

Analysis of Artifacts

Item # 132

Pieces of dishes and culinary (knives and forks)

WHO FOUND	Fred Nolan
WHEN FOUND	1963+
WHERE FOUND	6' down in a hole dug by Nolan near the north shore at Joudrey's Cove
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REFERENCES	Crooker's, "Oak Island Gold", Pg. 175
LOCATION TODAY	
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ASSESSMENT OF AUTHENTICITY	
COMMENTS	

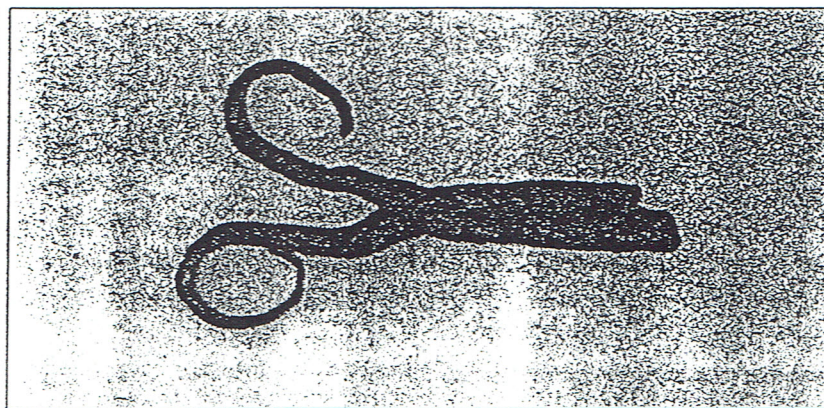
get killed in an accident. No one would ever know about the Cross.” Then he showed me a photograph of an artifact that he believes is associated with the Cross. It is a lock with a cross-shaped keyhole. When the key is turned, the face opens and another smaller keyhole appears. He didn’t disclose where he found the lock but it may have been among various items recovered in a hole dug near the north shore at Joudrey’s Cove. He had dug down about six feet and found pieces of dishes and culinary such as knives and forks.

Nolan described another artifact, in which he says Blankenship was quite interested, “a pair of very old handmade scissors, forged by a blacksmith.” He found the scissors embedded in earth near one of the 30-foot deep shafts he had dug between 1963 and 1964. The scissors, made of wrought-iron, are not identical to the pair that Blankenship found at Smith’s Cove but are “somewhat alike in configuration.”

The most interesting artifact that Nolan described in terms of size is a railway trolley with wheels that run on a track. It lay buried beneath the mud in the swamp and he had hauled it out with a timber jack. He can only guess that it may have been rolled out on the ice during the winter and then sunk into the deep mud in the spring. It may have been owned by Anthony Graves or Henry Sellers or one of the Sellers heirs and simply discarded by disposing of it in the swamp. Or is it a piece of the Oak Island puzzle?

Among other artifacts found in the swamp, Nolan showed me an old

William S. Crooker



Wrought-iron scissors found on Nolan’s property are similar to those found near the Money Pit.