Primary Maker: Manhattan Water Company
Title: Section of water pipe
Date: 1800-1840
Medium: Wood, iron
Dimensions: Overall: 24 x 15 x 15 in. (61 x 38.1 x 38.1 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Mr. J. W. Rutherford, 1907
Object Number: X.47

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Classification: HISTORIC RELICS

Curatorial Remarks:
The Manhattan Water Company, founded in 1799, was originally envisioned by public officials as a provider of pure waters from north of the city. The company's goals were never realized -- its only source was a modest existing well near the Collect pond, the mostly wooden mains reached only a portion of the city's residents, and the water quality was often poor.

Physical Description:
Cross section of wooden water pipe with iron water gate mounted on wrought-iron frame; pipe made by boring a hole through the center of a log; water gate is flat, wedge-shaped piece of iron with eyelet at top.
Markings: Engraved in plaque: "SECTION OF THE WATER PIPE / WITH IRON WATER GATE / LAID BY / THE MANHATTAN COMPANY"

Related Objects: