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'Cajun Pawn Stars' Have A Lock Of Abraham Lincoln's Hair (VIDEO)

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According to the "Cajun Pawn Stars" (Mon., 9 p.m. EST on History) there are collectors out there who pay big bucks for hair from famous historical figures. Jimmie DeRamus said he has hair from celebrities including Elvis, Marilyn Monroe, and both President and Mrs. Kennedy.

Imagine his excitement, then, when he was approached by a man with "the most documented" framed lock of hair taken from President Abraham Lincoln after he was shot.

The paperwork certified its gruesome history as "ten strands of hair from the lock that was removed to access the fatal wound," and was signed by Charles Taft, one of Lincoln's attending surgeons.

A large lock of hair from Lincoln had previously been appraised at a whopping \$500,000, so if authentic, this could be worth a fortune. But this one was considerably smaller, and its owner started the bargaining at \$5,000. After some haggling, Jimmie was able to buy the lock of Lincoln's hair for only \$1,250. It looks like the "Cajun Pawn Stars" made out pretty well on this one.

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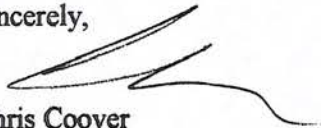
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Sincerely,



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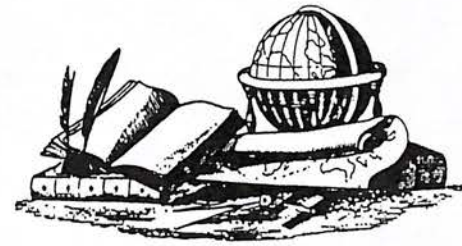
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*A little off the top
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if strands have
famous owners*

By David L. Good
Special to The Detroit News

Old Henry Ford never knew it, but back in 1943 and 1944, his barber, Joseph Zaroski, used to sweep up his hair clippings from the floor of the little barbershop in the Dearborn Inn. Then he'd stick them in envelopes, date them and save them for his daughter, Helene Pierce.

When Marilyn Monroe died in 1962, her embalmer cut some of her hair so he could suture an incision made in her swollen neck. Allan Abbott, the co-owner of the funeral home where she was laid out, salvaged a lock from a waste receptacle and gave it to his wife.

And Elvis Presley's famous

Army crew cut in 1958 didn't go entirely to waste. After having Presley sing on his late-night show, TV host Joe Franklin managed to get some of the King's hair for his collection of military memorabilia.

In some ways, the fact that Zaroski, Abbott and Franklin bothered saving hair samples was remarkable. At the time, most people had about as much interest in acquiring hair as they did, say, toe nails. These days, most of us aren't exactly suffering from some kind of hair-mania, but one thing has changed: A few hundred hair-collecting buffs are turning what was once a Victorian-era pursuit of personal keepsakes into one of the country's fastest-growing hobbies.

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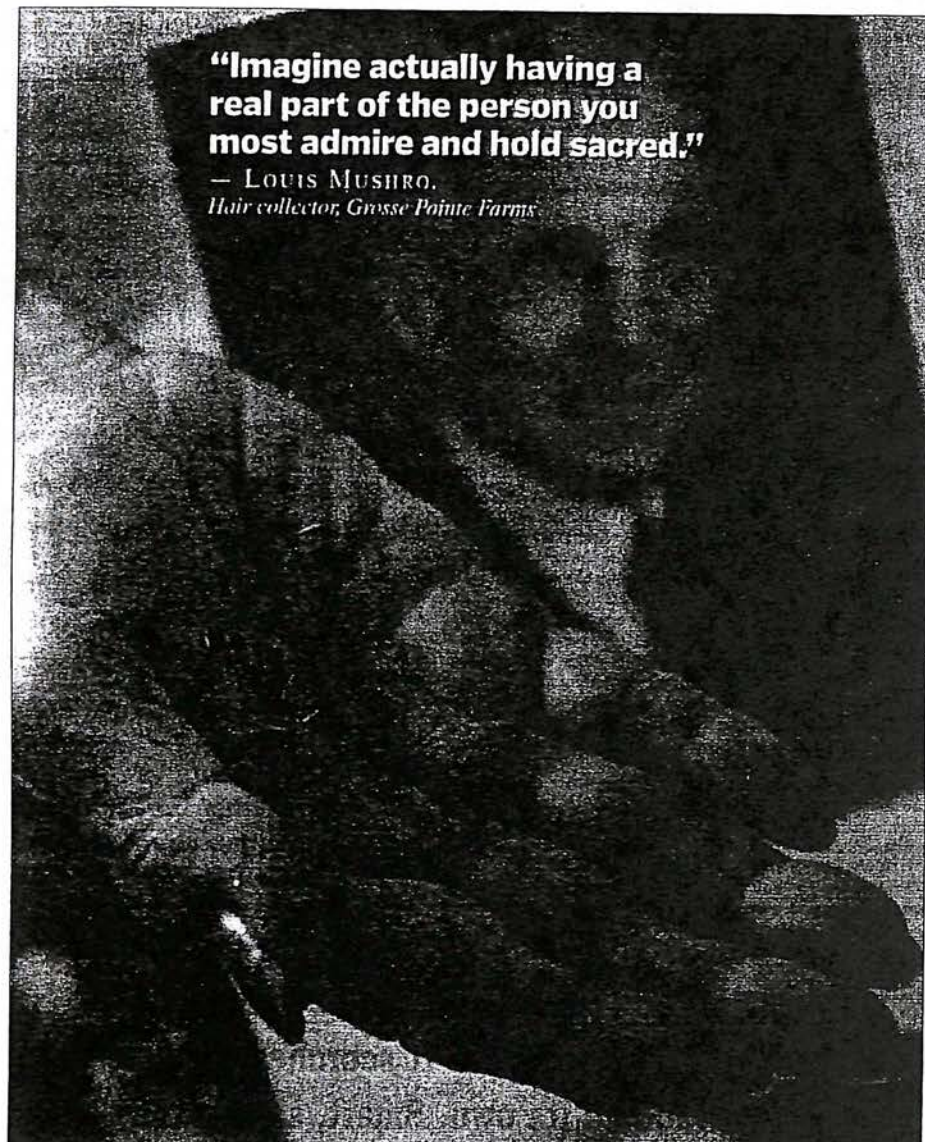
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Helene Pierce, daughter of Henry Ford's personal barber, Joseph Zaroski, holds locks of Ford's hair.

