 It's not consistent with Bob Ford's testimony, which he says he shot him upwards from the rear and the bullet exited here.

01:12:32 Narrator: Also of interest to Pastore, the lawman who took control of James' corpse, Sheriff Timberlake, ..

01:12:42 Knew James personally, and, like James, served in a Confederate guerrilla gang with ties to the KGC.

01:12:51 Sheriff Timberlake had no jurisdiction in Saint Joe.

01:12:54 He was from Clay County, where the James farm is.

01:12:57 Narrator: One newspaper report ..

01:13:04 Suggesting to conspiracy theorists that Timberlake was in cahoots with James gang

members.

01:13:10 Timberlake and his deputies moved the body to clay county.

01:13:15 According to some newspaper accounts, timberlake was actually a pall bearer at the famous outlaw's funeral.

01:13:22 Did timberlake help james fake his own death, with help from the powerful kgc?

01:13:30 Pastore: So, now you have a sheriff who's out of his jurisdiction.

01:13:33 He's deputizing james gang members to take custody of the body so that no one else has control of the individual killed that day and no one else can refute the identity of the victim.

01:13:47 Narrator: Not only do some people think the sheriff helped cover up evidence, some believe the highest authority in the state, crittenden, also played a role.

01:13:59 Governor crittenden's behavior seems contradictory to me.

01:14:02 Narrator: This contradictory behavior lies in the different ways the governor treated jesse james and his brother, frank.

01:14:11 First, jesse.

01:14:12 Ganis Now, jesse james was murdered by a man who had conspired with the governor of a state to kill him.

01:14:19 .. 01:14:23 Which jesse james did do, ..

01:14:28 As a state-sponsored assassination, a conspiracy between a citizen and a government official to get another citizen.

01:14:39 Narrator: Though crittenden conspired to bring jesse james down, the governor later appeared to conspire with newspaperman and kgc insider john newman edwards to protect frank james.

01:14:52 I have an envelope that contained a letter that was given to frank by john newman edwards.

01:14:57 And in the letter was a promise from the governor that frank would receive a fair trial.

01:15:03 When you turn the envelope on its side, in frank's own handwriting, it says "the " so there was a promise made that he would receive a fair trial.

01:15:14 Narrator: Soon after receiving this written promise, frank james surrendered himself to the governor, was acquitted of all charges, and set free.

01:15:28 Many believe the governor's sympathetic treatment of frank james suggests he was equally sympathetic to jesse james, allowing him to appear dead when he actually wasn't.

01:15:40 Pastore: Here you have two brothers engaged in the same crime spree together -- frank and jesse james -- and one is plotted to be assassinated and the other one is welcomed with open arms and exonerated completely.

01:15:53 Does not make sense.

01:15:54 I think it opens the door for a lot of questions as to why one brother would be killed and the other one exonerated.

01:16:02 Narrator: Since james' controversial death, speculation continued to grow over just who was buried in jesse james' grave.

01:16:13 In 1995, a team of forensic scientists from george washington university exhumed the

remains.

01:16:20 Their goal -- use dna testing to prove once and for all whether the body was or was not jesse james. 01:16:29 Unfortunately, scientists found the body in less than ideal condition.

01:16:35 It was badly decomposed and had already been moved once.

01:16:41 In 1902, the james family moved the body from its original burial site on the family farm to a nearby cemetery. 01:16:49 The team was unable to extract testable dna.

01:16:53 They relied on teeth recovered from the james family farm -- teeth assumed to be jesse james'.

01:17:02 Jeff glickman, a fellow at the american college of forensic examiners, provides expert analysis on criminal cases for law enforcement, including the u.s. department of justice.

01:17:14 He says the dna tests made too many assumptions. 01:17:17 The issue here, though, is one of an evidence chain, ..

01:17:22 Can one prove that the materials that were recovered originated from jesse james?

01:17:30 And the problem with the family farm is that many people were buried at the family farm, many relatives of jesse james.

