

Artifact of the Month

Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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Who remembers the days when they were in elementary school, waking up for the day only to find you have a cold? Those days had their ups (getting to stay home from school) and their downs (having to take medicine). For those of us in the Collections department, staying home meant hanging out on the couch with a caregiver (parent/guardian) nearby, who every so often checked to see how we were feeling. However, for this writer, staying home from school because of a cold usually meant getting a hefty dose of Vicks® VapoRub put on their chest (YUCK!).



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The Vicks® products have come a long way, starting with the nose drop that was first introduced in 1931. This product was called Vicks® Va-tro-nol Nose Drops and even came in cough drop form. In 2012, our archaeology team recovered a dropperless bottle of the product on the surface of a site on the Brighton Reservation (above). Instead of it being the cobalt blue color originally established, the bottle is an amber color making it more similar to the bottles manufactured in the 1950s (left).

Don't forget:

National Caregiver's Day is March 3rd!

