



Figure 5b. Revolutionary War tompon.



Figure 5c.

Figure 6. A contract-style wood canteen of the “Cheese Box” pattern (RKK). This example conforms to other known examples of the cheese box construction with period carved markings or documentation to the American Revolution. In addition, most of the examples examined by the authors have wire loops to hold a rope cord rather than flat leather loops constructed to retain a leather strap. The 18th century examples are made with thicker wood components than the more common 19th century patterns.

Canteen features:

- Wooden body with large single wood stave bent around both side pieces

- Diameter at largest point is 7 inches
- Width is 3 inches
- One large curved panel
- Mouth piece is a hole bored into the wood band

Markings:

- a. side 1775 W (double V) & letter S (all done twice)
- b. side W (double V) & S

Note: This example has the described wire loops for a cord suspension and also the remains of four narrow leather loops. This indicates that an owner preferred a leather strap and modified the canteen for the strap.



Figure 6a.



Figure 6b.