01:17:37 So that creates confusion in the ability to do analysis.

01:17:42 Narrator: The scientists compared the dna of the teeth to the dna of living descendants of jesse james' mother.

01:17:50 In the end, the team admitted the results were inconclusive.

01:17:54 The report they filed with the american academy of forensic sciences ..

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01:20:07 (announcer) woman express each one more with downy simple pleasures feel more calm with new downylavender serenity feel more daring with spice blossom dare feel more elegant with orchid allure now all have renewing scent pearls that help you express every side of you downy simple pleasures.

01:20:32 Feel more has ever turned down a hand-made ornament.

01:21:10 That's why we've set up Santa's Wonderland at Bass Pro Shops.

01:21:13 Where kids can get their picture with Santa.

01:21:15 And, this weekend, make a Chrismoose ornament.

01:21:18 And it's all free.

01:22:19 [Beeping] Barlow: It's gold, man! it is gold!

01:22:22 Man: I found two!

01:22:24 Hey, we got a whole bunch of them!

01:22:25 Sweet!

01:22:27 Narrator: Treasure hunter ron pastore ..

01:22:32 Pastore: I can't tell you how I feel inside.

01:22:35 I've been searching a long time.

01:22:37 To finally dig something of note up out of the ground, that is, inwardly, very rewarding.

01:22:43 Narrator:..Treasure his team thinks jesse james buried.

01:22:46 Glory, glory. it's gold.

01:22:51 [Laughter] 1890.

01:22:55 We're following the evidence and giving the facts.

01:22:58 In 1894.

01:22:59 Narrator: One fact -- many of the coins are dated after 1882, the year james supposedly died.

01:23:07 Given that discovery and the new research into jesse james' secret life, pastore is re-examining a popular conspiracy ..

01:23:16 One claiming jesse james did not die in 1882.

01:23:19 Pastore: I think we have to embrace the possibility that jesse james lived a really low-profile life and spent his years in a remote corner of southeast kansas, raising his family.

01:23:30 Narrator: To investigate that possibility, pastore turns to the latest in facial-recognition technology.

01:23:37 Bob schmitt is president of biometrica, a firm specializing in cutting-edge facial-recognition software -- software used by law enforcement and the government to capture criminals.

01:23:48 It's used in a lot of government applications, especially around immigration, visas.

01:23:54 And, of course, department of defense uses it for a lot of military applications.

01:23:59 Narrator: The software works by capturing an image of a face.

01:24:03 It runs it through a database of suspects and offers up possible matches.

01:24:11 To illustrate, schmitt compares a photo of jesse james with one of billy the kid.

01:24:17 Schmitt: The eyes are in the same location.

01:24:19 they're the same size.

01:24:22 But now we look at the mouth, and look how much further down billy the kid's mouth is than jesse james'.

01:24:28 You can see the nose is different.

01:24:29 You can see that the hairline of both of them is different.

01:24:33 So clearly, those are not the same person.

01:24:36 Narrator: Now schmitt compares a well-known photo of young jesse james to the photo of the man in the coffin.

01:24:43 Schmitt: That was a very hard analysis to do because the picture in the coffin is not looking straight ahead.

01:24:49 It's looking off to the side.

01:24:51 Narrator: Despite this difficulty, schmitt is able to assess what he calls "telling identity markers" on both faces.

01:24:58 Schmitt: Now, the reason that I've put the two crosses there is because when we normalize faces, we have to have the distance between the eyes.

01:25:07 But of course, in this case, we don't have any eyes, because the eyes are closed on the corpse.

01:25:11 So what I've done is approximated where those are so that we can make a comparison between the two photographs.

01:25:17 We'll first look at the vertical split.

01:25:19 And as you can see, the mouth doesn't line up based on where the eyes are.

01:25:25 The hairline is lower on the young jesse than it is on the corpse by quite a bit.

01:25:29 So we'd assume that this person has a little bigger head than jesse does.