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"It's really caught on because relic collecting has come much more into vogue," says dealer-collector John Reznikoff, who owns University Archives in Westport, Conn. "In 1997, I estimated there were 100 hair collectors in the United States. Now I'd say 400 or 500. And if you included people who collect items connected with one particular person, it would be thousands."

Amazingly, hair, provided it is accompanied by suitable signed statements to document its authenticity, is starting to become one of the priciest collectibles anywhere — if not pound for pound, then milligram for milligram. In January, the New York auction house Christie's offered a lock of George Washington's hair, together with a 2-inch-high portrait. The lot brought more than \$1.2 million.

Reznikoff says he once was offered \$50,000 for a lock of hair taken from Abraham Lincoln the night the martyred president was shot. Now the dealer parcels out a few well-authenticated strands of the hair for \$2,000 a crack, but says he is reluctant to part with it.

A Grosse Pointe Farms collector, Louis Mushro, offers online buyers a chance at hair — often just a single strand — documented as having come from such icons as Beethoven, Napoleon, John F. Kennedy and John Lennon.

"I have found that these precious treasured keepsakes make a powerful statement when exhibiting them with autographed items," Mushro says in an online explanation of his hobby. "The hair alone makes for a most fascinating and awe-inspiring viewing. Imagine actually having a real part of the person you most admire and hold sacred."

At \$350 for a single strand, Beethoven's hair is among the most precious currently being sold, judging from recent results on the online auction site eBay. Ford's hair is more affordable, frequently fetching close to \$100 for about seven strands.

Beethoven's hair made headlines last fall when chemical testing revealed that the composer suffered from lead poisoning, not syphilis, as had been suspected. The news value undoubtedly increased interest among collectors.

As for Ford's hair, the only reason it's available at all is that Pierce, the barber's daughter, had



Helene Pierce

"Whenever Henry Ford had his hair cut in Dearborn, it was my father who would cut it," recalls Pierce, who keeps eight envelopes of it squirreled away.

"The chauffeur would come in to the barber shop and read a book while Ford had his hair cut. Nobody else could come in. I worked in a beauty shop in the inn, and my father would call me whenever Ford came. I'd go over and talk for two or three minutes with him. I thought of him as my grandfather. My father liked him very, very much."

Although the Dearborn resident has parted with some Ford hair a few times in the past, today, she says, "it's not for sale."

Pierce is considerably more secure about the authenticity of her Ford hair than are most collectors. After all, she's the one who asked her father to save it, and she's had it for nearly 60 years.

a hunch it would be worth saving. Some of the hair her father clipped has found its way into Reznikoff's and Mushro's collections, as well as online sales.

Reznikoff, whose hair collection is insured for \$1 million, says he rates a hair sample's provenance — its ownership history — on a scale of 1 to 10 and pays accordingly.

"A 10 would be I walk around with a pair or scissors and clip somebody's hair and document it," he says. "A 1 would be a guy comes up to me with a lock of hair and says, 'Here, this belonged to George Washington,' and he doesn't have any documentation at all. I consider my Lincoln hair a 9.5. I have 20 or 30 letters on it."

The collectors who buy hair from online auctions have widely varying interests, but many of them specialize in items relating to a particular person. Most don't seem overly concerned about the issue of authenticity.

"I am an avid Ford collector," says Allen Nelson of Dallas, who bought several strands of Ford's hair for just over \$100 last year. "I purchased the hair because I thought it was an interesting Ford purchase. I do believe it is genuine; however, if it should turn out not to be the real thing, I will not have lost much in terms of investment."

