

## II. Individual Records

**Department:** FIREPOWER! Royal Artillery Museum, Woolwich

**Accession number:** LDRAR.MISC.19/287

**No. of items:** 1

**Category**

Pipe

**Object name:**

Smoking pipe



### Description

Smoking pipe comprised of a bamboo stem with a gourd and metal mouthpiece at one end and a clay[?] bowl with incised decoration at the other end. There is a cotton cord strap attached to each end of the pipe for carrying the pipe. There is a section of animal hide over the join between the stem and the bowl. The bowl seems to be able to detach from the stem.

### Notes

Through its accession number this pipe has been connected with a group of North America objects presented by Colonel Burn of the Royal Artillery (see catalogue entries), however it is not specifically mentioned in these entries below and it is clearly not of North American origin due to the materials it made from. This pipe is identical to pipes in the British Museum and Horniman Museum which are both attributed to the Shilluk people who predominantly live along the west side of the White Nile in Sudan/South Sudan.

It is still possible that Colonel Burn gave this pipe to the museum (possibly in 1873) however there is no documentation relating to it and Burn is only recorded as serving abroad in Canada, France and Jamaica. Perhaps further investigation in the catalogues would led to more information.

### Original description

1851 CATALOGUE:

'Various Articles, Drawings, Etc.'

'408. Ornamented Cloak, Indian.'

'409. Two Pouches and String of Beads, ditto.'

'411. Two pair of Mocasins, Canadian.'

'Miscellaneous Collection of Articles chiefly Indian' 449-527

'482. Two bracelets, platted straw.'

'484. Three belts of Red Worsted.'

'485. An Indian Sling.'

'486. A Straw Belt, (colored).'

'491. A pair of Snow Shoes.'

1864 CATALOGUE: 112. A string of wampum of 37 beads about the size of pigeon's eggs; Indian buffalo-robe, pair of snow-shoes, mocassins, pouch, bullet-pouch, tobacco pouch, and other articles of North American Indian attire. Presented by Colonel Burn, R.A. 408 409 411 491 482 484 485 486

1906 CATALOGUE: 281-91 A string of wampum of 37 beads about the size of pigeon's eggs; Indian buffalo-robe, pair of snow-shoes, mocassins (two pairs), pouch, bullet-pouch, tobacco pouch, five belts, and other articles of North American Indian attire. Presented by Colonel Burn, R.A. [An annotated version of this catalogue dated 1933 scores out the 'Indian buffalo-robe', 'pouch, bullet-pouch, tobacco pouch, and other articles' in red pen and reduces adjusts the catalogue number accordingly to 281-284]

1934 CATALOGUE: 281-284 A string of wampum of 37 beads about the size of pigeon's eggs; Indian buffalo-robe, pair of snow-shoes, mocassins (two pairs), articles of North American Indian attire. Presented by Colonel Burn, R.A. [the whole entry has be crossed out in pencil]

### Production information:

**Place:** Sudan, Africa  
South Sudan, Africa

**School/style:** Shilluk

**Date:** 19th Century

**Materials:** Metal  
Cotton cord  
Animal hide  
Bamboo  
Clay  
Gourd

**Techniques:** Incised

### Dimensions:

Part	Dimension	Value	Unit	Precision	Notes
Overall	Length	722	mm		

### Condition assessment

**Purpose:** curatorial comment

**Condition:** Fair

**Date:** 2014-08-04

### Location

In storage : 2014-06-10 :

Name Associations	Type	Note
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The Royal Artillery  
Burn, Robert, General (d.  
1878)

regiment/service  
personal name

General Robert Burn was Colonel-Commandant of the Royal Artillery. He gained the rank of General in the service of the Royal Artillery. He married Letitia Crofton 1829, d. 1878; his youngest son was Captain Charles Rosdew Burn, later Forbes-Leith of Fyvie, Royal Dragoons & M.P. (1859-1930)

Service (Protection of Imperial assets from US interference):  
Can., 6.14-6.16 (Canada June 1814 to June 1816)  
France, 7.16-11.18 (July 1816 to November 1818)  
Jam., 10.21-9.22 (Jamaica October 1821 to September 1822)  
Can., 8.43-1.49 (Canada, August 1843 to January 1849)

## Exhibitions

**Name of exhibition:** *Out of the Dark: Celebrating 230 years of the collections of the Royal Regiment of Artillery (2008)*

**Exhibition area:** FIREPOWER! Royal Artillery Museum

**Cat. Number:** 22

**Notes:**

CATALOGUE ENTRY: 22 North American Indian smoking pipe. Wood, hide and clay  
North American Indian smoking pipe. Donated by Colonel Burn in 1873. MISC 19/287