Primary Maker: Unidentified maker
Title: Draft wheel
Date: ca. 1863
Medium: Wood, metal
Dimensions: Overall: 23 x 25 1/2 x 21 3/4 in. (58.4 x 64.8 x 55.2 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Frederic C. Wagner
Object Number: 1865.6

Object Name: Draft wheel
Classification: MILITARY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT: MISCELLANEOUS

Curatorial Remarks:
This drum-shaped wheel was used in the draft lottery for the Civil War held on July 13, 1863 in the 7th Congressional District, comprising the 11th and 17th Wards of New York City (the East Side below 14th Street and above Rivington Street). The draft lottery, part of the nation's first conscription act, touched off the worst urban riots in American history.

Physical Description:
Civil War draft wheel; cylindrical drum with a rectangular, lockable hatch and an iron and wood handle, set on trestle frame with bracket feet and a turned stretcher; brass plaque on side.
Markings: Engraved on brass plaque: "DRAFT WHEEL / USED JULY 13, 1863 / WITH NAMES OF RESIDENTS IN THE / 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT N.Y. CITY / COMPRISING THE 11TH AND 17TH WARDS / PRESENTED BY FREDERIC C. WAGNER / CAPTAIN AND PROVOST MARSHALL / JUNE 20TH 1865"
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