

Exploring The Steamboat Bertrand

With The Shiloh Boys



"Buffalo"
Chip




Dead
Eye





He was born on the banks of the Missouri River. In the hell-hole river town of Sioux City. The Great White Scout goes by many names...the Cheyenne call him Wakamanniplod. Which means "Big Buffalo Chip". Nerves of steel and eyes like a baby hawk, the Great White Scout was known far and especially wide for his many adventures. Next to the scout's side was Dead Eye, the comical sidekick. Talk about dead weight, he reminded people of John Belushi in the movie Continental Divide or maybe John Candy in Wagons East. No longer able to read a map or road signs, he was not much use. He did have, however, an uncanny ability to spot a Dairy Queen from great distances. A gift from his older brothers the legends say.

The Shiloh Boys spent years reading books, newspaper micro films and historical maps in their latest historical adventure: To find and explore the Steamboat Bertrand.

A man is seen from behind, looking across a wide river. He is wearing a black baseball cap with the 'Yankees' logo, sunglasses, and a black jacket with white sleeves. A thought bubble is superimposed over the upper left part of the image. The river is calm, reflecting the sky and the green trees on the opposite bank. The foreground is filled with lush green vegetation.

The search is
on, but where
to begin?

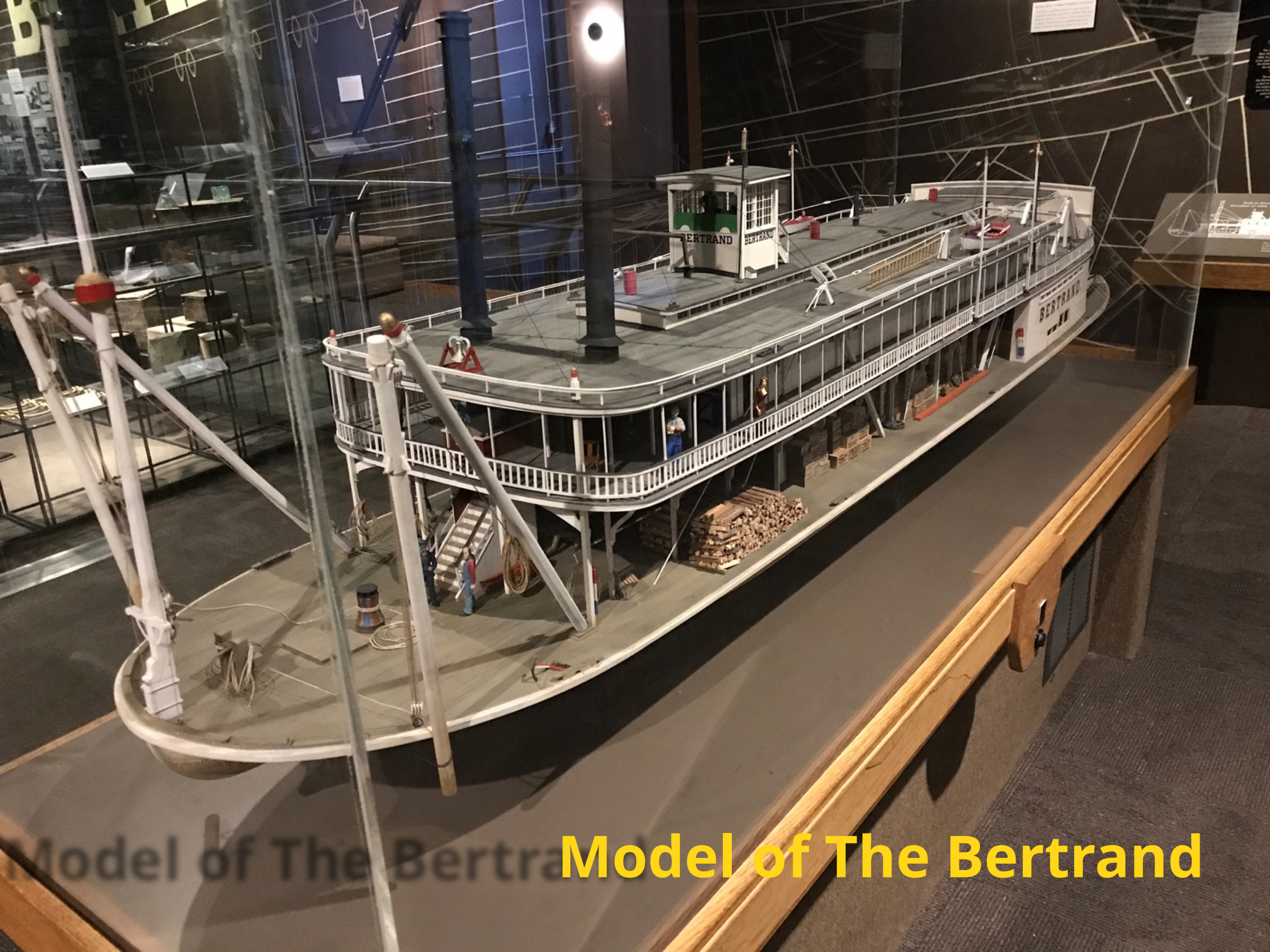






EUREKA!!

After miles of hiking, The Shiloh Boys discovered the actual place where they dug the Bertrand and it's cargo from the mud.



Model of The Bertrand

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Wonderful exhibits for the tourists, but the two "Historians" are invited to the huge back room/warehouse. Where they are encouraged to explore any box or artifact!





Farm tools.



The Great Scout could not keep his eyes off the liquor bottles.



