

Farm tool Collection
MCC-00517

Total Items:16 tools

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Shelf List Number: AX-517

Collection Overview

Creators

Danny Nicholas, (Fort Kent, ME)
Gerald Michaud (Grand Falls, ME)
Roger Belanger

Dates

Undated

Extent

16 items

Provenance

Tools collected by Danny Nicholas, donated by Gerald Michaud and Roger Belanger

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Not applicable

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: Not applicable

Physical: Not applicable

Technical: Not applicable

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Old-fashioned farm tools that were donated by Danny Nicholas. 1 t-handled wood auger with a bit was found at Lonesome Pines Trails Ski hill but the others don't have a listed provenance.

The processing archivist researching the different tools and found the following information: Wood augers were used from the late 1800-1930s to drill wood. They came with different heads to drill different sized holes in wood. Most augers were only made to fit one size drill hole, though some could be interchangeable.

Hewing axes were used to shape felled logs by lumbermen vertically.

Buck saws are similar to bow saws and are used to cut logs/firewood to length. They usually have an 'H' frame and teeth on the blade.

Potato barrel hoists were grappling tools that were used to load potato barrels into a truck.

Bark spuds are used to remove bark from a tree without damaging the wood below.

A draw knife is a woodworking tool that shapes wood by removing wood shavings. The tool has a blade at each handle.

A scythe is a traditional tool used to cut down crops ready to be harvested.

A neck yolk is a wooden pole that would have metal rings at each end and in the middle to hook cows/oxen up to.

Broc à patates is the local term used for a pitchfork used to shovel potatoes during harvest

Scope and Content

The materials in this collection were all found upstairs in the preservation room or downstairs in the genealogy/research room, having not been properly accessioned by previous staff. All the tools but one buck saw and the potato barrel grapple were donated by Danny Nicholas. Due to the other tools being the same type of tools/duplicate tools, they were housed together.

Arrangement

Tools are loosely arranged on the shelf as they are too large to house in boxes.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Agriculture
Agricultural implements
Dry farming
Maine

Related Materials

2 Potato barrels in the genealogy/research room (one of which is painted Acadian colors and the other holds the potato barrel grapple and hoist as well as a Broc à patates.)

Collection Inventory

Item	Description
Neck yolk	Wooden pole with holes for metal rings at either end and with a metal hook in the middle.
Hewing axe	Blue handled tool with flat square blade. The metal blade has a natural looking kink in close to the handle
Wooden auger (x4)	T-handled augers with curved blade tips meant to drill holes (each auger has a different sized blade)
Scythe	Long pole with a long-curved blade at end
Bucksaw (2)	Saw donated by Gerald Michaud of Grand Falls has green handles and the one donated by Danny Nicholas has natural wooden colored handles.
Potato barrel hoist	Long rusted metal tool that rests on top of the barrel via two claws that rest on the rim and has a hook on chains to be picked up and loaded onto a truck.
Potato barrel grapple	Currently located at the bottom of the potato barrel, this is a cross hooked tool made of dark metal. Donated by Roger Belanger.
Draw Knives (2)	Red handled blades. The handles bend on at an l-shape on either side of the blades.
Bark spud (2?)	Has a flat, rounded blade to scrape wood.
Broc à patates	Pitchfork used for scooping potatoes during a harvest