

18th Century Material Culture Buttons





STEEL BUTTONS | *Coup de Bouton*
(The Daily Advertiser) 1777 by W. Humphrey. General. Print. 6to. Not in B. M. cat.

“STEEL BUTTONS”
by William Humphrey 1777
(Lewis Walpole Library)



Buttons Recovered from the Ephraim Sprague House Archeological Site in Lebanon, Connecticut
c. 1750
(State of Connecticut)



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Buttons Recovered from Fort Ticonderoga
c. 1758 - 1775
(Fort Ticonderoga)



Silver Buttons

Identified to Connecticut Delegate, and Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Roger Sherman
(Heritage Auction House)



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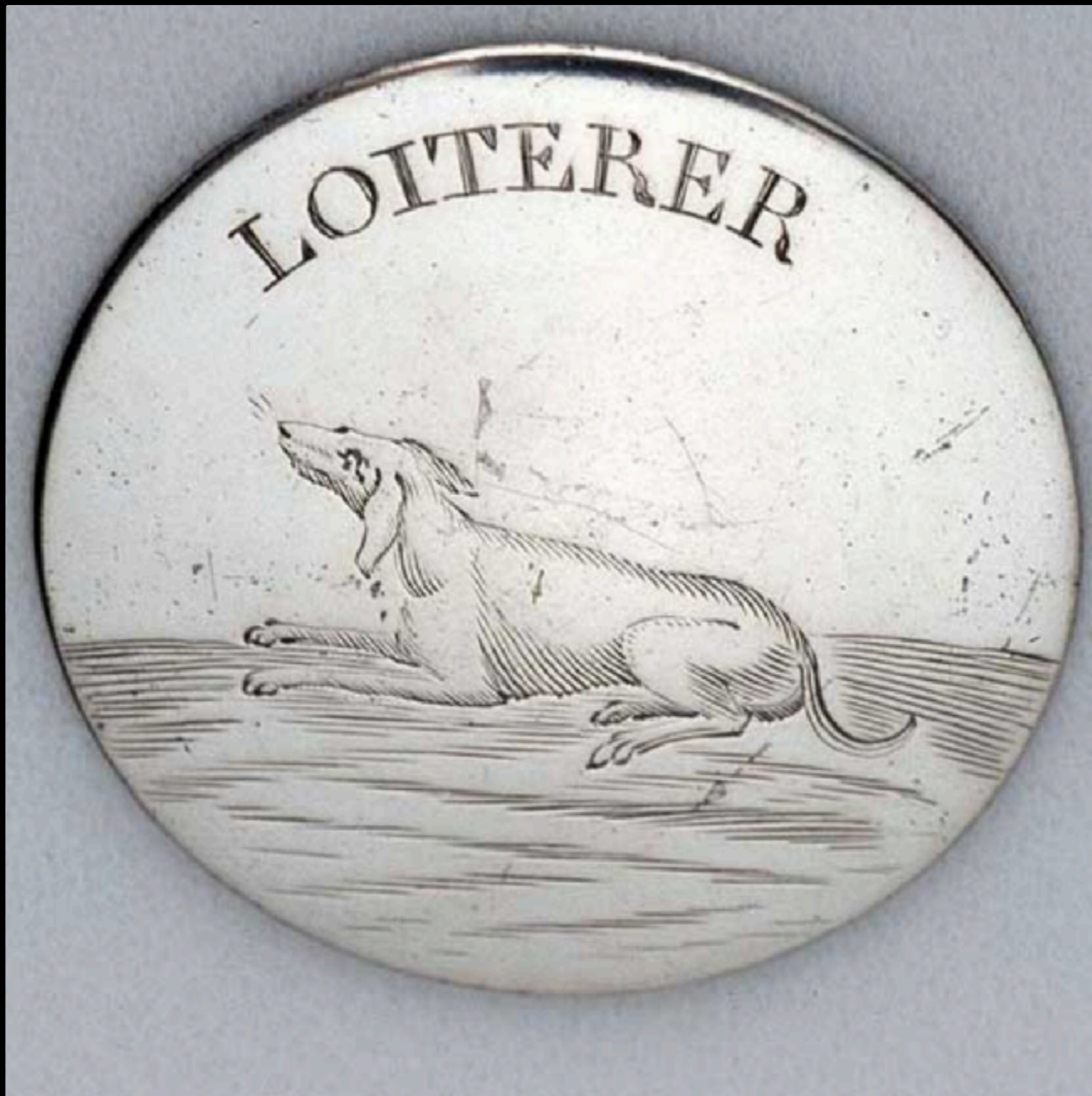
English Silver Button
c. 1739 - 1756
(Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)



