

## **Artefact Information Request**

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Artefact Name: *Cannonball from War of 1812*

Tools & Equipment for Science & Technology  
Armament- Ammunition

Artefact Number: M173

Artefact Description:

Black cast iron ball with a central mould seam that runs around the circumference and a small vent sprue indentation, both marks of the casting process.

History/Provenance:

During the War of 1812, this cannon ball was fired from Ogdensburg, N.Y. at Fort Wellington near Prescott on the Ontario shore, and crashed into the officers' mess. It was picked up by Colonel D. H. Burrirt and fired back by him, so well aimed that it hit the Ogdensburg court house and being recognized as the same ball previously fired from Ogdensburg at Fort Wellington. It was preserved by one of the American officers and finally presented as a memento to a descendant of the late Colonel D. H. Burrirt.

Acquisition Date: October 1985

Donor: Mr. Alex Burrit

Status: On Display- Bytown Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor