

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

SCOPE OF COLLECTIONS

The scope of collection for Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine includes any artifact related to the site's direct history. Any item, document, or image related to the site as a mine, prison, or tourist attraction are included in this scope and can be considered for the collection. Of particular interest would be artifacts that belonged to or refer to anyone who lived or worked at Old New-Gate, including mine owners, miners, prisoners, guards, tradespeople, tavern keepers etc. The types of prisoners imprisoned at Old New-Gate included "common criminals," court-martialed soldiers from the Continental Army, and Loyalists (combatant or sympathizer) and objects pertaining to the experience of all three types are desired. Any goods made at Old New-Gate by inmate labor are desired, as well as advertisements referring to such goods. Also included in the scope are artifacts from other local mines operational during the same time period, including but not limited to Higley copper coins circulated in the 18th century. Advertisements, documents and images related to the site as a tourist attraction can extend from the 18th century to present day. Finally, any item once housed at Old New-Gate may be considered for the collection.

Other names and uses of Old New-Gate, to be considered when collecting.

- Simsbury Mines (colonial copper mine)
- Newgate / New-Gate Prison (colonial / state prison)
- Viets Tavern (colonial / early republic tavern)
- Phoenix Mining Company (19th c. mining company)
- Connecticut Mining Company (19th c. mining company)
- Newgate of Connecticut at East Granby (tourist attraction)
- Newgate Historical Corporation (tourist attraction)
- Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine (state owned tourist attraction)

THEMES

The collections scope is governed by key interpretive themes that have emerged as particularly important to the history of Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine. Artifacts which illuminate topics within these themes will be actively collected. Collecting will not be limited to the following themes and topics. The following list defines primary areas of interest from which specialized collecting interests will grow.

- Site-Specific Archaeology
- New-Gate Prison as an Operating Prison
- Colonial Mining
- Tourism at Old New-Gate
- Institutional History of Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine / Viets Tavern
- Mining at Old New-Gate
- Copper
- Colonial Taverns