

WIMBLEDON GREEN





RIVALS of WIMBLEDON GREEN

			
WAXY COOMBS LOST OUT ON ALL 12 KEY ISSUES OF "TOP HAT TIBBIE" TO WIMBLEDON AT "DR. COMICS" 28th AUCTION	CHIP CORNERS ECCENTRIC + TACITURN FUNNY ANIMAL / TEEN COMICS COLLECTOR. OUTWITTED WIMBLEDON ON MANY DEALS	NELSON H. BINDLE POSSIBLY THE ONLY MAN WITH A COLLECTION WHOSE SCOPE RIVALS THAT OF WIMBLEDON GREEN	"VERY FINE" FINDLEY BOWED OUT AT THE \$15,000 BID FOR "MR. METEOR" #22 AT AUCTION. WIMBLEDON GREEN VICTORIOUS!
			
R. SADDLESTITCH LOST HIS FAMOUS COLLECTION IN A DIVORCE. RUMOR HAS IT THAT IT NOW RESIDES WITH W. GREEN	ASHCAN KEMP WAS SCREWED OVER IN THE FAMOUS "WILBUR R. WEBB" DEBACLE OF THE EARLY 1980'S. HOLDS A GRUDGE	DOC ASTRO PULP COLLECTOR WHO HAS BUTTED HEADS WITH GREEN OVER VARIOUS EARLY SF COMICS, ESPECIALLY "ROBOT-TOT"	DADDY DOATS THE "GRAND FELLOW OF COLLECTORS," SUPPOSEDLY BLOCKED WIMBLEDON'S ADMISSION TO THE COVERLOOSE CLUB

A MAN OF MYSTERY

DANNY of MORE FUN COMICS + CARDS	WHO WAS WIMBLEDON GREEN?	HE BURST ON THE SCENE FULLY FORMED--OUT OF NOWHERE.	AND LATER, HE DISAPPEARED JUST AS QUICKLY.	AS A COLLECTOR HE WAS IN THE FIRST RANK.	HE ONLY BOUGHT THE BEST. QUANTITY, RARITY, AND CONDITION.	IN THE YEARS I KNEW HIM HE PURCHASED A VAST COLLECTION.
						
ALL GENRES. ALL FORMATS. SILVER AGE BACK TO THE 19th CENTURY.	ODDLY, HE HAD AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION RIGHT FROM THE START.	NO-ONE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW HE ACQUIRED IT.	IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.	EXPENSIVE COMICS LIKE THAT DON'T CHANGE HANDS UNNOTICED.		AND JUST WHERE DID HE GET ALL THAT MONEY?
						

FAT FRANK'S AMAZING AUCTION



"WIMBLEDON GREEN HAD EXCELLENT TASTE"

NAT OF PULP CITY COMICS	WHENEVER WIMBLEDON VISITED MY STORE HE ALWAYS PURCHASED THE VERY BEST.	WIMBLEDON GREEN APPRECIATED THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE.	OH, HE WAS KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE COULD IDENTIFY THE MOST OBSCURE INKER.	OR RATTLE OFF AN ANECDOTE ABOUT ANYONE WHO HAD EVER WORKED IN COMICS.	YOU'D HAVE EXPECTED HIS TOP COMIC TO HAVE BEEN BY BARKS, OR WOOD, OR CRUMB.	BUT SURPRISINGLY HE FIXATED ON A LITTLE KNOWN SERIES FROM OWL COMICS.	"FINE AND DANDY." 36 ISSUES. 1946 TO '51. HUMOUR.
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NOT FROM THE CANON! I'D HEARD OF IT... MAYBE SEEN A COPY ONCE OR TWICE...	WIMBLEDON EXPENDED A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY TO GET ALL 36 ISSUES IN MINT.	FRANKLY I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE-- BUT HE DID IT.	HIS PRAISE FOR IT WAS QUITE HIGH. I HAD MY DOUBTS.	I MEAN-- IF IT WAS SO GREAT HOW COME NO-ONE ELSE EVER SAID SO?	A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I FINALLY READ AN ISSUE.	IT WAS ALRIGHT.	I GOTTA ADMIT-- I'M COLLECTING THEM NOW MYSELF.
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CAPT. JACK FOUNDER OF WINNICON	THE THING ABOUT WIMBLEDON... HE JUST SHOWED UP.	THAT'S DOWN-RIGHT ODD!	BIG-TIME COMIC BOOK COLLECTORS HAVE A HISTORY.	THEY'VE OWNED COMIC SHOPS, OR PUBLISHED FANZINES, OR FORMED CLUBS.	OR SOMETHING!
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THEY'VE KNOWN PEOPLE! NO-ONE REMEMBERS WIMBLEDON GREEN!	I'VE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME MYSELF-- HECK, I ATTENDED THAT FIRST WHIZ-CON BACK IN '58.	SO I'VE BEEN WRACKING MY BRAIN... AND, Y'KNOW, I REMEMBER A KID NAMED GREEN FROM THE EARLY 60'S.	HE WAS A SKETCH COLLECTOR. A REAL PERSISTANT TYPE-- COULD'VE BEEN HIM.		FUNNY KID TOO. ALWAYS WORE A DEER-STALKER CAP.
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AL OF COMIC CRYPT	I'M NOT 100% SURE OF THIS POINT.	I'M HESITANT TO EVEN MENTION IT.	BUT-- I THINK WIMBLEDON'S MUSTACHE WAS FAKE.	Y'KNOW-- GLUED ON.	I THINK I SAW IT SLIP.	JUST THE ONCE.	I WOULDN'T SWEAR ON IT THOUGH.
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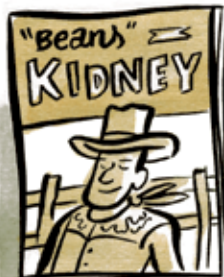
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THE WILBUR R. WEBB COLLECTION