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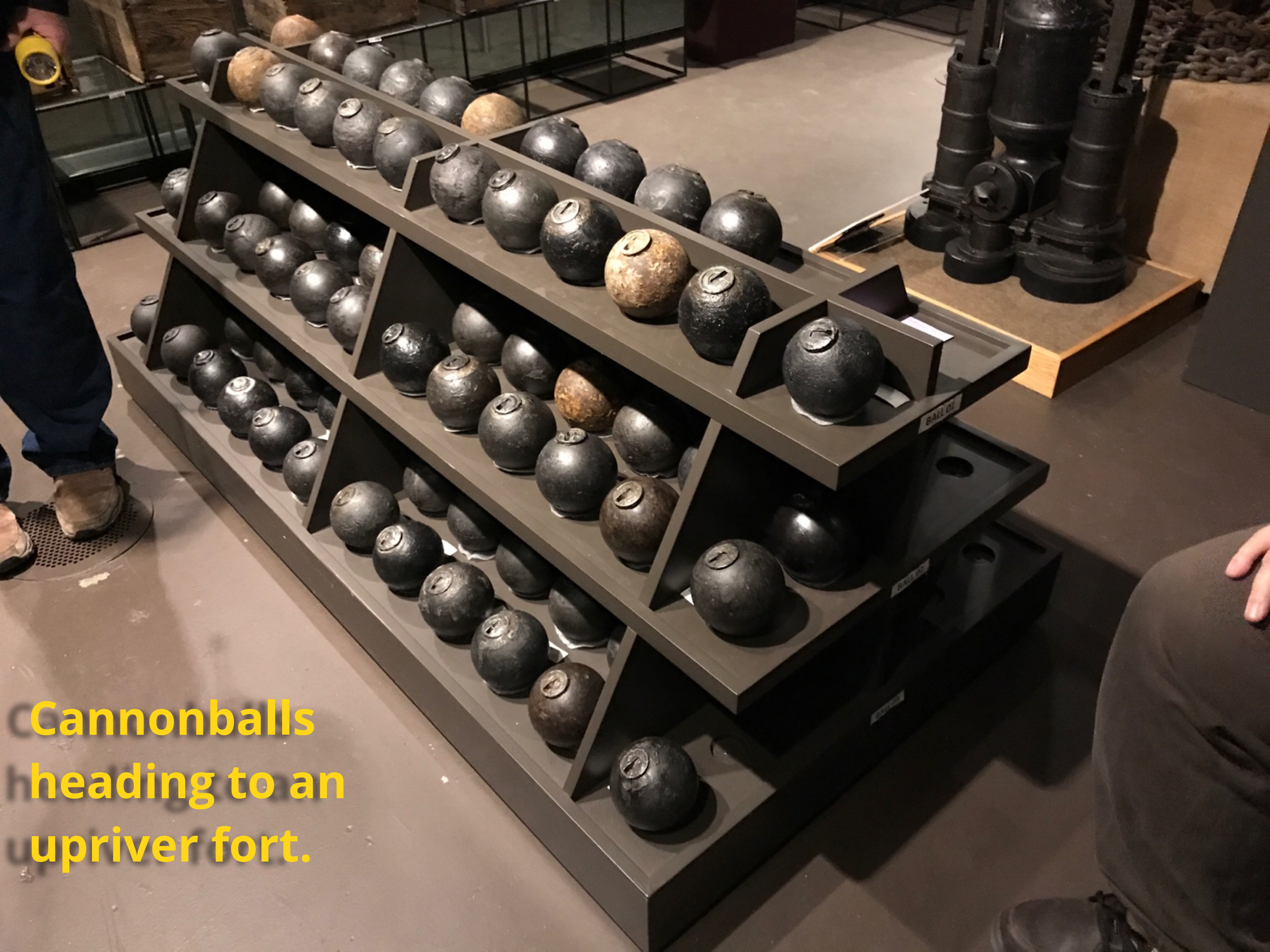
