

Students As Historians

Historians examine artifacts, objects humans made, that give us an insight into life in the past and into our lives today. They explore the ways our lives are the **same** as our ancestors and ways our lives have **changed**. This is an opportunity for you to be an historian and discover what these objects tell us about life on Ross Farm in the 1800s, over 150 years ago. Do we have similar objects in our homes today? How are our lives different? **Are similar objects as important to our lives today?** Examine the photos of these objects and answer the questions below each one.

Artifact Three:

Location: At Ross Farm, this object is on the desk in the Edward Ross store. The store was used by Edward to sell items to folks in the area; most of what he sold would have been imported goods not produced locally.



What do you see?

Describe the shape.

What is it made from?

How big is this object?

Does the person's hand help you determine its size?



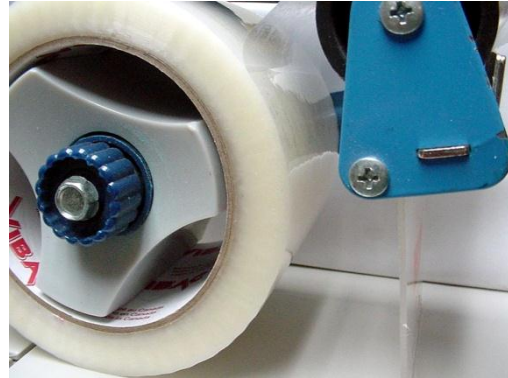
What is the purpose for the object?

Do you see any special features of this object that might help you understand how it may have been used?

Who might have made this object? How do you know?

What is the same and what is different from today?

Today, we use these objects. What clues do they give you about the artifact?



Why was the object so important for store owner, Edward Ross?