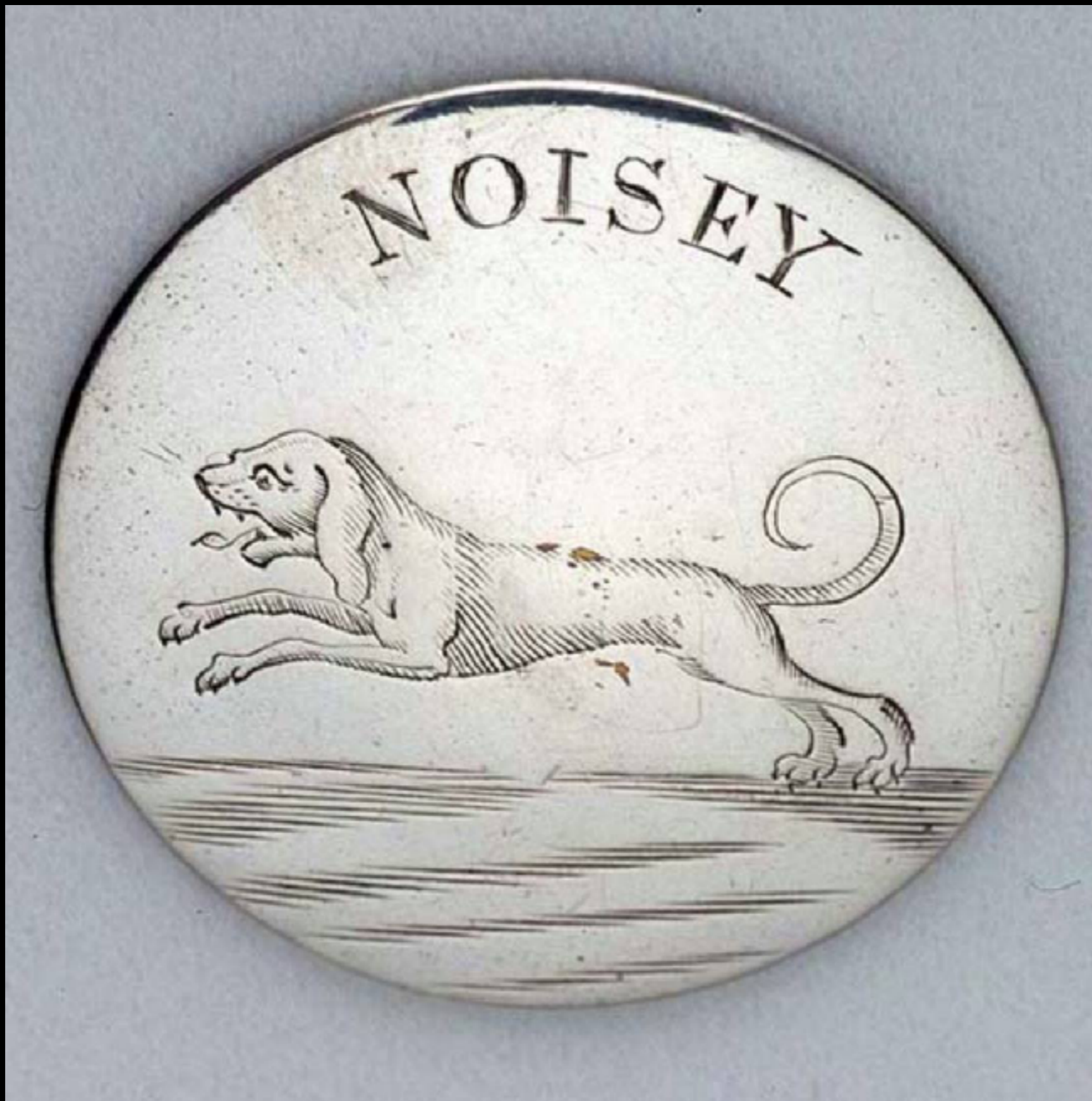
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English Tombac Button
18th Century
(ebay Seller Janner53)



English Silver Fox Head Button
Hallmarked to 1770
(ebay Seller Andy144)



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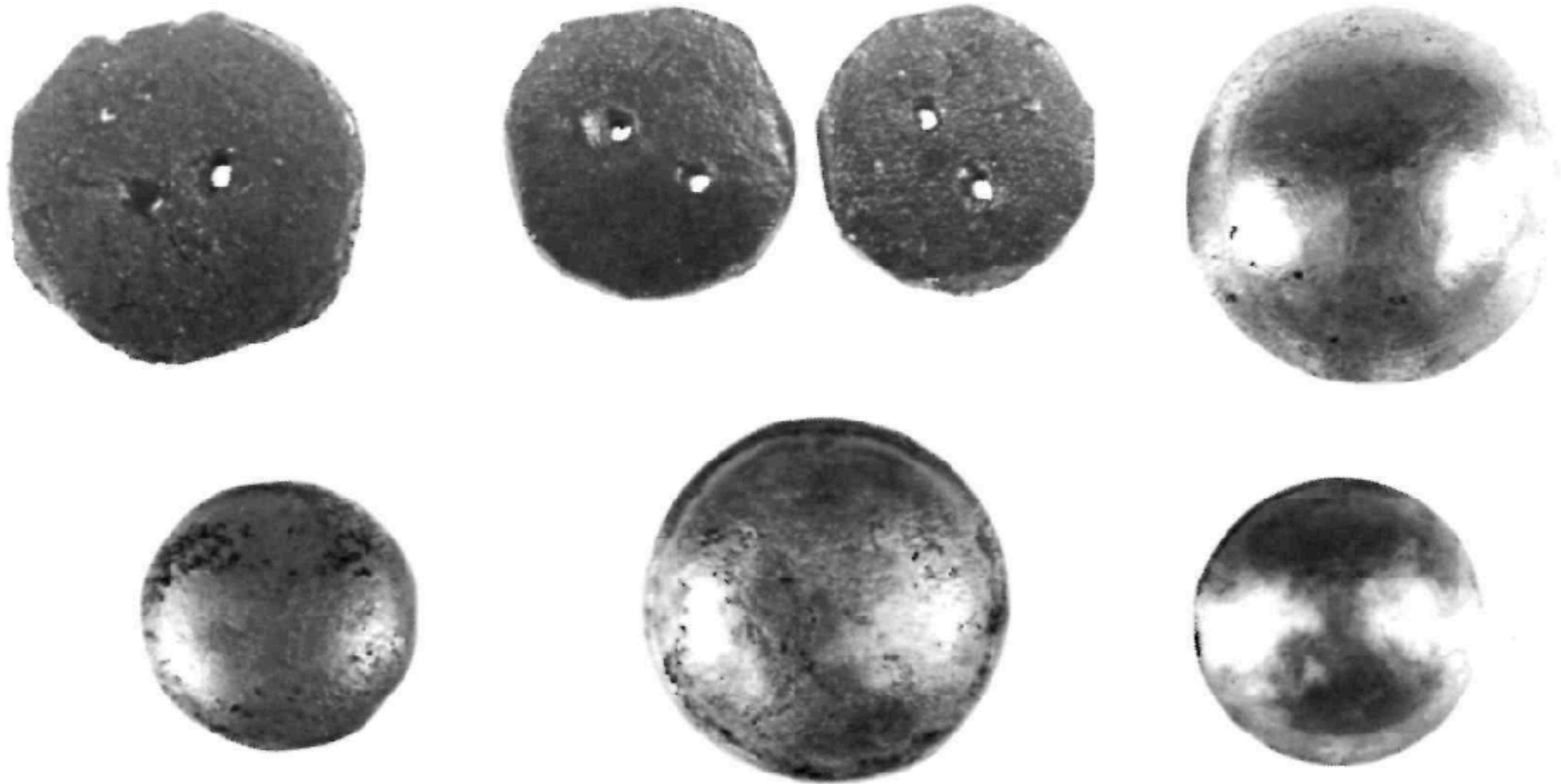
Brass and Tombac (Copper and Zinc) Buttons with Brass Shanks
18th Century
(Nathan Barlow)



