

# Colombian Objects



**Maracas** are rhythm instruments made out of gourds with beads or seeds inside, and played by shaking.



**Brown Plaid Ruana** made of wool and worn like a poncho.



**Image of Jesus Christ**, symbolizing many Colombians are of the Catholic religion.



Colombian recipes often include rice, corn and **beans** such as these canned ones.



**Cooking Pot** used for making food.



**Tin of Guava Paste**, a sugary, gummy gel made from the guava fruit grown in Colombia.



A **photo album** with Guillermo and Amparo Valencia's wedding invitation and pictures.



**Tools** could be used at home or for a job, such as fixing looms in a mill.



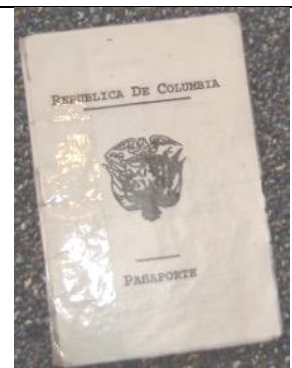
A **guitar** is used to play traditional Colombian folk music.



A can of **Colombian coffee**, considered by many to be the best in the world.



**Citizenship book** printed in Spanish, contains questions and answers to help a person prepare to become a U.S. citizen.



**Guillermo Valencia's Passport**, used to prove identity, date of birth, and country origin.

# Irish Objects



**Handmade knitted wool sweater** that will keep the wearer warm even if it gets wet.



**Lace Collar** worn with a plain dress for special occasions. Lacemaking is a traditional Irish craft.



This drum is called a **Bodhran** (bow ran) and is played with a beater. It is featured in Irish music.



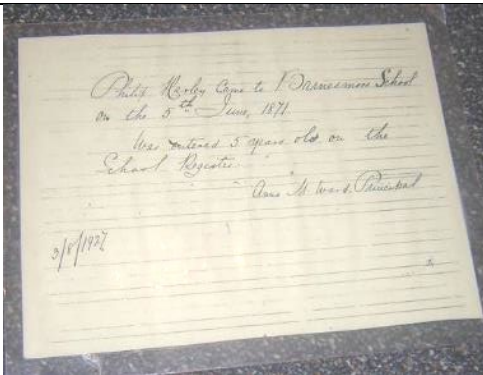
**Toy boat** made of wood and paint. Most toys were made by hand.



**Livestock brush** for grooming horses. Long ago many Irish men had jobs in the stables.



**Pencil drawing of home.** This sketch shows a house among the open grassy fields in Ireland.



**Registration paper** from the school principal that documents Philip Harley's enrollment.



**Handmade doll** wearing typical Irish clothing. Making dolls was a cultural tradition.



**A cooking pot** made of cast iron was used for a potato dish called Colcannon.



A handmade **wooden hammer**.



**Statue of Saint Patrick** who is the patron saint of Ireland, and is supposed to bring good luck. Many Irish people practice the Catholic religion.



**Tea kettle** made of brass for boiling water on a stove. The Irish are fond of drinking tea.

# French Canadian Objects



**Black and white photograph of mother.** Long ago, getting a photograph taken was expensive and not many people could afford to do it.



**Bean pot,** made of stoneware (type of clay), used for cooking and serving baked beans which is a traditional meal.



**French/English Dictionary** used for translating words because long ago most French-Canadian people spoke only French.



**Sewing bag** holds wooden spools of thread and a darning egg used for fixing holes in socks.



**Case and rosary beads,** which people of the Catholic religion use to help count prayers.



**Soap stone block with a metal hanger** used as a **bed warmer.** It is hung in the fireplace to heat up, and then put in a bed to warm it.



**Religious statue of the Infant of Prague** which depicts Christ as the infant king of Bethlehem.



**Wooden doll** handmade with a painted face and a red cotton skirt and vest.



**Wash Board,** made of metal and wood, used as a rhythm instrument by rubbing a spoon or washers (shown) against the ribbed surface.



**A brown and red plaid scarf,** probably hand woven of warm durable wool.



**A tin bucket** used to collect sap from maple trees which will be boiled and turned into maple syrup.



**Stoneware (clay) bottle,** used to hold maple syrup or other liquids.

# Cambodian Objects



**Ching**, an instrument also called finger cymbals, used for performances and religious ceremonies.



**Green-checked Krama** made of cotton cloth, used for carrying babies and other objects, and for bathing in the river.



**Statue of Buddha**, a great religious teacher and saint. Most people in Cambodia are Buddhist.



**Can of coconut milk** packaged in Thailand. Many Cambodians escaped to Thailand before coming to the United States.



**Photo of William and Vera Tith** sitting in front of the altar at a Buddhist temple near Lowell.



**Tin of cooking spices**, used in small amounts in many Asian recipes.



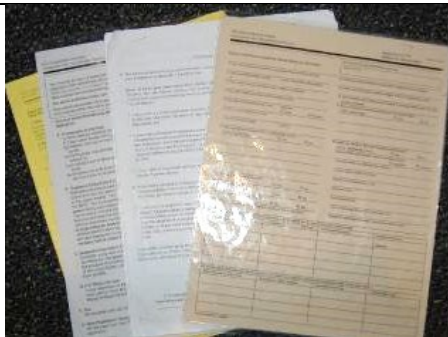
**Chopsticks**, made of bamboo, are utensils used for eating meals.



This **cooking utensil** has a bamboo handle and a wire strainer used in food preparation.



A **sarong** is a long woven cloth worn by wrapping it around the waist. A fancy one like this is commonly worn to a temple.



**Naturalization papers** are official forms with biographical facts about a person's life. They part of the application form for immigrants trying become a U.S. citizen.



A **handmade bamboo Sepak Takraw ball**, used in a game that is a cross between soccer and hacky sack.



**Metal food steamer** with multi-levels of pots. Water is put into the bottom and food is steamed in the upper pots.

# Greek Objects



**Doubek** is a traditional Greek drum made with wood and a natural goat skin drumhead.



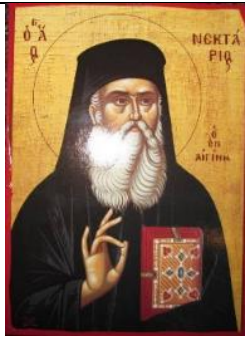
**A photo of the Theodorakakou Family.** Zaharoula is wearing a black scarf which she wore every day of her life after her sons died.



**A church bread engraver**, made of carved wood, is pressed into bread dough that is used during Communion, a religious ceremony.



**White enamel-coated metal pan** used for mixing ingredients. Women would spend a large part of their day preparing food.



**Icons** are images of religious people, hung on the wall to protect Greek homes. This hand-painted one is an image of Saint Nektarios.



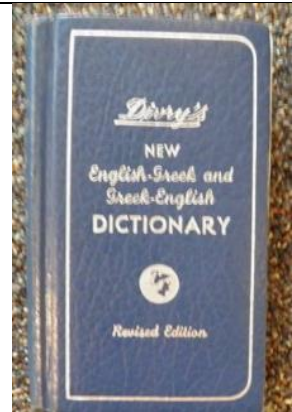
**Greek coffee.** Greek immigrants would have kept coffee beans in a burlap bag like this.



This **woven blue and white bag** shows the Greek key pattern which is a symbol of Greece.



**Toy alphabet blocks** with Greek and English numbers and letters.



**Greek/English dictionary** used to translate Greek to English. Most Greek immigrants spoke only Greek when they arrived in Lowell.



**A Briki** (Bree kee) is a brass coffee pot used to make thick, rich and sweet Greek coffee.



**A shoe form** is a tool for making handmade leather shoes. There is a form for each shoe size.



**A passport** printed in Greek and French, because French was a more common language.

# Portuguese Objects



A **concertina** is an instrument similar to an accordion. Playing it requires pulling it open and squeezing it closed while push the buttons.



A **photo of mother and father** taken outside a home in Portugal.



A **statue of the Virgin Mary** of the Catholic religion. In Portugal she is also known as Our Lady of Fatima.



A **Portuguese doll** in traditional costume from Madeira, an island region of Portugal.



**Handmade wool baby dress** for male or female infants.



**Olive oil** is an important ingredient in many traditional Portuguese recipes.



**Enamel coated metal pan** used for cooking.



A **barrel spigot**, made of wood and cork, used in wooden barrels that store wine.



**Handmade Shawl** used as a covering for head, neck, and shoulders.



**Stoneware (clay) glazed bowl** decorated with olive leaves, a crop of Portugal.



**Soccer ball** made of leather. Soccer is a favorite sport in Portugal where it is called football.



**Passport**, a form of identification, that belonged to Manoel Jose Machado dos Santos.