

Texas Die, ca. 1848



Benjamin D. Allan owned this Texas die and probably used it during his service in the Mexican-American War. Carved from bone, the die could be used for various games. Soldiers, bored with camp life, often sought ways to entertain themselves. Using materials on hand, they made wooden carvings, small pieces of metal art, gaming pieces, and various other objects.

Donated by Russell M. Hughes, 1983.02.02

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