Brass Buttons, Likely French

From the Wreck of the Machault Sunk in the 1760 Battle of Restigouche in the Bay of Gaspé in Quebec Province

c. 1755 - 1760
(Parks Canada)



Plain Leather & Cast Metal Buttons

From the Wreck of the Machault Sunk in the 1760 Battle of Restigouche in the Bay of Gaspé in Quebec Province

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Tombac Button
c. 1775 - 1790
(Private Collection)



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Buttons Found at the Munroe Tavern, Lexington
18th Century
(Lexington Historical Society)



Silver Plated Die Struck Sheffield Plate Button
18th Century
(Wilhelms West)



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Button Found at the Ford Mansion, Morristown, New Jersey
18th Century
(Morristown National Historic Park)



Buttons
18th Century
(Private Collection)



French Army Cockade Buttons
Recovered from a Home near the Yorktown Battlefield c. 1781
(Private Collection)



Button and Cloth Fragment Recovered from the Brothers of Charity Site
(Fortress Louisbourg)

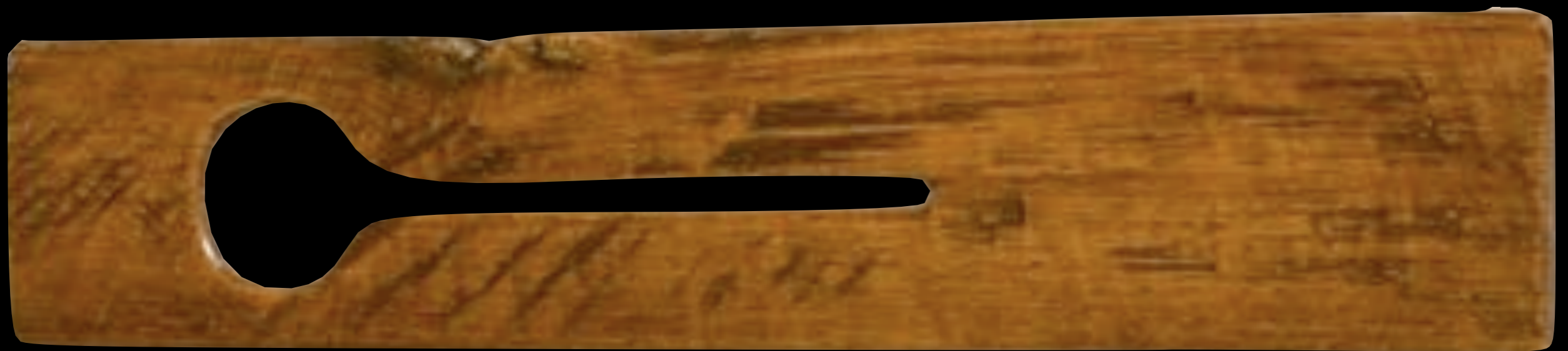


Civilian Starburst Coat Buttons Found on the Brier Creek Battlefield Site
(Daniel Battle)



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Button Polishing



Button Polishing Boar
18th Century
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Cloth Buttons Button Molds

Fig. 29.