01:25:32 And if we look at some of the characteristics, if you look at the eyebrow, it's a very different eyebrow on the right eye.

01:25:39 And when you blend the two, that's when you can begin to see the difference in the two men.

01:25:44 The corpse gives you one view, and the face is very different when you get done because of the shape, where the chin is, and where the hairline is.

01:25:53 It doesn't look like it's the same person.

01:25:55 But I'd have to say that it is not conclusive.

01:26:02 Narrator: Even so, facial-recognition technology may be able to shed light on a different photo, one of a man who features prominently in jesse james conspiracy theories.

01:26:14 His name -- jeremiah james, or j.m. james.

01:26:19 Though he died in kansas in 1935, many of his descendants believe he was actually jesse james, living incognito in kansas after faking his death.

01:26:31 Chuck james is his great grandson. 01:26:33 Chuck: It is pretty logical that there's enough evidence out there in the world to say that jesse was not shot and killed in 1882.

01:26:42 He did fake his death.

01:26:45 Narrator: CHUCK'S FATHER, CHARLES, ACTUALLY Knew j.m. james.

01:26:50 Charles: HE ALWAYS WENT BY J.M. JAMES, But we don't know what his real name was.

01:26:55 One day, I was out visiting uncle frank -- uh, uncle bill and aunt daisy, and we were walking out in the backyard.

01:27:03 And I just asked him.

01:27:05 I said, "well, I always heard "we were related to jesse and frank james.

01:27:08 " "oh, well, hell," he said, "if I told you, it would scare the pants " and he wouldn't say no more.

01:27:17 Narrator: Charles says his grandfather was a confederate supporter and a suspected outlaw secretive about his past.

01:27:27 Nobody would talk about it.

01:27:28 You know, back in them days, an outlaw was an outlaw.

01:27:31 Narrator: Family legend holds james had access to a secret cache of money, one that may be related to the hidden treasures of jesse james.

01:27:41 Chuck: When jeremiah passed away, his oldest son left, took off walking, and came back about 4 to 5 hours later and had a bundle of money to pay off all of the known bills and everything to pay for the funeral.

01:27:52 And that was cash.

01:27:54 Narrator: To top it off, chuck's son, jeremiah, bears a striking resemblance to jesse james.

01:28:00 I'm just baffled why I look more like jesse james than the dead guy does in the photo of dead jesse.

01:28:06 Narrator: To show just how much he resembles jesse james, jeremiah dressed up in period clothes for a photo.

01:28:14 Jeremiah: It's just mind-blowing.

01:28:17 Sometimes I wonder if it ain't me.

01:28:19 [Laughs] sometimes.

01:28:20 It's really weird, but sometimes I've looked through it, and I wonder if I ain't looking at myself.

01:28:29 Narrator: But perhaps the most fascinating evidence james to jesse james -- these artifacts.

01:28:37 Family members found them nearly 40 years after he died, hidden in a home owned by j.m. james' daughter.

01:28:45 We cleaned out two bedrooms, and one of the bedrooms had a hidden closet behind it.

01:28:49 It was hid by a pie safe, and behind the pie safe was a door with no doorknob.

01:28:55 Narrator: A trunk behind that door james -- jewelry that seems to have connections to

jesse james.

01:29:06 This "mother" pin looks identical to a pin seen in a well-known photo of james' mother, zerelda.

01:29:15 This oval broach matches a broach she's also wearing in the same picture.

01:29:22 The holster broach holds particular interest.

01:29:25 MEN IN THE 1800s WORE SUCH BROACHES TO CARRY A flower.

01:29:31 The broach resembles one jesse james has on in this famous photo taken when he was a young guerrilla fighter.

01:29:38 The jewelry seems to offer strong proof that j.m. james was jesse james.

01:29:46 But there could be another possibility.

01:29:49 The trinkets may have been taken as souvenirs.

01:29:53 Ganis He was so popular that they began to dismantle the frame of the house, the fence.

