



OBJECT ID	2010.10.3
OBJECT NAME	Canteen
MATERIAL	Metal; Wood
OBJECT ENTITIES	Markellos, Catherine (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	Water Wooden

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Handmade wooden canteen. Used to transport water. Barrel construction with two metal bands holding wooden slats together. Metal chain used for carrying. Missing stopper.

ORIGIN

This wooden canteen was donated by Catherine Markellos.

The style is known as the "drum" canteen. They were generally constructed like barrels and were made by experienced bottle makers.

In the United States in the 18th century, when tin became increasingly rare during the war, certain states began requesting canteens made out of wood. It was this design of the "drum" that helped the canteen evolve into being associated with spades other than the tin shapes they had previously been known as.

Based on the condition of this canteen and history of wooden canteens in general, this particular one probably dates to the 18th century.

CITATION

Canteen, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 03/29/24.