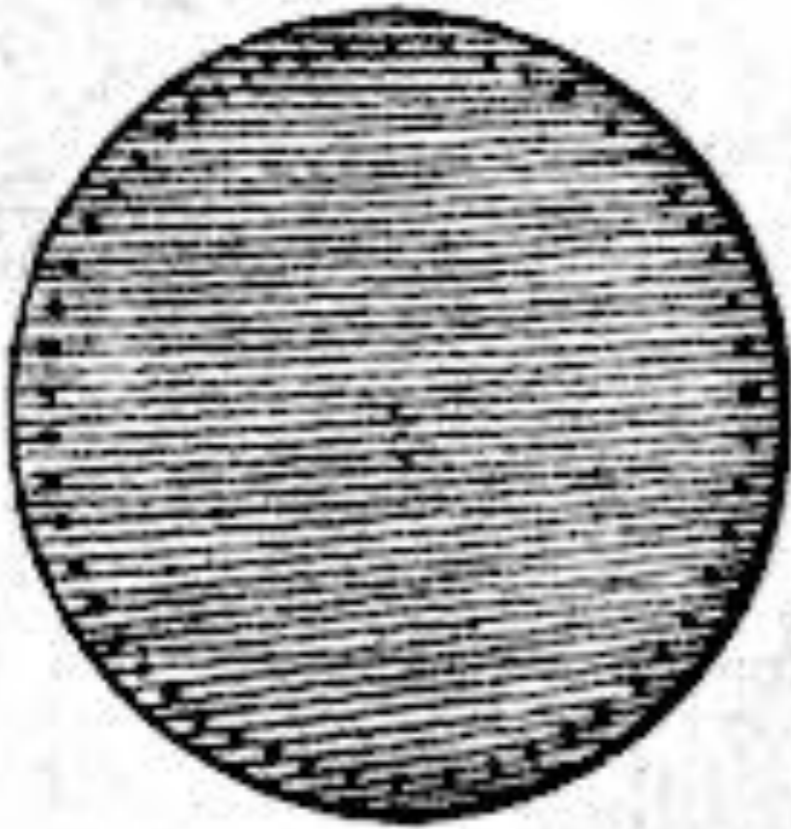


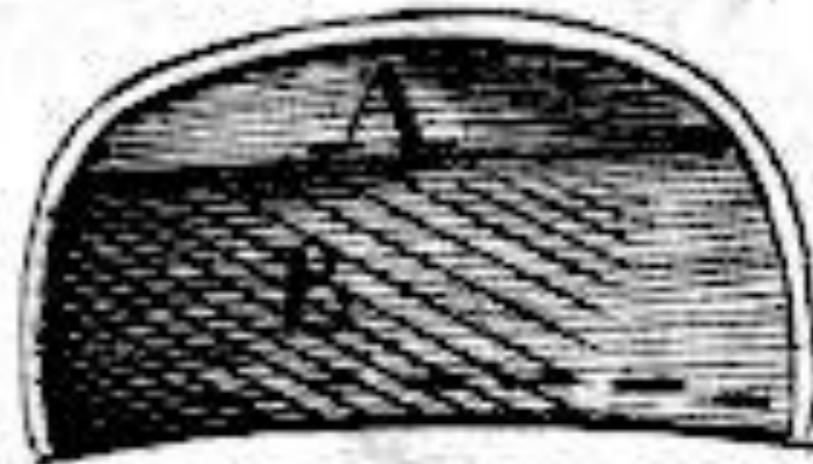
