

Date

Mr. *name*,

Normally I would prefer to approach you in person; however, I felt that a letter beforehand is a better emissary than just knocking on your door at what might be an inconvenient time and invading your privacy.

In my research I noticed your property at *address* was built around (XXXX). I have an interesting hobby that is metal detecting (looking for buried artifacts). I have engaged in this hobby for several years and find it very enjoyable and meet some very interesting people. The thrill of finding something lost for many years is very exciting for me.

I want you to understand that I always respect the property I search and try to leave it in the same or better condition than I found it. Artifacts are usually no more than 6 to 8 inches deep (*if the property isn't a farm field I include this line too*), in most cases I can recover targets without leaving any visible disturbance behind at all.

I would like to obtain permission for myself and occasionally a friend (I do not like to detect alone all the time) to detect your property.

In addition, I would like to offer my services to you. Perhaps you or someone you know has lost a valuable ring, a cache or farm tool. Perhaps you wish to locate a historical site, boundary marker or relic from the past. I would be willing to assist you just for the thrill of the search.

I have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope for your convenience and would be happy to meet with you if further discussions are desired, or if you prefer please give me a call at the number below.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Pearsall
9 Valley Rd.
Hampstead, NH 03841
my cell phone number here
my email addy here