01:30:00 It's just incredible.

01:30:01 People that went into the home were taking items from the shelves, and they wanted a piece of his life.

01:30:09 And they felt that these pieces were talismans or something.

01:30:15 They hold power, you know?

01:30:17 Even his tombstone, after his death, was decimated by people breaking it up to get pieces of the marble.

01:30:24 It's a sign of just how big this man was in the public's mind, what a hero and what status he held, the interest that people had.

01:30:33 Narrator: james' descendants, what happened is clear.

01:30:38 Chuck: Jesse james faked his death and lived until 1935.

01:30:43 And there was a ruse to get the government off his back so he could live a peaceful, long life.

01:30:51 Narrator: To determine if jesse james and james were the same man, the family sanctioned dna testing on the remains of j.m. james.

01:31:02 In a one-page report, the scientists concluded no genetic connection existed.

01:31:08 Even so, forensic examiner jeff glickman thinks the group's evidence is not fully persuasive.

01:31:15 He says the report fails to adequately document that the dna actually came from j.m. james.

01:31:21 Glickman: To be able to draw a conclusion from the 2003 analysis, we would need a full evidence chain that would show where the dna originated from.

01:31:33 If we had that, then we could draw a conclusion.

01:31:37 Because the evidence chain is weak, we really can't draw conclusions from it.

01:31:43 Narrator: In 2009, six years after the dna test, pastore uncovered new evidence that seems to connect the two men.

01:31:53 First, a photograph FROM A 1920s REUNION OF EX-CONFEDERATE

GUERRILLAS Taken in jackson county, missouri.

01:32:00 Pastore: I found this old picture from the reunion, and I noticed our guy, jeremiah, is in the background here in the back row of the group that was in attendance.

01:32:13 Narrator: On a research trip to missouri, pastore found something he says is extraordinary -- an authentic roll-call roster from a similar reunion in 1924.

01:32:24 I've gone to the western heritage manuscript collection in columbia, missouri.

01:32:32 They had the sergeant at arms' roll call from this meeting available.

01:32:38 And we have jesse james in attendance right here, in 1924.

01:32:46 Narrator: The roll call is authentic, but does it prove jesse james was actually there?

01:32:52 Ganis When you're researching jesse james, one thing becomes abundantly clear, and that is this -- the more you know, the more you know remains.

01:33:26 music) an 8-speedautomatic transmission.

01:33:31 One of 12 world's first innovations.

01:33:35 The lexus ls.

01:33:36 Inspiring an industry.

01:33:41 is again?

01:33:41 It's fidelity's guidance -- it shows you ways to spend in retirement that can help your money last, whatever your plans.

01:33:46 Like, if we wanted to travel?

01:33:51 Husband: Or start a business?

01:33:51 Advisor: Yep.

01:33:53 Wife: Or take some classes?

01:33:53 Sure.

01:33:56 Or find the best cheeseburger?

01:34:00 The line isn't for everything.

01:34:03 Whatever your destination, fidelity has the people, guidance and investments to help you find your way. 01:34:11 continuesthe debate over health care reform, aarp has chosena side-- yours.

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01:34:26 And to make suremedicare benefits are protected for everyone.

01:34:30 Because at aarp, we believe your healthis worth fighting for.

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01:35:14 To avoid long term injury seek immediate medical help for an erection lasting more than 4 hours.

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01:35:32 Ask your doctor about cialis today, so when the moment is right, you can be ready.

01:35:40 ♪?

01:35:40 at our thanksgiving dinner, I make sure there's more than enough.

01:35:42 Thanks to walmart I can feed my family of 8 for \$20 or less.

01:35:46 Thanksgiving costs less at walmart.

01:35:50 Save money. live better. walmart.

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01:36:31 One of 12 world's first innovations.

01:36:34 The lexus ls.

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01:36:53 Narrator: The national geomantic survey team ..