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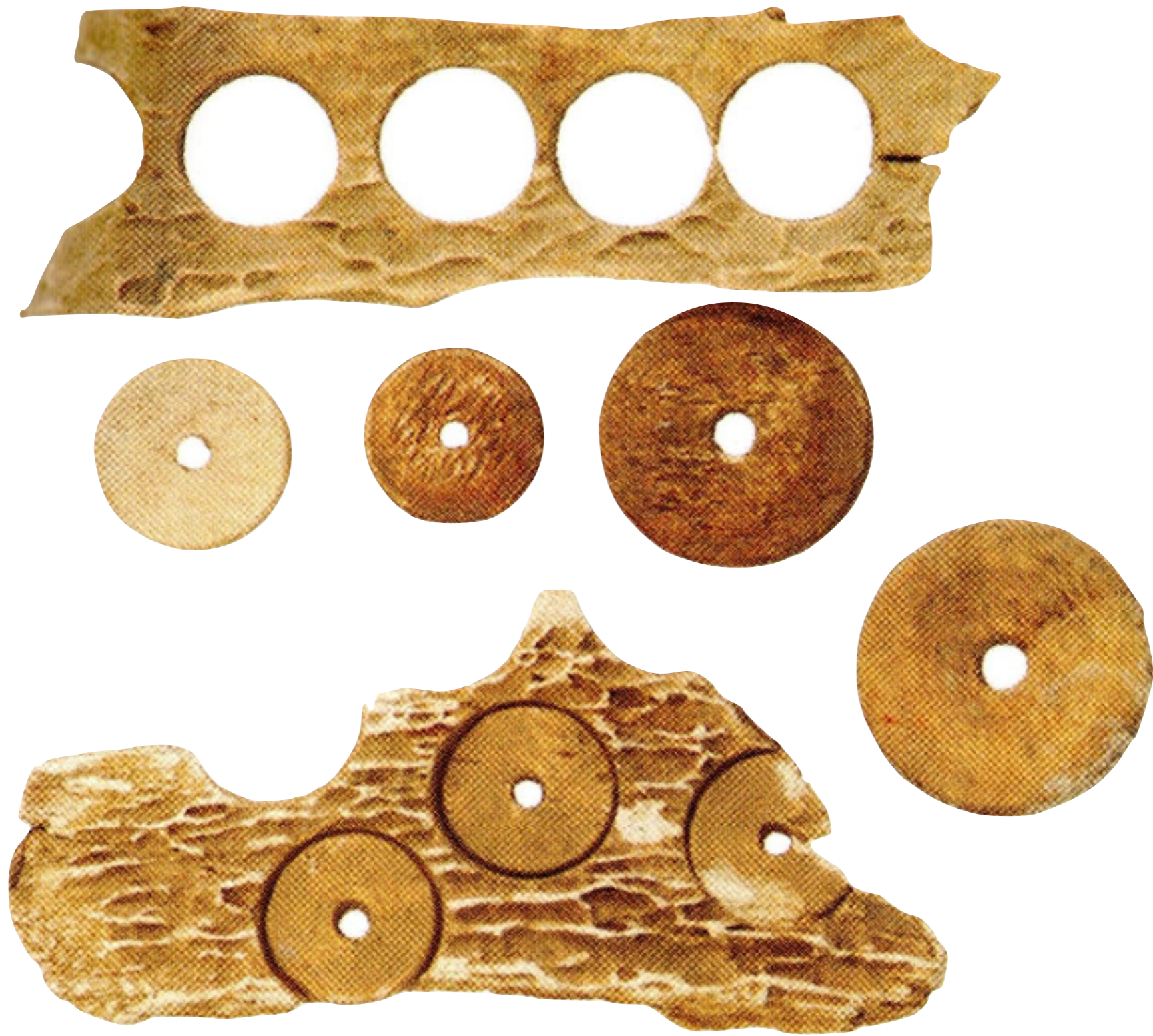


Fig. 31.



Fig. 30.



