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POUNDS ARE BURIED
The New Dominion Monthly,

JULY, 1870.

LT.-GEN. HON. JAS. LINDSAY.
“IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT PERSONS POSSESSED OF COMMON SENSE COULD BE SO DELUDED”

“THIS WILL NO DOUBT BE REFERRED TO IN FUTURE TIMES AS A REMARKABLE CHAPTER IN THE VOLUMINOUS RECORDS OF HUMMAN FOLLY”
“MY EXPERIENCE PROVED TO ME THAT THERE IS NOT AND NEVER WAS A BURIED TREASURE ON OAK ISLAND”
"PIRATE TREASURE MAY STILL EXIST IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, BUT IN MY OPINION, OAK ISLAND IS NOT ONE"

"THIS IS ONE OF THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO BELIEVE A WONDERFUL TALE"

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THE TREASURE OF OAK ISLAND

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"THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF HUMAN WORKMANSHIP ON OAK ISLAND PRIOR TO 1795"

"THE WHOLE MYSTERY IS DUE TO A NATURAL PHENOMENON"

"THERE IS GEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF A FAULT ON OAK ISLAND IN THE VICINITY OF THE MONEY PIT"

"THIS FAULT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TUNNEL, THE ARTIFICIAL BEACH AND THE FINDINGS IN THE MONEY PIT."

"THE ORIGINAL DISCOVERERS FOUND NOT A TREASURE SITE, BUT ONLY A SINK HOLE CAUSED BY SLUMPING IN OF DEBRIS IN THE FAULT"

"THE TROPICAL FIBRE COULD HAVE COME FROM THE GULF STREAM WHICH PASSES VERY NEAR NOVA SCOTIA"

"THE PARCHMENT FRAGMENT COULD QUITE EASILY HAVE BEEN BLOWN INTO THE PIT, OR BEEN DROPPED IN BY A MEMBER OF A PREVIOUS EXPEDITION"

"THE LEGENDARY TREASURE IS NON-EXISTENT"
“THE MORE I INVESTIGATED THE OAK ISLAND ENIGMA, THE MORE SKEPTICAL I BECAME”

“GEOLOGIST RUDOLPH FAIRBAULT IN A 1911 REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS ‘STRONG EVIDENCE’ TO INDICATE THAT THE PURPORTED ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURES ON THE ISLAND WERE ‘REALLY BUT NATURAL SINK HOLES AND CAVITIES’”

“THE MONEY PIT AND ‘PIRATE TUNNELS’ ARE NOTHING OF THE SORT, BUT ARE INSTEAD NATURAL FORMATIONS”
“MUCH OF THE OAK ISLAND SAGA – CERTAIN REPORTED ACTIONS AND ALLEGED DISCOVERIES – CAN BEST BE UNDERSTOOD IN LIGHT OF FREEMASONRY’S SECRET VAULT ALLEGORY”

“ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER THE MASONIC ELEMENTS WERE OPPORTUNISTICALLY ADDED TO AN EXISTING TREASURE QUEST OR WHETHER THE ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS A MASONIC CREATION FROM THE OUTSET, I BELIEVE THE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED”
Gordon Fader
Bathometry Survey of Oak Island
September 1, 2005

“I CAN EXPLAIN ALMOST EVERYTHING THEY’VE SEEN IN TERMS OF NATURAL GEOLOGY”

“THE MONEY PIT COULD HAVE BEEN A SINK HOLE THAT FILLED UP PARTLY WITH FALLEN TREES – A PHENOMENON NOT UNUSUAL IN AN AREA WITH LIMESTONE BEDROCK FULL OF CAVITIES”
Smith’s Cove Log Structure
Logs with Dowels
Dan Blankenship on churn drill
“A LARGE NUMBER OF MEN WERE (ORIGINALLY) ENGAGED FOR A FEW YEARS DRIVING VARIOUS SHAFTS, INCLINED AND LATERAL HEADINGS, SOME OF WHICH WERE APPARENTLY PREPARED FOR FLOODING IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE ANY INQUISITIE SEARCHERS”

“THE GLACIAL TILL OF THE ISLAND IS UNDERLAIN BY BLUE CLAY AND RED MARL AND THENCE LIMESTONE WHICH, IN AT LEAST A CONSIDERABLE AREA, CONTAINS GYPSUM”

“THE UNDERLYING ROCK (LIMESTONE AND/OR GYPSUM) SEEMS TO BE STABLE ENOUGH TO HAVE HEADINGS DRIVEN INTO IT, AND YOUR RECENT DRILLING INDICATES THERE WERE OPERATIONS THERE.”

“SINCE NONE OF THE (PREVIOUS) SEARCHES REACHED THIS HORIZON, THEN IT IS REASONABLE TO_ASSUME THAT THESE OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THOSE WHO BURIED THE TREASURE”

“IN MY OPINION, THE EARLY OPERATIONS BY ‘PIRATES’ OR OTHER PARTIES WERE TOO ELABORATE AND WELL-PLANNED TO BE FOR SOME MINOR VENTURE, AND THEREFORE IT IS REASONABLE TO_ASSUME THAT THE OPERATIONS WERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIDING TREASURE WHICH MUST BE OF GREAT VALUE TO WARRANT THE EFFORT”
Coconut fiber
"I forwarded four samples of the fibrous material from the beach at Smith's Cove, Oak Island, to Dr. J.H. Soper, Chief Botanist, National Museum of Natural Sciences. Coconut fibers were identified in three of the four samples."
John Dee
George Bates’ Oak Island dry dock
• Not a hoax
• Not a natural geological phenomenon
• Not designed for any purpose except to hide something of great value
Oak Island rising from the sea
Keith Ranville
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