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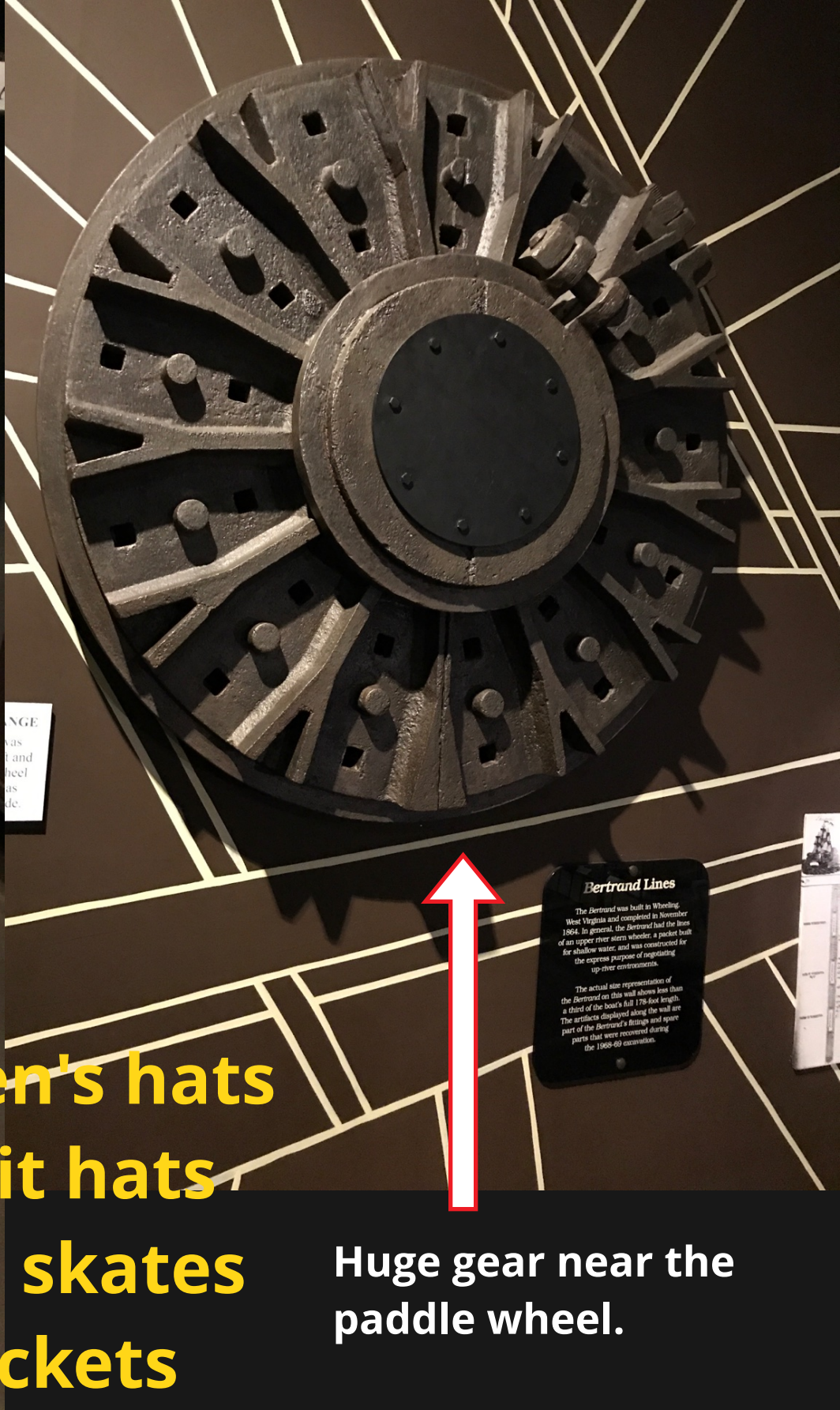
Cannonballs
heading to an
upriver fort.



**Crates of
ammunition.**

Woven scarfs.

Powder horns.



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PITCHERS

PLATTERS

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BOWLS

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LAMP GLASS

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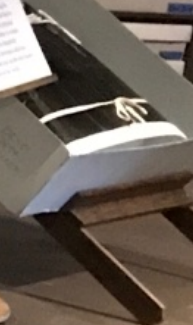
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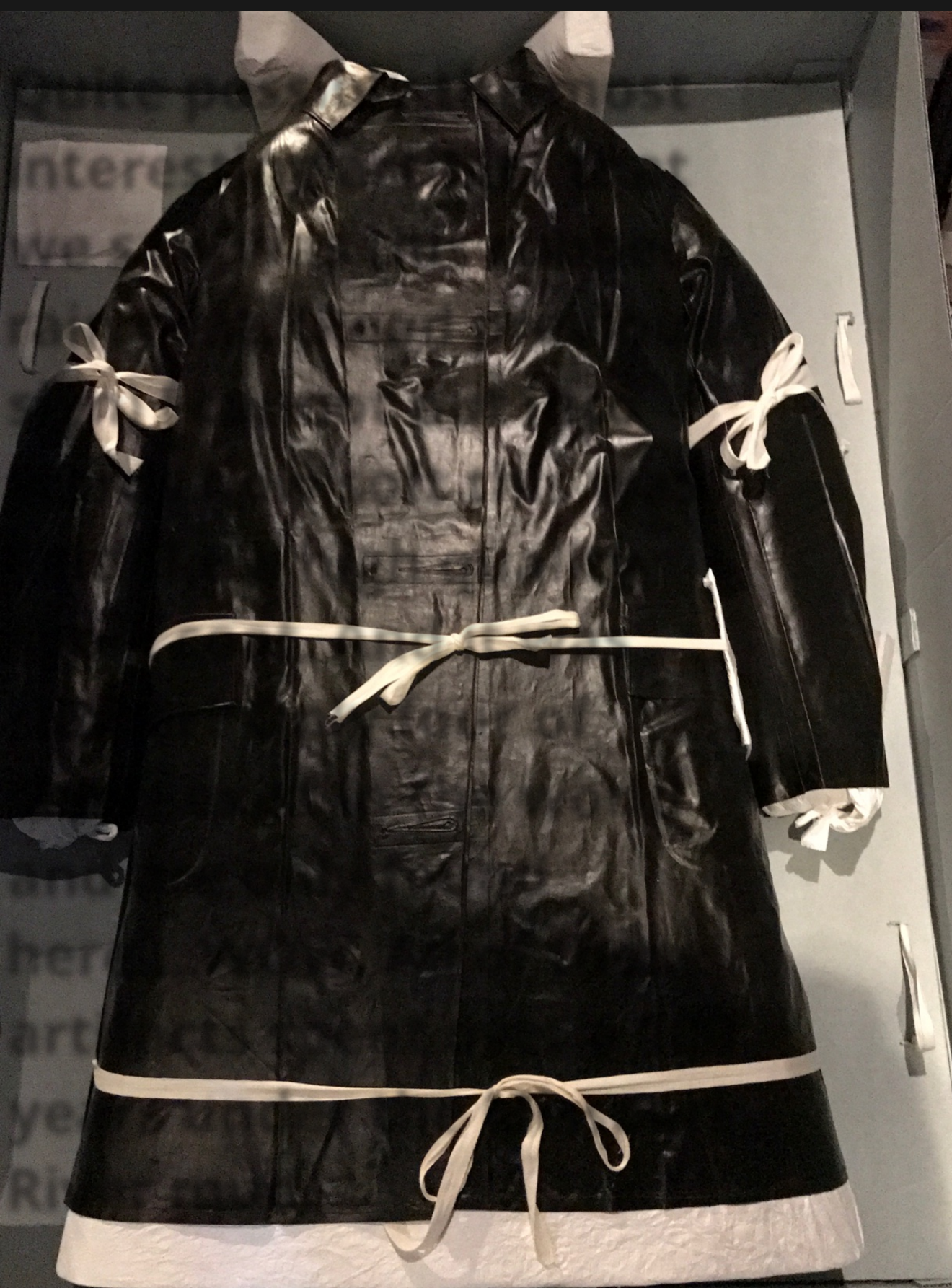
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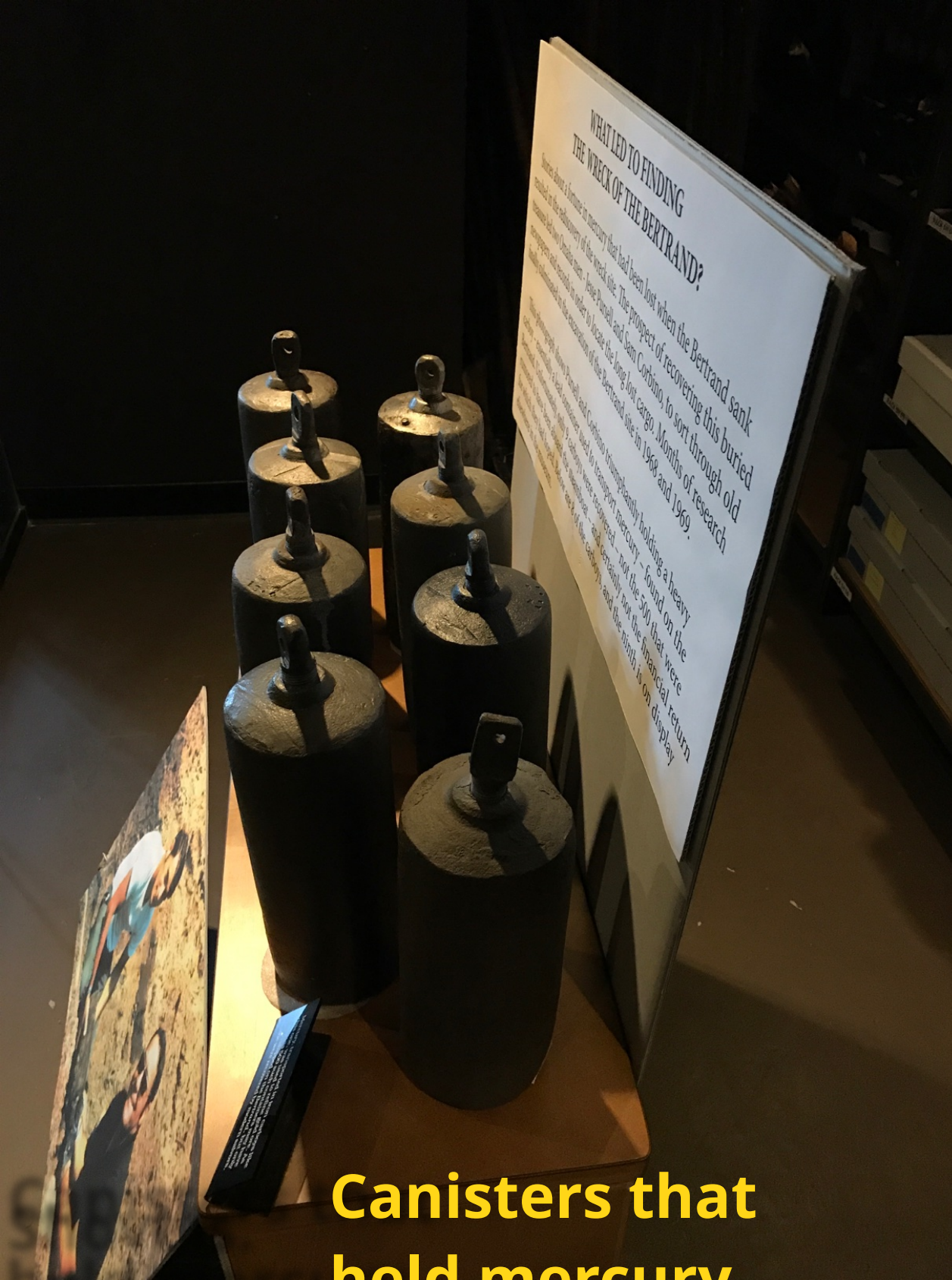


