

ENGLISH JACK'S WALKING STICK



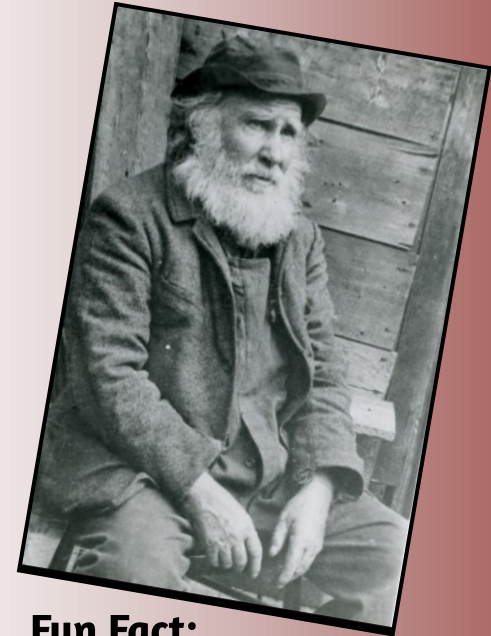
What is it?

This object is a walking stick carved by English Jack in 1903, which he sold as a souvenir to tourists visiting New Hampshire. English Jack was a storyteller who lived in Crawford Notch in the White Mountains. Tourists visited Jack to hear tall tales about his years sailing all around the world. He made both walking sticks and model ships to sell to tourists, and he also sold them postcards and other souvenirs.



Notice & Wonder

- Why would people want a souvenir with the name of a place they visited on it? What souvenirs do you own that have place names on them?
- Do stories make souvenirs more meaningful? Does every souvenir have a story behind it?
- What are your favorite souvenirs from trips you have taken? Were they hand-made or mass produced? Are those souvenirs your favorites because you liked the vacation or because you liked the souvenir?
- Would you want a souvenir of a bad vacation? Why or why not?



Fun Fact:

Look closely at this detail to see that the word "Flume" is carved into the top of the walking stick, which referred to the Flume Gorge.

