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Object type: Small bottle

Museum number: 1997,0423.1.A2

Title: Holy Water bottle

Description: Bottle is constructed of glass, with raised lettering reading "HOLY WATER." A raised cross is situated between the two words. The bottle is stopped with a cork, with hollow metal tubing running through vertically. An engraved metal cap screws onto the tubing.

Culture/period:

Date: Bottle produced circa 1850

Production place: Unknown

Findspot: Reno, NV

Materials: Glass, tin, cork

Technique: Engraved; glass casting

Curator's comments: Bottle believed to have been typical of the kinds of cure-alls carried by a snake oil salesman who traveled through Nevada. Cap is believed to have been adapted from a 15th century child's ring; glass bottles of similar make have been found in the area with traditional cork stoppers. Bottle was purchased by a Carson Valley sheriff, and was said to be found on his person after he was shot by escaping train robbers.

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Department: American West Studies

Exhibition History

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