RUBBER RAINCOATS - A UNIQUE CARGO

Rubber is known to have been used to waterproof fabric as early as 1800. However, untreated rubber will simply melt with heat and harden with cold. It wasn't until Charles Goodyear discovered how to stabilize the rubber in 1844 that it became practical for use as clothing. Using his process of vulcanization, Goodyear discovered that by treating rubber with sulfur at great heat, its physical properties changed and allowed the rubber to remain flexible in cold and intact in heat. The beautifully preserved rubber raincoats in the Bertrand collection were made by Goodyear in 1864 and are the only known surviving examples anywhere in the world.



Quite possibly the most interesting artifact that we saw was this rubber rain coat. (Read previous sign) I cannot put into words how soft this was. Felt like a high quality sport coat. And it was rubber? Only four of these exist in the world and are only found here....WOW. All of these artifacts spent over a 100 years under the Missouri River mud.



Canisters that held mercury.



Shovels.



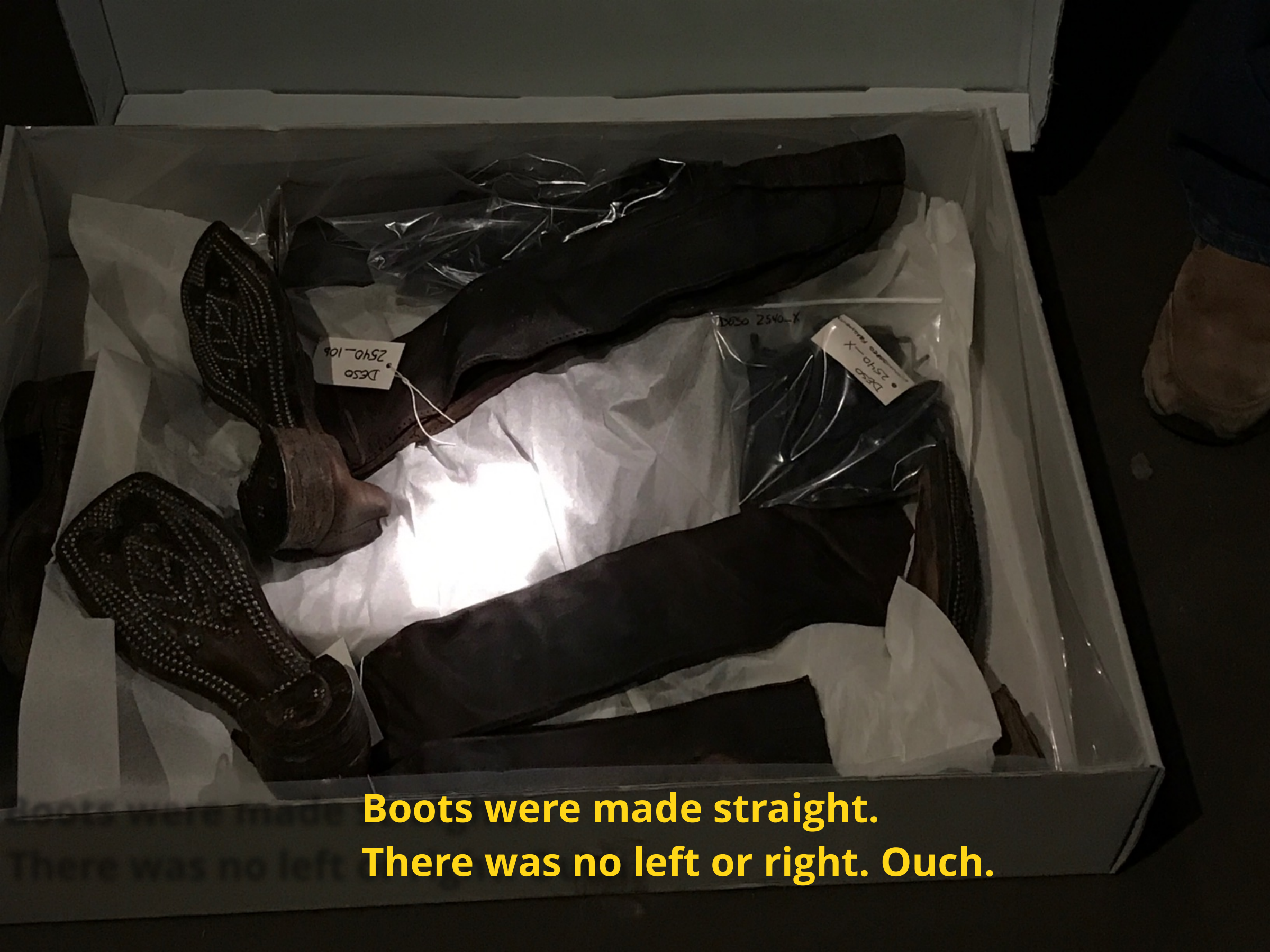
NAILS

When the *Bertrand* left Wheeling, WV, in 1864 on her maiden voyage, she carried a cargo of 6,000 kegs of nails. Although those kegs were off-loaded at St. Louis, several hundred pounds of nails were recovered with the rest of the *Bertrand*'s cargo in 1968-1969. During the century they were buried under 30 feet of mud in the Missouri River floodplain, some of those iron nails rusted together into the shape of their containers, which eventually rotted away. **DESO 5680 (shown here with a modern keg similar to the one that originally would have held these nails)**



Over 700 Pairs of Boots!





**Boots were made straight.
There was no left or right. Ouch.**



On the soles were lots of tiny rivets or beads pounded individually by the boot maker.