01:36:57 Barlow: Some are gold.

01:36:59 Oh, my god!

01:37:00 Whoa! yeah!

01:37:01 Narrator:..One that's prompting stimulating questions about the legendary outlaw jesse james.

01:37:07 Was he more than a simple bandit?

01:37:10 History. 1894.

01:37:14 And if so, could that warrant a new look at a long-running conspiracy theory about his murder in 1882?

01:37:24 For decades, some have speculated ..

01:37:31 ...And lived incognito as a kansas man known as j.m. james.

01:37:40 Amateur historian ron pastore james' face might provide some answers.

01:37:48 Bob schmitt, founder of biometrica, a company specializing in the use of facial-recognition software, again oversees the test.

01:37:58 First, schmitt compares the photo of j.m.

01:37:58 James to a famous photo of a young jesse james.

01:38:05 Despite the beard and the age difference, the software indicates these two are a possible match. 01:38:11 Schmitt: That's very telling.

01:38:13 The picture on the left is the young jesse james, and the picture on the right james, and the picture was taken when he was about 86 years old.

01:38:24 Now, if we compare these two pictures, we have to look at a couple things early.

01:38:30 The first is the eye.

01:38:31 In all the pictures of jesse james, we see this droop in the eye, which we also see on the picture of the old man.

01:38:38 We also see this scar on the top of the eyebrow, so that gives us a good idea just on that alone that these are the same people.

01:38:46 But when we do the split screen, it's almost a complete match.

01:38:50 Now, the older jesse is looking down a little bit, so the nose doesn't line up quite right.

01:38:57 But other than that, all of the features line up very closely.

01:39:02 When we blend the two photographs, what you see is a morphing from the young jesse james into the old jesse james.

01:39:11 You're just seeing a person age, and it's -- it's -- it just looks like it's the same person.

01:39:19 Narrator: Though the scan is not absolute proof ..

01:39:23 Schmitt finds the results compelling.

01:39:26 I would say there's a very, very high probability that the photograph of the 86-year-old person is the same person as jesse james.

01:39:38 Narrator: Now schmitt compares a photo of jesse james to a photo of jeremiah james, j.m. james' great-great-grandson.

01:39:49 The family thinks jeremiah is a dead ringer for jesse james -- in their minds, further proof they are direct descendants of the legendary outlaw.

01:40:02 Well, this is a very interesting set of pictures, and I won't do a comparison on these, because it's very simple to see the family resemblance between these two photographs.

01:40:12 Narrator: When shown video of schmitt's analysis, the two men feel vindicated.

01:40:16 I am totally amazed by this, 'cause I've never seen these two pictures together, and -- wow.

01:40:27 I can't even put it into words.

01:40:29 I think he was my great-great-grandpa.

01:40:34 And this right here says a lot.

01:40:40 [Helicopter blades whirring] back in kansas, pastore's treasure hunt continues.

01:40:45 PASTORE: All right, gentlemen. Here comes your paychecks.

01:40:50 [Beeping] Pastore: First bucket of dirt!

01:40:56 Barlow: Yeah! whoo-hoo!

01:40:57 Narrator: The team is digging in the open meadow where gpr readouts suggest treasure could be buried.

01:41:04 how deep can that thing go?

01:41:07 It's a 10-foot boom. 10-foot?

01:41:09 Well, we should hit by then.

01:41:11 But they find nothing.

01:41:16 Negative.

01:41:18 Barlow: Can you do me a huge favor there, buddy?

01:41:20 Coat that on both sides and see if that water is just right there at the surface.

01:41:25 'Cause I need to know what's causing it.

01:41:28 Man: Yeah, it's a little softer right there.

01:41:31 I mean, I can push down. that's soft.

01:41:34 There's a break in the strata. exactly.

01:41:36 Not hitting a hard target, that's for sure.

01:41:38 We have a nice pileof kansas dirt.

01:41:42 Um, to a farmer, that's great.

