

# Artifact of the Month

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1957 was an important year for the Seminole Tribe of Florida: the Tribe formed its own independent government, and became formally recognized by the United States of America as a tribal sovereign nation. This likely brought about a great many changes to life on reservation, including the more wide spread usage of modern medicine.

This month's artifacts are two serum vials manufactured in 1957 by the Kimble Glass Company in Baltimore, Maryland. The larger bottle likely held medicine such as insulin to help treat diabetes; while the smaller vial may have held a single dose vaccination. Only three vaccines were in common use at the time, and included Smallpox, DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis), and Polio. We may not know the vials' exact contents, but we can speculate it may have helped to keep someone healthy during these changing times. A happy and healthy new year to all of our readers!

