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## Hardware and Furnishings



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PHOTO TITLE: Padlock - GRPO 166

DESCRIPTION: Handmade, heart-shaped sheet iron padlock with heavy arched loop. The padlock measures 11.0 cm long, 8.7 cm wide, and 2.3 cm thick. The keyhole is 2.5 cm.

PHOTO TITLE: Lock Faceplate - GRPO 3768

DESCRIPTION: Decorative sheet brass trunk lock faceplate with keyhole. The faceplate is 5.0 cm long, 2.0 cm wide, and 0.1 cm thick.

PHOTO TITLE: Door Latch - GRPO 4809

DESCRIPTION: Iron door latch handle with three round holes at top for mounting to door, one hole on bottom. Rectangular opening on top section houses lever that when depressed, operates latching mechanism of door. The door latch handle is 21.0 cm long and 5.0 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Chest Hinge Fragment - GRPO 4890

DESCRIPTION: Decorative cast brass chest hinge fragment with three circular mounting holes and iron pin for swivel action with hinge element. The hinge is 5.2 cm long and 2.2 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Iron Key - GRPO 7688

DESCRIPTION: Large iron key with oval bow; hollow shank, rectangular blade at distal end of shank contains a single recessed notch. The blade is the working part of the key that operates a lock bolt upon rotation. The overall length of the key is 8.5 cm and the widest part of the bow is 3.5 cm.

PHOTO TITLE: Keyhole Escutcheon - GRPO 8342

DESCRIPTION: Elongated oval iron sheet metal keyhole escutcheon measuring 6.9 cm high, 4.7 cm wide, and 0.2 cm thick. The height of the keyhole opening is 4.2 cm. The escutcheon contains two visible square holes with a possible third at the bottom filled in with corrosion product that allow mounting of the piece to furniture.

PHOTO TITLE: Bucket Fragment with Spanish Brown Paint - GRPO 8723

DESCRIPTION: Round bottom of bucket containing soil deposition and remnants of Spanish Brown paint, thought to be the original contents of the container. Clerk John Macdonnell writes of the North West Company depot at Grand Portage in 1793, "most of their posts, Doors, and windows, are painted with spanish brown."

PHOTO TITLE: Square Plate Latch - GRPO 9769

DESCRIPTION: Iron sheet metal square plate with sliding thumb latch bar. Single rosehead nail remains in square plate. The latch is 9.5 cm long and 4.5 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Hinged Hasp Fragment - GRPO 9770

DESCRIPTION: Iron sheet metal butterfly hinged hasp fragment. The piece measures 8.5 cm long by 3.5 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Iron Pintle - GRPO 9930

DESCRIPTION: Forged iron pintle with flared distal end shank with three holes for fastening hardware to door or wall. The object measures overall 6.8 cm long, 8.0 cm wide, and is 0.4 cm thick. The length of the pin projection is 3.8 cm. The pin projection allows for a pivot or hinge action when placed into a mounting tube known as a gudgeon.

PHOTO TITLE: Iron Strap Hinges - GRPO 9931

DESCRIPTION: Wrought iron strap hinges: flared distal end, tapered distal end, and loop/pin base fragment. The flared distal end hinge on the left measures 33.5 cm long by 3.5 cm wide, the tapered distal end hinge in the middle measures 47.0 cm long by 3.5 cm wide, and the fragment on the right is 6.5 cm long by 3.0 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Keyhole Escutcheon - GRPO 9932

DESCRIPTION: Square-shaped iron sheet metal keyhole escutcheon with rectangular holes adjacent to central opening for mounting to furniture. The escutcheon measures 6.2 cm high by 5.3 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: "Half-heart" Padlock - GRPO 13293

DESCRIPTION: Constructed from pieces of iron to accept a hollow shaft key, this padlock fragment earns its name from its resemblance to a "half heart" when viewed from the side. The padlock fragment contains a 1.0 cm wide central reinforcing strap and measures 4.8 cm long, 4.4 cm wide, and 2.6 cm thick.

PHOTO TITLE: Chest Handle - GRPO 15938

DESCRIPTION: Wrought oval-shaped with rounded cross-section chest handle with blackened, possibly japanned surface and two parallel incised decorative lines on the face at the middle of the bow. A circular disk on the right side is likely a remnant of a cotter pin fragment used to secure the handle to the side wall of a chest. The piece measures 5.0 cm high by 9.2 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Chest Handle - GRPO 16174

DESCRIPTION: Wrought oval-shaped with rounded cross-section chest handle with slightly tapered ends bending toward point of attachment on side wall of a chest. Handle contains two parallel incised decorative lines on the face at the middle of the bow. The piece measures 3.7 cm high by 8.5 cm wide.

PHOTO TITLE: Lock Faceplate - GRPO 17022

DESCRIPTION: Cupreous lock plate casing with convex bottom and side mounting brackets with round holes. A thin iron bar is riveted to the top of plate on the inside along the upper right extension. The object measures 4.1 cm high by 5.4 cm wide; the central keyhole opening measures 0.5 cm.