01:41:44 You know?he can get rich on that.

01:41:46 [Laughs] not us.

01:41:47 Narrator: The team still holds out hope.

01:41:51 Ever onward.

01:41:56 Narrator: They turn their attention to the one location where they still need to dig -- the canyon.

01:42:04 Earlier sweeps by metal detectors indicated something lay close to the surface.

01:42:09 In just a few minutes, the team finds what they're searching for.

01:42:15 Got something.

01:42:17 Yeah. it's a jar lid.

01:42:19 A what? it's a lid to a jar.

01:42:21 WHAT KIND OF JAR? Man: A mason jar.

01:42:24 Are you kidding me?

01:42:26 Ooh, boy, that's the real thing.

01:42:31 That is an old, old mason-jar lid.

01:42:34 Paycheck cash time.

01:42:35 So, we're still getting a hit 12 inches down here.

01:42:41 That's definitely what we're looking for.

01:42:43 That's the sign. that's the telltale.

01:42:46 Narrator: They soon unearth another mason-jar lid.

01:42:49 And we've got the historic zinc lid that would be on an old mason jar, something of that sort.

01:42:57 Narrator: still, an interesting find.

01:43:02 Ron believes the lids are from paycheck sites cashed out by kgc sentinels paid to guard larger treasures.

01:43:11 Pastore: Not a very deep hole, so more than likely, they dug that item up and took the

jar and filled their pockets, threw the lid back in the hole and kicked the dirt in it and walked away.

01:43:22 Narrator: The team presses on.

01:43:27 Then, a hit.

01:43:28 [Beeping] we're getting tone, ron, but I don't know what's causing it.

01:43:35 I'm getting no reading on my meter.

01:43:39 But it's hitting in the same spot.

01:43:42 What lies beneath may change the way we think about jesse james.

01:43:48 sunglasses.

01:43:49 (tires screeching) ♪?♪?♪?

01:43:59 People say I'm forgetful.

01:44:00 (horn honking) Maybe that's why we go to so many memorable places.

01:44:08 Love the road you're on.

01:44:10 The all-new Subaru Outback.

01:44:31 (music playing) Hey!

01:44:45 Announcer: You don't drive every time you smoke.

01:44:48 Yet you smoke every time you drive.

01:44:50 Driving and smoking don't have to go together.

01:44:53 Re-learn life without cigarettes, free, AT BecomeAnEX.org. A NEW WAY TO THINK ABOUT Quitting.

01:45:01 Announcer: autohammer, hammer ..

01:45:05 Driving home nails with the touch of a button.

01:45:09 Innovation. better value. craftsman.

01:45:12 Trust in your hands.

01:45:15 The way I see it, all synthetic oils are the same.

01:45:18 Ooh!

01:45:19 Think with your dipstick, jimmy!

01:45:20 Aren't all synthetic oils the same?

01:45:22 Think with your dipstick, jimmy!

01:45:24 Ah!

01:45:25 Synthetics are synthetics.

01:45:26 Jimmy! aah!

01:45:28 Castrol edge. I'm gonna try this.

01:45:30 Ow!

01:45:31 Now that's thinkin' with your dipstick!

01:45:33 So why did you hit me?

01:45:33 'Cause you were thinkin' with your dipstick, jimmy!

01:45:36 Announcer: Thinkwith your dipstick.

01:45:38 Upgrade to castrol edge.

01:45:39 With 8 times betterwear protection than mobil 1 5w-30. jimmyyy!

01:45:42 It's more than just oil. jimmyyy!

01:45:43 It's liquid engineering.

01:46:14 THhrJe) - TH Narrator:SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL KANSAS, The nationalgeomantic survey team is about to hit pay dirt.

01:47:42 Oh, we got -- we got something.

01:47:46 What they find could open new questions about the legendary outlaw jesse james.

01:47:51 [Beeping] the metal detector's reading says it's precious metal.

01:47:56 Could it be treasure buried by jesse james himself?

