

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY — JUNE 3, 2019

WHAT'S IT?



Figs. 1a, b, c, d (l-r): Face views showing the artifact as rotated counterclockwise. PHOTOS: © 2018 Richard W. Black

ARTIFACT 19-03

SPECIFICATIONS:

Hardwood with leather belt and metal buckle.
 Weight = 2.30kg (81oz.); Height = 72.39cm (28.5in);
 Base width = 16.51cm (6.5in); Base depth = 10.16cm (4.0in)

CLUE:

Found in an 1870s barn used as a changeout station for draft horses.

QUESTIONS:

- What kind of simple machine is this, can you identify its parts?
- What is the purpose of the belt?

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Fig. 2: View of tip end. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black



Fig. 3: Closeup view of belt and buckle. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black



Fig. 4: Closeup view of tip end. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black



Fig. 5: View of base end. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black

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HOW THIS WORKS:

Every so often an artifact will be on display in the Seymour Library near the information desk and also be posted simultaneously on the Museum website. Seeing the artifact in person at the Library is best because there it can be viewed from different angles and distances (touching the artifact is not allowed).

YOUR GUESS?

Prediction cards can be found near the exhibit display at the Seymour Library and on this page. Fill either card out and return it to "Ye Olde Prediction Box" near the exhibit display.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to everyone.

DEADLINE

All entries must be received by: **Monday, July 22, 2019**

ANSWERS

Answers will be available near the exhibit display at the Seymour Library and published on the museum website around **August 5, 2019** when the next artifact will go on display.


PRIZES

There are NO prizes, but winning entrants names will be posted. (unless you indicate otherwise on the prediction card).

PREDICTION CARD

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WHAT'S IT?




Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Contact info (voluntary): _____


Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Artifact Number: _____ What do you think this object might be, and how would it be used?

Continue on back of card, if necessary.




Scan the QR code for more details!



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WHAT'S IT?**BACKGROUND**

“WHAT’S IT?” has been a feature of the BCM website since its inception in 2007. In 2017 Brockport Community Museum board member Archer “Buck” Noble, a Brockport Central School District teacher (now retired) developed “The Mystery of History” school project that encouraged fourth and fifth grade students to use observational and investigative techniques to help determine the type and use of different historic artifacts.

That project was introduced to the general public during a Brockport Community Museum outreach presence at the 2017 Brockport Sidewalk Sale. That success led to this collaboration between the Brockport Community Museum, Seymour Library and Brockport Central School District.

GET INVOLVED

- **Take your best guess** regarding the current artifact.
- **Do you have an artifact** you would like to know more about? Open your query to a larger audience.
- **Have a suggestion** about how we can improve this project?

If so...

Leave your contact information in “Ye old prediction box” near the exhibit display.

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