

Through the Back Door!



by Jim Kuebelbeck

"There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom."

-Robert Millikan winner of the Nobel Prize in physics (1923)

Since beginning to write for *WWD&R*, most of my articles have been about my experiences as a water dowser. Many readers already know I came into water dowsing "through the back door" so to speak, because my initial interest in the subject stemmed from a natural-born curiosity (and utter skepticism) about any such claims of ability. How wrong I was.

Human nature being what it is, it is difficult for us humans to admit we could be so wrong about something that doesn't fit into our established "belief

system", but ultimately this sly fox was eaten by the chickens. After discovering I too might possess some water dowsing ability, one of my greatest challenges was to convince well drilling professionals that certain individuals could actually be of assistance in locating satisfactory groundwater by the dowsing method. Overcoming the skepticism of well drilling contractors who previously had less than satisfying experiences working with self-proclaimed "water finders" turned out to be a difficult task.

Years ago, not knowing if I could actually (consistently) locate groundwater supplies by the dowsing methods I had developed, I decided to experiment only on sites where dry holes had previously been drilled and where landowners were desperate for a water supply. When satisfactory water supplies were subsequently encountered on the sites I selected by my dowsing methods, it lent a degree of credibility not only to water dowsing in general, but to my personal credibility and confidence as well.

Had it not been for those early experiences in last resort situations, however, I might not have discovered two of the most important things about the groundwater sources. The first is, the water

located by capable water dowsers is actually "primary" water. The second is, these "live water flows" often lie within "thin" water-bearing formations.

Some 40 years ago, when I attempted to locate groundwater supplies only in last resort situations (after only dry holes had been drilled previously), I would learn the landowners had been told by the well drilling contractor that a "little" water was encountered on my selected site. From their past experiences in well drilling, the thin formation would most likely not produce a sufficient amount of water for their needs. Because "no" water had been encountered in previous drilling attempts, landowners would often ask me for advice. I would always tell them I was not a drilling contractor, had never drilled a well in my life, and would not begin to tell a well drilling professional what to do. Because "some" water had been encountered on my selected site, and no water had been found on previous drilling sites, they had nothing to lose by an actual pump test to see what the thin water-bearing formation might yield. Understandably, this suggestion would often be met with initial resistance from

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