01:48:03 [Scraping] I don't know what it is. 01:48:07 Might be a cool belt buckle.

01:48:10 Belt buckle?

01:48:11 [Chuckles] that's what it looks like.

01:48:15 Hell of a place to keep a belt buckle.

01:48:20 There we go. there's the edge.

01:48:31 There we go.

01:48:33 That ain't a belt buckle.

01:48:36 No, no, no, no.

01:48:38 Piece of brass?

01:48:39 brass belt loop or something.

01:48:42 That ain't brass. that's a gold bar.

01:48:46 That's brass. no, it ain't.

01:48:47 Yeah, it is.

01:48:50 No, it ain't. it ain't brass.

01:48:53 Brass tarnishes, bud.

01:48:54 Get a water bottle. we got a gold bar.

01:48:56 [Laughs] brass tarnishes?

01:48:59 Brass tarnishes. it'll turn green.

01:49:03 Here, on that. in front here.

01:49:05 In front here? this is a gold bar.

01:49:08 Narrator: A light cleaning reveals the unmistakable luster of gold.

01:49:12 But the team runs a test to be sure.

01:49:15 [Beeping] it's hitting right at the end of the gold range.

01:49:19 Pastore: What's that mean?

01:49:22 Is it low-quality?

01:49:24 It's good stuff.

01:49:25 Oh, it's good stuff. okay.

01:49:27 Think that means good stuff.

01:49:32 What do you think for weight?

01:49:37 Is that six ounces?

01:49:39 Man: Five, six, yeah.

01:49:40 Yeah. at least.

01:49:42 Nice.

01:49:43 That's great.

01:49:45 Finder's keepers, right?

01:49:47 [Laughter] just a little shocking still, you know?

01:49:51 I've not quite reacted to it yet.

01:49:56 You want me to scan that hole real quick?

01:49:58 Would you, please? yeah.

01:50:02 Narrator: They find nothing else, something Pastore finds perplexing.

01:50:07 [Smacks lips] wasn't what I was expecting.

01:50:11 You know, here we are at a mason-jar cache site.

01:50:14 We should have had coins, you know?

01:50:16 But the indications we're looking at, couple other lids, three's a charm.

01:50:22 Oh, it's solid.

01:50:24 Narrator: The team speculates their find is something known as a doré bar -- a chunk of gold made by melting down smaller gold pieces.

01:50:32 Well, I think it's a doré bar, you know, where you've melted something down.

01:50:38 They are close to an old wagon trail that once led to Colorado's mining country.

01:50:47 The team hypothesizes Jesse James robbed a stagecoach traveling the road.

01:50:52 Hands up!

01:50:54 Hand it! do it!

01:50:55 Give him the bag! give me the bag!

01:50:56 Give me that bag! give me the bag!

01:51:01 Could have been stolen off a stagecoach.

01:51:03 The Butterfield stage went a quarter-mile from here.

01:51:06 Pastore believes it's further proof ..

01:51:14 And that one of their prime operatives was Jesse James.

01:51:19 Pastore: So, these smaller caches are great.

01:51:20 They're really, you know, rewarding and vindicating.

01:51:24 And to all the doubters and naysayers out there, hey, we're doing it, you know?

01:51:28 Here it is. it's right in front of you.

01:51:30 it's something to hold on to.

01:51:32 it'd beat you up.

01:51:35 [Laughs] pastore believes this and the coins are just the beginning.

01:51:43 According to kgc legend, paycheck sites like the one ngs uncovered were payments for sentinels guarding larger treasures, treasures pastore is determined to find.

01:51:55 So, we're gonna keep searching with more vigor than ever.

01:52:09 Narrator: As the days go by, the team faces a new obstacle -- winter.

01:52:15 Though it's warm now, an unpredictable kansas cold snap could make digging difficult.

01:52:21 So the team steps up efforts.

01:52:24 Man: All right, give me the site name again.