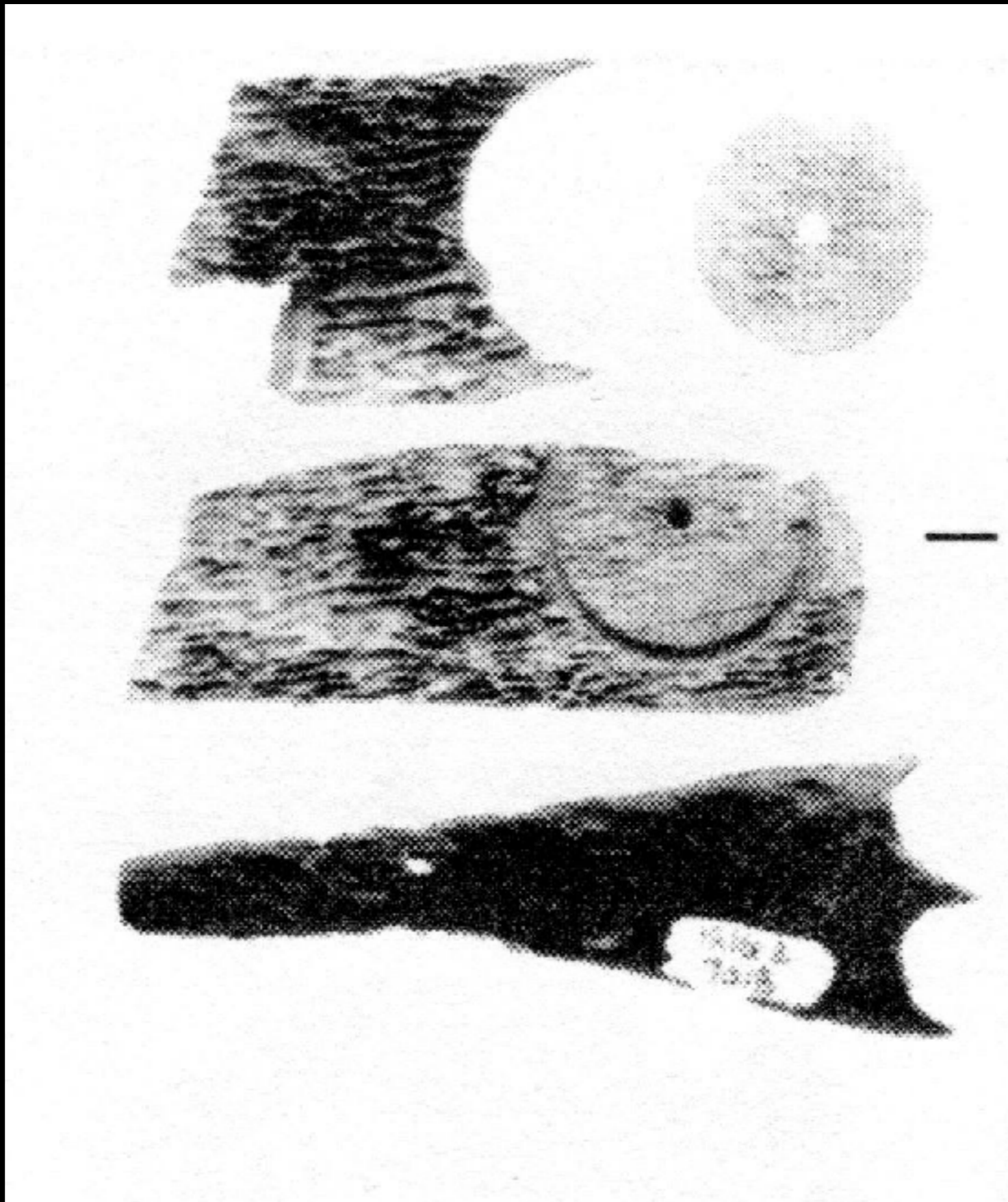


Horn & Bone Buttons Recovered from Fort Ticonderoga
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(Fort Ticonderoga)



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Bone Button Molds & Discarded Fragments Excavated at Fort Stanwix
18th Century
(Fort Stanwix)



Bone Buttons Recovered at Fort Frederick, Maryland
Mid 18th Century
(Fort Frederick / "Maryland History by the Object")



Tool for Making Button Molds
Used in East Hampton, New York in the Dominy Workshop
c. 1790 - 1830
(Winterthur)

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