

THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY — AUGUST 5, 2019

# WHAT'S IT?

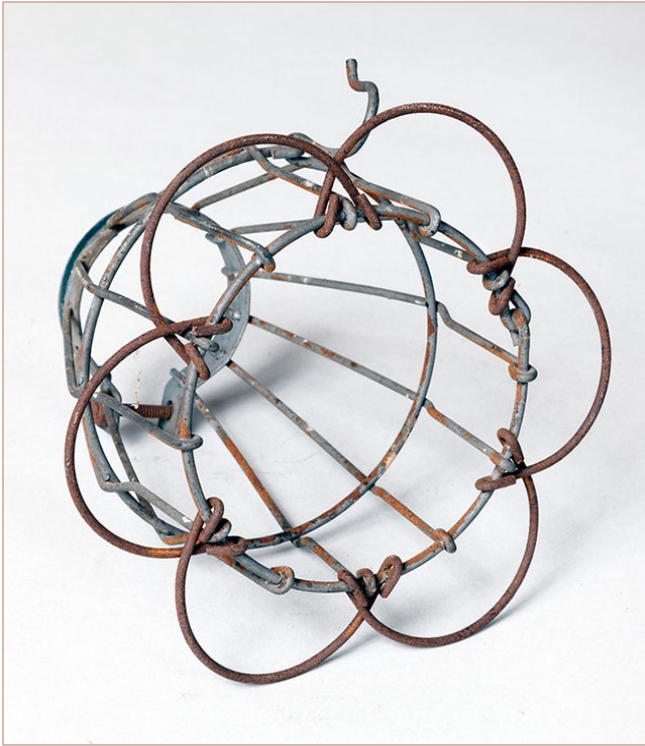


Fig. 1: View with large end opened. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black



Fig. 2: Side view. PHOTO: © 2018 Richard W. Black

## ARTIFACT 19-04

### SPECIFICATIONS:

Made of metal. Weight = 102.06kg (3.6oz.);

Height: Closed = 13.97cm (5.5in); Open = 10.16cm (4.0in)

Diameter: Large end = 8.89cm (3.5in); Small end, 4.76cm = (1.875in)

### CLUES:

This artifact was discovered in a barn that was built in the 1870's.

### QUESTIONS:

- What did this object do, and what was it used with?
- In what orientation was this object used and how do you know?
  - How and why does the large end open and close?
  - Do you see the hook, what was it for?

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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, September 23, 2019**

## ANSWERS

Answers will be available near the exhibit display at the Seymour Library and published on the museum website around **October 7, 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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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?


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Continue on back of card, if necessary.




Scan the QR code for more details!



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## 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.

## CREDITS

### *Museum project committee*

Archer “Buck” Noble  
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### *Seymour Library*

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