



Found at the site of an 18th century house believed to have been inhabited by British military officers during the French and Indian War was a brass writing kit. This writing kit included an inkpot and German-made long quill holder. Many other antique items have been recovered from the military site of Rogers Island in the Hudson River in New York. (Source: Archaeology; Archaeological Institute of America; archaeology.org)



Examples of bottles found during the excavation of Fort Stanwix in New York by the National Parks Service: Cathedral pickle bottle and Phoenix Bitters bottle. There are informative articles written about the different artifacts found on the National Parks Service website. (Source: National Parks Service, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov))



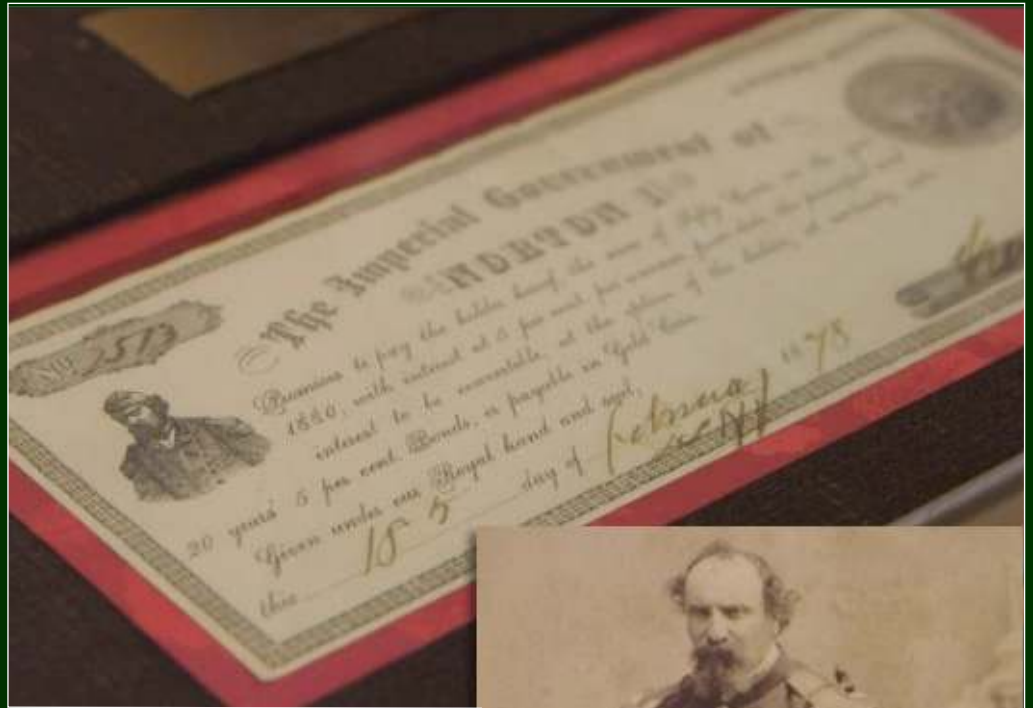
This past October, the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative and the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command signed an agreement to bring back a version of the Monuments Men. This group of museum curators, art historians and archeologists was initiated during the 1940s as a safeguard for European masterpieces of art and history during World War II. The modern program will assist in training and supporting U.S. Army soldiers as to protect culturally significant areas and artifacts during military operations. (Source: Smithsonian Magazine; [Smithsonianmag.com](http://Smithsonianmag.com))



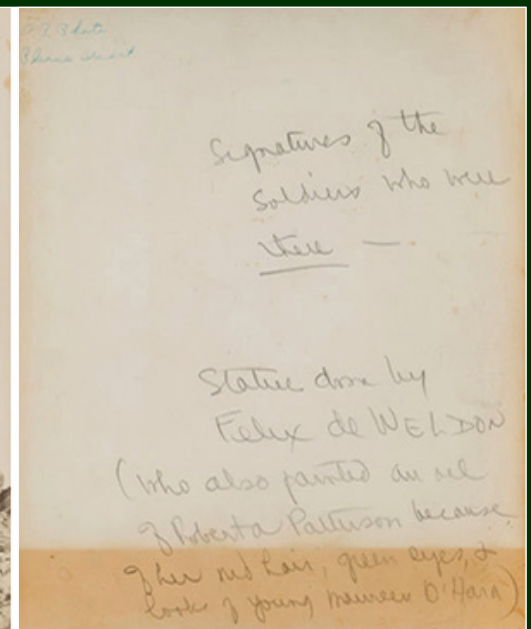
This incised mermaid decorated stoneware presentation cooler attributed to Cornwall, N.Y. potter Moses Clark Bell recently sold at auction for \$70,800. It is inscribed: Charles S. Brown / Cornwall / August 15 / 1825. (Source: Crocker Farm Auction)



This "Frozen Charlotte" doll, which is a rare form of a popular Victorian-era European doll encased in a glass bottle, was dug out of a privy in the 1970s. The privy was found when National Park archeologists were excavating the site of the original Fort Stanwix. It is believed to be associated with a boarding stable owner named Patrick Martin's home, circa 1870s. The doll is 4cm tall, while the clear glass bottle is 9 cm tall. (Source: National Parks Service, [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov))



Hanging in a San Francisco bar can be found a historical local collectible. 1878 promissory note created by a San Franciscan businessman, Joshua Norton, in the mid to late 1800s, who self-declared himself "Emperor of the United States" in 1859. Only a few promissory notes survived the San Francisco fire of 1906, making them highly collectible and valuable. (Source: [kovels.com](http://kovels.com))



At a recent Heritage Photographs Auction in New York, a photograph of the famous image of the flag raising in Iwo Jima in 1945. The value of the photograph is increased with the signatures of three of the photographed Marines and the photographer. The photograph sold for \$30,000 at the auction in October 2019. (Source: [kovels.com](http://kovels.com))