01:52:27 Pastore: Pc007. you're ready to boot.

01:52:30 Thank you.

01:52:30 They spend weeks gathering gpr readouts on as much ground as possible.

01:52:42 Not too fast!

01:52:45 Finally, on a hilltop, it looks like all the moy, time, and man-hours might pay off in a big way.

01:52:53 They just either went by something or something happened there.

01:52:56 A gpr scan reveals something very provocative.

01:53:00 I just can't buy off on it, dude.

01:53:04 It doesn't seem real to me.

01:53:06 First time I saw it,i couldn't believe it.

01:53:09 I was just like,"oh, my god," you know?

01:53:11 "Here is somethingthat cannot occur in nature, " Narrator: A box roughly 3 feet tall and 5 feet long.

01:53:20 This is an amazing piece here, because we have a very hard hit.

01:53:27 We have a very rectangular object, and it's down 16-some feet.

01:53:34 Narrator: Barlow is also captivated by something deeper in the ground.

01:53:38 And as wgo on do just a little bit, you're gonna start seeing right in this area what we're more familiar with seeing when it happens to be gold.

01:53:47 And that is this glowing.

01:53:50 And that is confirmed with this here.

01:53:52 So this could easily be a pile of metal of some sort, perhaps gold, silver, you know?

01:54:06 Narrator: The team wastes no time getting started with the excavation.

01:54:13 Pastore: I think we just about hit our base level now.

01:54:16 So we'll keep using that as the level for the entry point, move it forward here.

01:54:24 We're on track.

01:54:25 You know, I think we're right in the target area.

01:54:27 [Helicopter blades whirring] let's hope it's a big kgc cache, or at the very least, some kind of treasure chest or a vault, you know?

01:54:36 The signature matches that.

01:54:38 So it's exciting, and we'll have to see what it yields for us.

01:54:41 Picture if this is a 40-foot run.

01:54:44 It was actually 36, and we're over here.

01:54:46 all solid, solid, solid.

01:54:49 And then all of the sudden, we get different.

01:54:52 Look at that gravel in there.

01:54:53 That might be echoing off the roof of something.

01:54:55 Until we actually get in there, it's kind of hard to tell.

01:54:59 Narrator: Pastore spends days trying to get at the opening in the ground.

01:55:07 Undulating terrain and soil layers make the target tough to reach.

01:55:12 Just 8 feet from the box, the team needs bigger, stronger equipment to go further.

01:55:18 [Metal creaking, grinding] pastore must stop until he gets the funding and the gear he needs.

01:55:35 If the coming winter is too cold, he must wait till spring.

01:55:40 Only further searching will prove whether untold wealth does, in fact, lie here, who buried it, and why, and what further secrets may be revealed about the enigmatic legend that is jesse james?

01:55:56 [Men shouting] [gunshots] Pastore: Whether anyone will truly understand the man that he was and the life he led, I don't know.

01:56:04 I've followed him, read hundreds of books on him, walked through the prairie, put my hand in the glyphs that he's carved.

01:56:11 But whether anyone will truly understand the enigma of jesse james is hard to say.

01:56:16 Jesse james, during his life,he became a legend.

01:56:19 His stories were front-page news while he was alive.

01:56:23 And then later, as the folk legend took over, these stories just became magnified.

01:56:28 And so you don't know sometimes what is the truth or what is the reality when dealing with jesse james.

01:56:36 Stiles: Our knowledge of him is very imprecise.

01:56:39 We know roughlywhat he was doing.

01:56:41 Sometimes we know exactly.

01:56:43 But large swathes of his life lie beyond detection.

01:56:47 Have we learned all that we will ever know about jesse james?

01:56:51 I'll say no.

01:56:52 Until we really take a good lookat the politics and look beyondjust the bank robberies,

there will be a lot more we can learn about jesse james.

01:57:01 Stiles: I think there are always going to be interpretations of his life that can be made, plausible arguments about what he did and what he meant.

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