

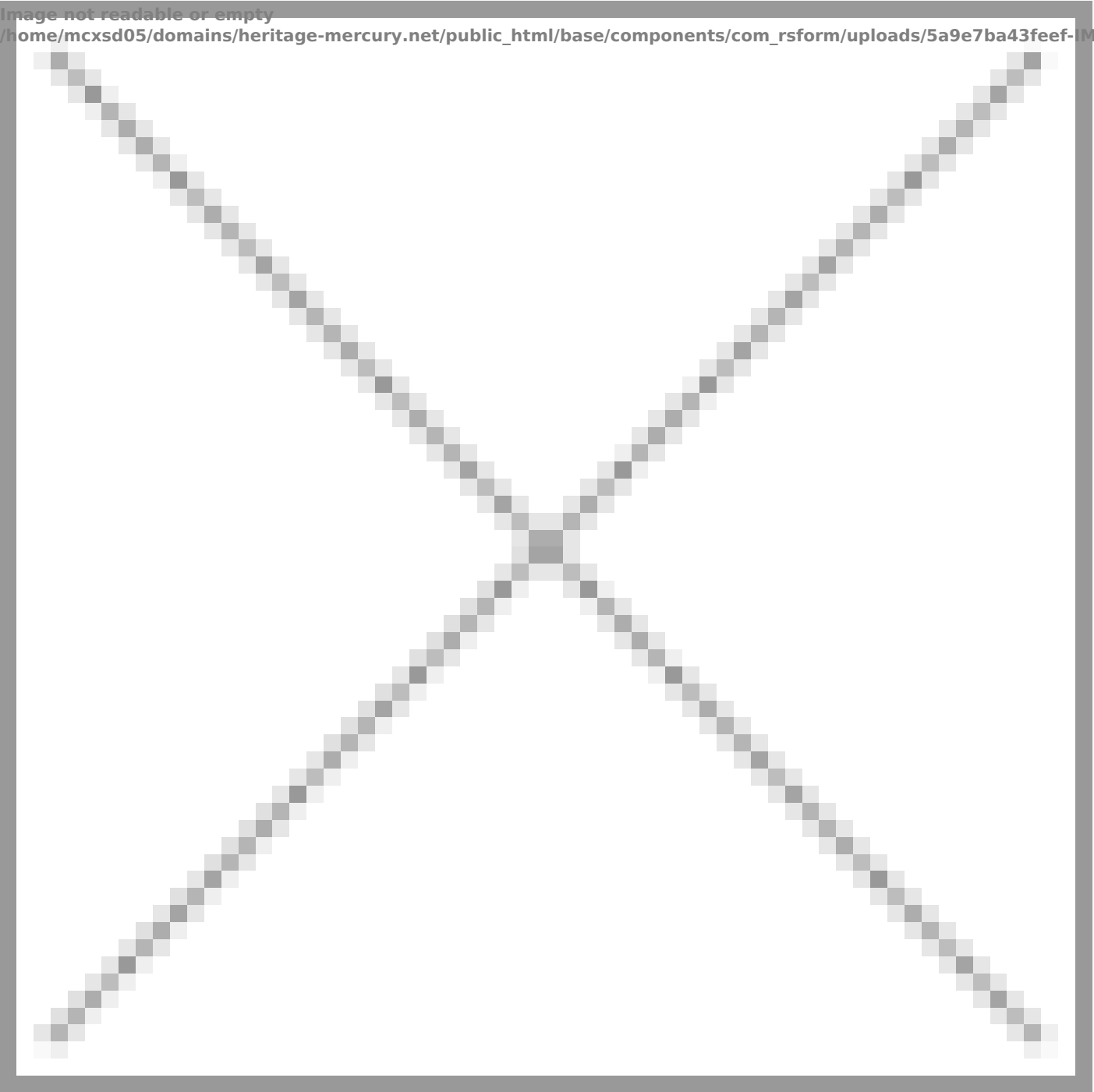
Name 1	OIL LAMP 8
Name 2	/
ID number	002.193.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Center, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Republic of Slovenia
Local / Original ID Number	/
Type of Object	Mine, Daily life

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The closed type oil lamp, also called ripsovka, repičnica or jamšarica, is a simple lamp. The described sample is smaller, but in a typical pear shape, with a movable opening on the reservoir which served for pouring the rapeseed oil. The front part is equipped with a wick, the back part has a L-shaped holder attached to it. The longer part of the holder is equipped with a round bracket, which has a practical hook attached to it.
Measures	Length 16 cm, width 11 cm, height 10 cm.
Materials	Steel.

Dating	End of the 19th century
Author / Producer	Manufacturer information is not known.

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 an important monument of Idrija technical mining heritage with exceptional universal values. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum display Anthony's Main Road. It is a part of the presentation that represents the entire story of mining in the Idrija Mercury Mine and with the related work process.

Original location

Idrija Mercury Mine.

Present location

Anthony's Main Road, Kosovelova 3, SI-5280 Idrija.

STATE OF CONSERVATION**History of conservation:**

The object is well preserved. It was restored for the purpose of the permanent museum display. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premises is taken care of.

Present state

good

Necessary

activities:	Regular seasonal maintenance.
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DOCUMENTATION

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