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CENTURY OLD MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE HAS KNOXVILLE TIES

ATLANTA, July 02, 2007 – Four friends found a message in a bottle on a barrier island off the coast of Ga. over the Memorial Day weekend. East Tennessee BRG Co., of Knoxville, Tenn. manufactured the bottle. This company operated only from 1905-1915, making the bottle itself approximately 100 years old.

The note inside is tightly wound and wrapped in twine; the cork has a wax seal. The true age of the message remains unknown because the bottle has yet to be opened.

Four friends, two from Nashville, Tenn., and two from Atlanta were visiting Cumberland Island, Ga. for Memorial Day and made the discovery.

“The bottle, with its wax sealed cork and twine wrapped message appeared to have been set to sea many years ago,” said Bobbo Jetmundsen, one of the men who made the find. “It was especially exciting to learn that it may be 100 years old since the company that manufactured the bottle went out of business in 1915,” Jetmundsen continued.

The four made the decision to forgo opening the bottle and plan to auction it in order to benefit Message to the Future, a non-profit environmental organization. “We want to use the bottle to do some good for the environment, and feel that enabling a potential collector the opportunity to unlock its mysterious message raises the bottle’s value,” said Jetmundsen.

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