

September 2, 2024

Atascosa County Historical Commission,

Please allow this letter to serve as a donation receipt. I, Matthew Willoughby am a landowner of a property located at 6457 N Hwy 281, Pleasanton, Texas 78064. This is my private property. Since July, 2023 the Atascosa County Historical Commission's (ACHC) metal detecting team has been metal detecting on my property with my permission. Their and my goal is to find proof of the Battle of Medina site occurring on my current property.

The above-mentioned metal detecting team has found over 50 artifacts ranging from mostly lead shot, tacks, buckles, buttons and other miscellaneous items. Two archeologists have overseen the project and I have kept in contact with Martin Gonzales, The Atascosa County Historical Commission Chairman.

After the initial 23 found objects were tested by Dr. Todd Ahlman of the Texas State University Archaeological Department, they were proven to be from the Battle of Medina. I spoke with Martin Gonzales shortly thereafter and gave him my verbal donation of all found artifacts by his team. As of the date of this letter, there have been approximately 50 significant artifacts unearthed on my property. I hereby donate all items found on my private property by the ACHC Metal Detecting Team to the Atascosa County Historical Commission. This donation also includes any future artifacts found after review and approval by me for donation. The items include but not limited to Exhibit A, attached to this letter.

My stipulation of the donation is that the Atascosa County Historical Commission use and display these artifacts at their discretion for educational, preservation and historical purposes. I hereby give the ACHC permission to conduct temporary loans to other educational organizations such as the Witte Museum and the Bob Bullock State History Museum for any future exhibits. I have also entrusted Martin Gonzales and the above-named historical commission to credit me as a contributor at his/their discretion based on security measures of information released.

Sincerely,



Matthew Willoughby