

Objects Recovered from the Gowanus Canal

Mounted Copper Fire Extinguisher

This copper fire extinguisher was recovered from the Gowanus Canal during dredging in February of 2021. It is approximately 19" tall by 6" in diameter. The eye-holes at the base of the object suggest that it would have been bolted to a fire truck, or perhaps a fire boat. Although the item has no manufacturing date or information on it, a 1923 advertisement for a Stutz fire truck (Figure 1) illustrates three types of mounted extinguishers on the side and rear of the truck is an example of this type of apparatus. Fire departments in the area near the canal would have used this type of extinguisher.



Figure 1 - Historical example of a mounted fire extinguisher.



Approximate area of discovery. The object was found in February, 2021.



Copper fire extinguisher dimensions:
Height 19" Width 6"



Copper fire extinguisher, front view.



Copper fire extinguisher with rivets
and nozzle, side view.