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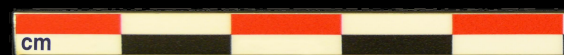
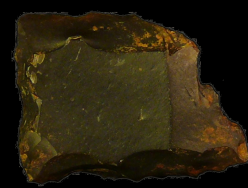


Half of a set of tongs from the Frazier Brothers Blacksmith Shop Site (36JE73)

Want to learn more about blacksmithing and archaeology? Strike while the iron is hot and go to www.pennsylvaniaarchaeology.com/ArchMonth.htm.



Oxen shoes from the Frazier Brothers Blacksmith Shop Site (36JE73)



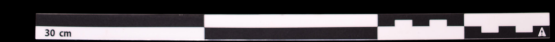
Gunflint from repairing a rifle from the Millerstown 1 Site (36BL124)



Sheep teeth pulled by a blacksmith from the Millerstown 1 Site (36BL124)



Forge grating from the McQuilken Blacksmith Shop Site (36IN463)



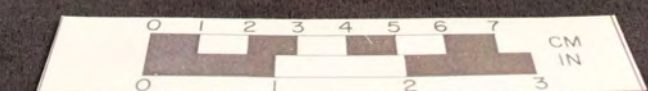
Wagon wheel hub, carriage seat spring coils, rubber pedal or brake pads, and a wire buckle from the McQuilken Blacksmith Shop Site (36IN463)



Horseshoe, leather, wrought iron ring, clinched horseshoe nails, horseshoe caulkins from the McQuilken Blacksmith Shop Site (36IN463)

Center Image: Ca. 1890 Photograph of a Blacksmith Shop in Milan, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, Courtesy of Dawn Fenton.
Side Images: Artifacts recovered from blacksmith shop archaeological sites. The artifacts represent the numerous and diverse tasks performed by blacksmiths.

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Small crucible for melting metal from the Metropolitan Detention Center Site (36PH91), Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, The State Museum of Pennsylvania