**Buffalo Boots made from buffalo skins.
Pretty deuteriated.**

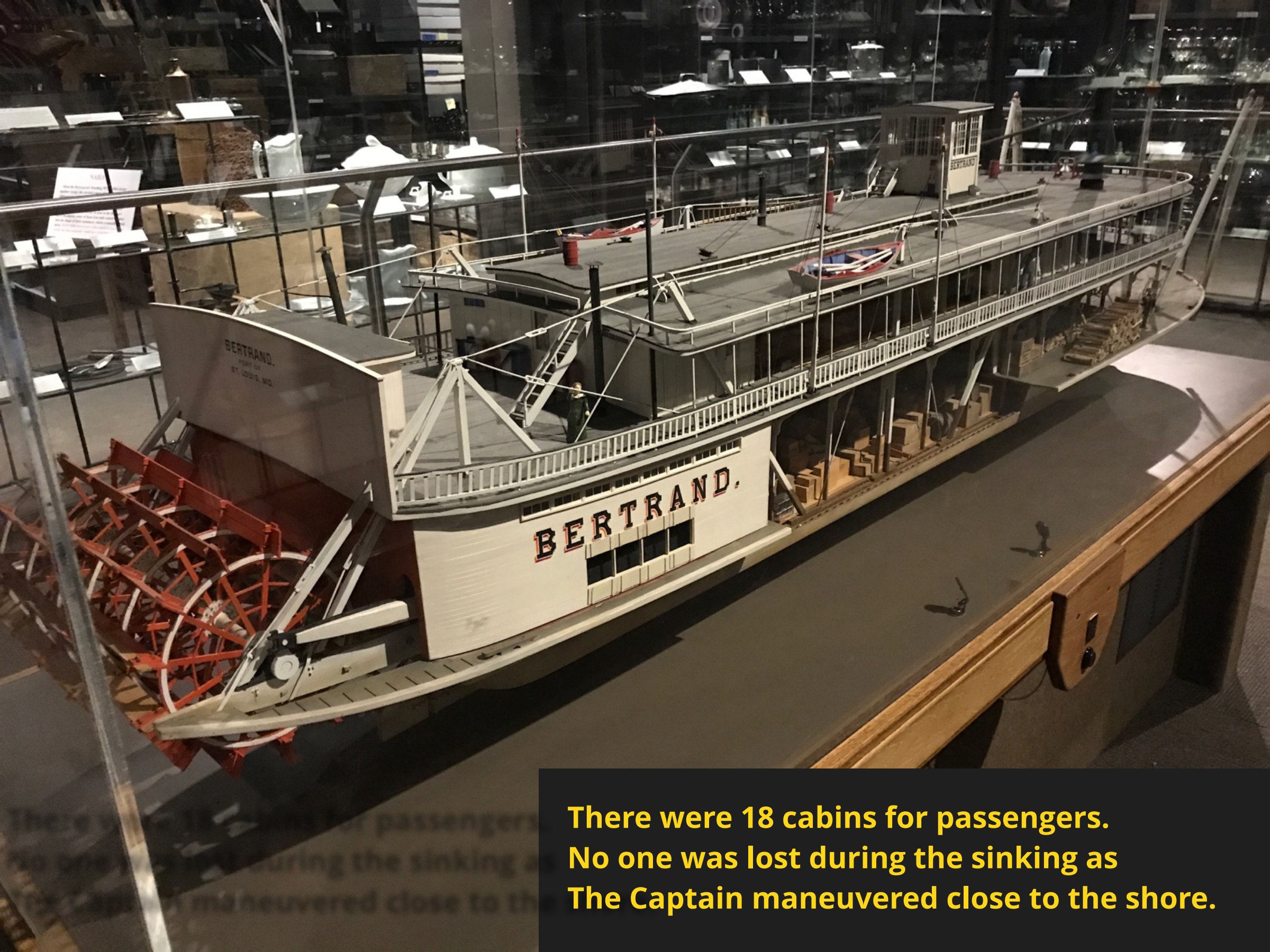


Non-military riding boot.



The Bertrand was a mountain boat. Notice the large white poles. They would stick them in a sand bar ,snag or shallow area of the river. Then gun the engines/paddle wheel and the boat would hop or rise over the obstruction. Always trying to get UP the river as far as possible.





**There were 18 cabins for passengers.
No one was lost during the sinking as
The Captain maneuvered close to the shore.**





**Well, time to leave the Missouri,
needless to say, it was a beautiful day.**

THANKS
FOR
WATCHING!

The Amazing Adventures Of

The SHILOH BOYS