Ed Snead, a Washington collector from Richmond, Va., acknowledges he bought a hair sample last year "as a lark," but is

Online tips

eBay.com: Search title field for "hair," the person's first name and, in parentheses, the person's last name, both with and without an apostrophe. Example: "hair henry (ford,ford's)"

Other online info: Visit www.topica.com and execute a search for "louis historical & celebrity hair." That brings up local collector Louis Mushro's newsletter, "Hair It Is," with a summary of the history of hair collecting, Mushro's online sales and other information.

quick to add that he got an apparent bargain at about \$109.

"It's now in my closet. I will eventually put it on my wall. I think it's a neat thing to have, and my friends all seem to be amazed, not only that it was available, but that I would buy it. I'm not at all concerned about authenticity, because I feel comfortable with his (the seller's) reputation."

A Beethoven collector, Annie Moss Moore of Eastsound, Wash., reports buying the composer's hair for \$380 in February, as did two of her friends. Moore, who has a collection of more than 600 Beethoven CDs and is developing a database of his works, read stories about last year's tests.

"Am I concerned about authenticity? I guess for the price I paid, it was worth the chance. The piece I got was so small, I'm afraid testing would use it all up."

So far, at least, no eBay purchasers have left feedback indicating they are less than happy with their new hair — or that their friends and relatives have started shunning them because they think they're weird.

The weirdness question is one that Reznikoff, who also deals in autographs and other relics, encounters with some regularity.

"I can disarm them immediately," he says. "I say I bet your mother has a lock of your hair, or you have some of your children's hair. And most of the time, they do. It's something that's been very well accepted throughout history — before autograph collecting was acceptable. When Robert E. Lee went through town, you didn't ask him for his autograph. You asked for a lock of his hair, if you were lucky enough to get that close to him."

"I think the hair on one's head signifies vitality and growth. It's something of beauty, like the mane of a horse."

David L. Good of Dearborn is a former editor of *The Detroit News Features Department*.

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This ball of Elvis' hair is being auctioned. Local celebrity hair collector Louis Mushro says, "I think it will go for well over \$100,000."

Hunka, hunka cut-up hair

By JULIE HINDS
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

A little less conversation, a little more bidding, please. You only have until Friday night to buy a hunk of Elvis Presley's hair.

The hefty ball of black clippings is 3 inches in diameter and is supposed to contain thousands of strands.

Presley's personal barber is said to have accumulated the hair over several years of trims. Now it's being auctioned on the Web through the Illi-

nois.-based MastroNet Inc., an online house that handles fine collectibles.

By Wednesday, bidding had topped \$19,000 — a King's ransom.

But experts in hair collecting predict the ultimate price will be in six figures.

"I think it will go for well over \$100,000," says Louis Mushro, a celebrity hair collector from Grosse Pointe Farms. "In the final hours, there'll be some heavy bidding. It's like having a part of Elvis. His crowning glory was his hair, the beautiful way he had it coiffed."

Ask Mushro to comb through the history of hair collecting and he proceeds to explain that it's not as weird as it sounds.

The hobby's roots stretch back hundreds of years. In the Civil War, loved ones frequently left behind locks of hair before leaving for battle. Famous people of the Victorian age were besieged by fans who wanted hair instead of autographs.

Interest in celebrity hair collecting has grown in the Internet era, thanks to online auctions like the Presley event. Hundreds of new collectors now prowl the Web for historic hair.

It's the chance to have a brush with fame that attracts people, says Mushro.

"Hair lasts forever. It's the best thing to save, I think."

After starting out in the 1960s as a collector of autographs and manuscripts, Mushro branched out into hair.

Three years ago, he began selling strands of hair from legendary figures on eBay.

An Elvis Presley strand sold for \$500, a Marilyn Monroe strand for \$860.

His collection also includes George Washington, Napoleon, John F. Kennedy, John Lennon, Queen Victoria and his *piece de resistance* — Abraham Lincoln's hair from the time of his assassination.

Mushro says he only sells hair that has documentation to back up its origin and history.

The paperwork tells some unusual stories. For instance, Lincoln's hair from the assassination can be traced to the sur-

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points out that parents often save a lock of baby hair from their children.

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geon who treated the president after he was shot.

Mushro obtained some of Henry Ford's hair from the daughter of the auto legend's barber. Back in the 1940s, the barber, who worked out of the Dearborn Inn, saved clippings from the dynasty founder's haircuts and stored them inside dated envelopes.

Mushro sells the Ford hair in a seven-strand set. "It's quite popular with people associated with the auto industry and people who own Fords."

To those who think holding on to hair is a little strange, Mushro

for years to come.

"Imagine what this hair is going to bring," muses Mushro. "It's big. It's like a golf ball of hair."

To bid on the Elvis Presley ball of hair auction, go to www.mastronet.com. To find out more about hair sold by Louis Mushro, go to www.ebay.com or call 800-432-8777. **\$115,000**

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