

Frontier Arms Race: An Archaeological Perspective on the Militarization of the Great Lakes

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Location: Room 2009 Ruthven Museums Building

Description:

An assemblage of seven iron 4-pounder guns recovered from the Detroit River and Lake Erie is contextualized against the military history of the Great Lakes between the founding of Detroit (1701) and the War of 1812. The guns' makrings, their condition, and their deposition, are used as indexes of the increasing militarization of the region, as French, Native American, British, and American forces contested the control of economic resources and strategic waterways.