IT WAS A DEFINING
MOMENT.



ASHCAN KEMP COLLECTOR

I'M NOT LIKELY TO FORGET
THE WILBUR R. WEBB COL-
LECTION!



I LOST ALOT OF MONEY IN
THAT FIASCO. THAT WAS LATER
THOUGH-- MUCH LATER.



I FIRST HEARD OF IT IN '75
WHEN I WAS HANDED A PIR-
ATED SECRET CATALOGUE BY
THE LATE PULPY WISE.



I'D NEVER SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT -- 900 GOLDEN AGE
BOOKS WITH ONLY ONE NOT-
ATION ON CONDITION -- MINT!



I IMMEDIATELY GOT ON THE
PHONE TO "FAT FRANKS" TO
SECURE MY BIDDING POS-
ITION...



DORIS--GET
ME FRANK!

BUT MYSTERIOUSLY, THE
AUCTION HAD BEEN CAN-
CELLED.



SORRY ASHCAN,
THOSE LOTS
HAVE BEEN
WITHDRAWN.

THE COLLECTION WENT UNDER-
GROUND AND DIDN'T RE-
SURFACE UNTIL AN AUCTION
IN 1981.



THAT'S WHEN THOSE PRICKS
PULLED THEIR DIRTY NUM-
BER ON ME. AT LEAST I
GOT OFF EASIER THAN
EDWIN AND DINTY.



I DON'T THINK A WEEK
PASSED (BETWEEN '75 + '81)
WHERE SOMEONE DIDN'T
SPECULATE ON THE FATE OF
THE WILBUR R. WEBB COL-
LECTION.



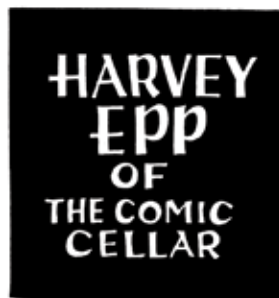
I'VE
HEARD
THINGS!

THE COVERLOOSE CLUB
WAS AWASH IN THEORIES.



I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT HAPPENED!

OH
YEAH!



GREEN APPARENTLY TOOK A COUPLE OF CROSS-COUNTRY TRIPS IN HIS OLD TRUCK DURING THE LATE 1960'S.



HE HIT EVERY LITTLE BACKWATER BURG HE COULD IN HIS SEARCH FOR OLD COMICS.



HE WAS A GENIUS AT FINDING THINGS. HE JUST KNEW WHERE TO LOOK-- OLD DRUG STORES, CHURCH BASEMENTS, WAREHOUSES, BARBER SHOPS.



HE MADE SOME AMAZING FINDS IN A COUPLE OF OLD BARNY THAT WERE PACKED TO THE RAFTERS WITH PRINTED MATTER.



THERE WERE PLENTY OF CRAZY PACK-RAT FARMERS IN THOSE DAYS.



GREEN BUILT A REMARKABLE COLLECTION DURING THOSE YEARS... OR SO THE STORY GOES.



YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO DO THAT TODAY--THE BOOKS JUST AREN'T OUT THERE ANYMORE.



ANYHOW-- IT WAS ONE OF THOSE CLASSIFIEDS THAT BROUGHT WILBOR WEBB TO HIM.



SAMMY OF MIGHTYCON

I'VE HEARD THOSE STORIES ABOUT DON GREEN'S AMAZING COLLECTION-- HOW HE BUILT IT FROM FLEA MARKETS AND TRASH-BINS.



TOTAL BULLSHIT!



HUGH HILL--WHO WOULD KNOW--SAYS GREEN DIDN'T HAVE TWO DIMES TO RUB TOGETHER...



AND ANY COMICS HE FOUND-- HE SOLD!

