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A SECTION OF AMERICAN WOODEN WATER PIPE FROM NEW YORK 18TH CENTURY

A SECTION OF AMERICAN WOODEN WATER PIPE FROM NEW YORK WITH BRASS LABEL READING : 'WATER MAIN CIRCA 1799 LIBERTY STREET & PEARL STREET NEW YORK'

18TH CENTURY

SIZE : 34 CM DIA. X 28 CM HIGH X 9 CM DEEP

13½ INS DIA. X 11 INS HIGH X 3½ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THIS VERY UNUSUAL SECTION OF EARLY NEW YORK UNDERGROUND WATER PIPE WAS COLLECTED IN THE 19TH CENTURY WHEN THE SYSTEM WAS RENEWED.

THE ROMANS WERE THE FIRST TO EXTENSIVELY USE WOOD FOR PIPING IN THEIR COMPARATIVELY SOPHISTICATED WATER AND HEATING SYSTEMS, AND WOOD WENT ON BEING USED UNTIL THE INVENTION OF CAST IRON IN THE 19TH CENTURY, FOLLOWED BY CONCRETE AND PLASTICS IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY.