

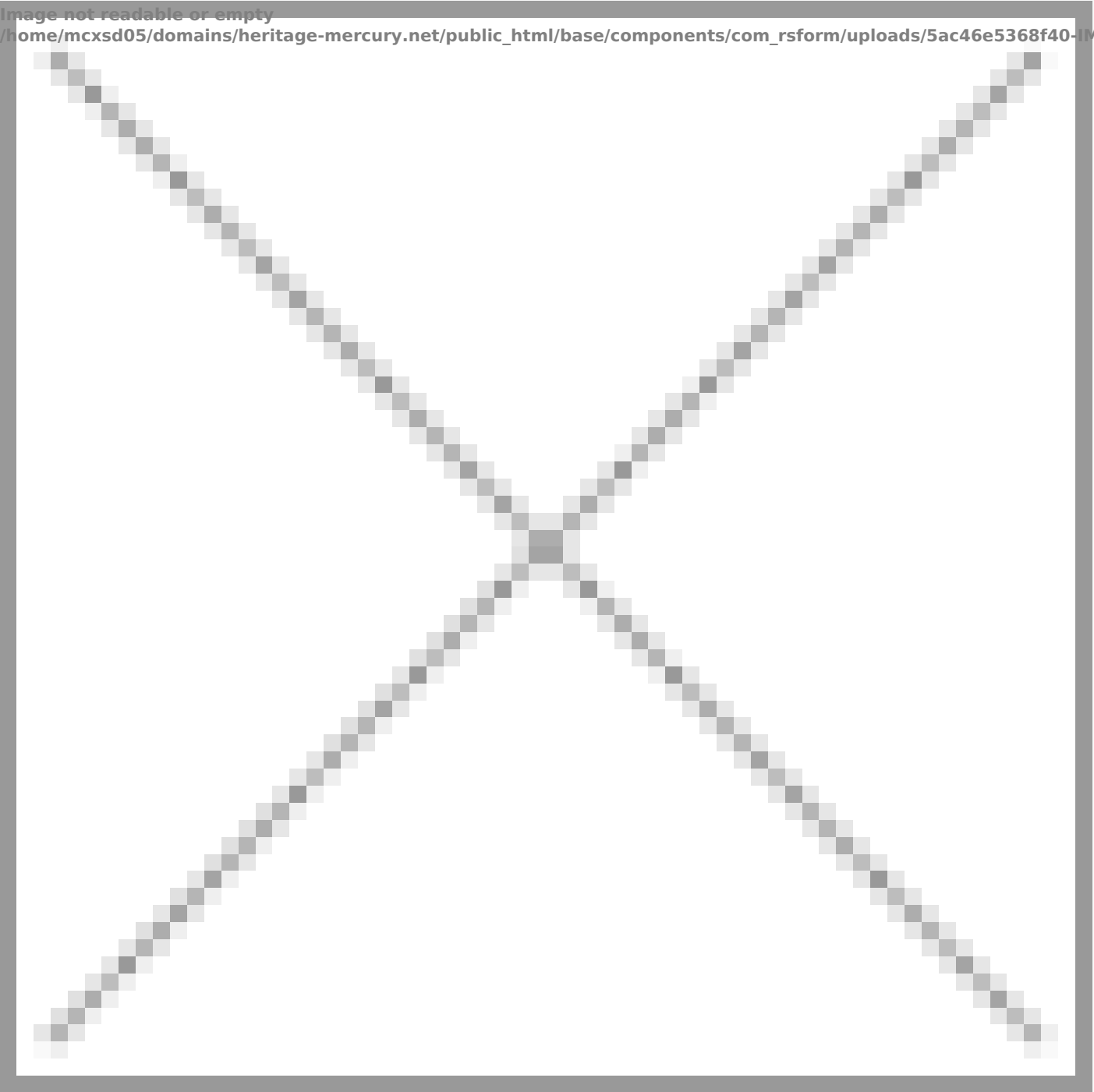
Name 1	OIL LAMP 6
Name 2	/
ID number	002.191.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Municipal Museum, Prelovčeva 9, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija
Local / Original ID Number	510:IDR;RZ-322
Type of Object	Mine, Daily life

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The closed type oil lamp, also called ripsovka, repičnica or jamšarica, is a simple lamp. The described sample is in a typical pear shape, with a movable opening on the reservoir which served for pouring the rapeseed oil. Iron tweezers, which are placed on the edge of the oil lamp, served for burning regulation.
Measures	Length 15.5 cm, width 10.3 cm, height 26 cm.
Materials	Steel.
Dating	End of the 19th century

Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.
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Picture
attachments





Original use

The miners used the oil lamp with rapeseed oil burning for going to and out of the pit and to light the area of the ore digging. They also used for private purposes – for various tasks such as bobbin lacemaking and socialising in the evenings. The oil reservoir had a wick, which protruded out of the opening at the top of the reservoir. A lit wick provided a small flame, therefore the intensity of these lamps was modest. Better rapeseed oil burning, and thus a slightly better luminance, was achieved by adding kerosene to the oil. The bracket was used for carrying and the nailed tip was used for mounting or fixing the lamp to a wall or a rock crack in a pit. They were used for more than 400 years. After 1913, they were replaced in the mines by carbide lamps. They used the oil lamps for private purposes for many years.

Present use

The oil lamp is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the mine collection of the Idrija Municipal Museum. It is stored in the depot. It can be used for temporary museum exhibitions or for other types of mercury heritage promotions.

Original location

Idrija Mercury Mine (personal, working equipment of a miner).

Present location

Idrija Municipal Museum, depot Prelovčeva 2.

STATE OF CONSERVATION**History of conservation:**

Before 1995, a conservation procedure was performed on the oil lamp, for the needs of the permanent museum exhibition. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of.

Present state

good

Necessary activities:

Regular seasonal maintenance.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:

- Inventory Book of the Idrija Municipal Museum.

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Never
