

Sciob



NMI Handling Collection

What is it?

A *sciob* was a type of basket. The *sciob* in the NMI Handling Collection was made by Joe Hogan, Loch na Foey, County Galway. It is made from willow or sally-rods.

What was it used for?

While it was used for many different carrying purposes in and around the house, it was designed as a potato strainer.



Shanaghan Brothers, professional basketmakers, Carrick On-Suir

Image: NMI Collection



Brief History

At a time when all the cooking for the family and the livestock was done over the open fire, potatoes were boiled in a large cast-iron pot known as a skillet.



Skillet pot

Image: NMI Collection

The potatoes were drained using the *sciob* as a strainer. Placed on the skillet, the steam from the pot below helped to keep the potatoes warm. In tight spaces everyone gathered around the *sciob* and ate their meal directly from it.



Aran Island basketmaker making a *sciob*

Image: NMI Collection

DID YOU KNOW?

Basketmakers' preferred material was willow. In some areas where willow was scarce, other materials were used to make baskets, such as briars or dock stems.

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Bailiúchán Láimhseála AMÉ

Céard atá ann?

Saghas ciseáin a bhí i *sciob*. Is é Joe Hogan, Loch na Fuaiche, Contae na Gaillimhe, a rinne an *sciob* atá i mBailiúchán Láimhseála AMÉ. Déantar é as saileach nó as saileach rua.

Cén úsáid a mbaintear as?

Cé go raibh úsáidí iompair éagsúla ag baint leis sa teach agus timpeall an tí, bhí sé deartha mar shíothlán prátaí.



Deartháireacha Shanaghan, caoladóirí gairmiúla, Carraig na Siúire
Pictiúr: Bailiúchán AMÉ

AN RAIBH A FHIOS AGAT?

Ba é an t-ábhar is fearr le caoladóirí ná saileach. I gceantair áirithe ina raibh saileach gann, baineadh úsáid as ábhair eile chun ciseáin a dhéanamh, amhail driseacha nó cosa copóg.



Stair Ghairid

Tráth a rinneadh an chócaireacht go léir don teaghlach agus don bheostoc thar an tine oscailte, bruiteadh prátaí i bpota mór d'iarann teilgte ar a dtugtar scilléad.



Pota scilléid

Pictiúr: Bailiúchán AMÉ

Draenáladh na prátaí ag baint úsáide as an *sciob* mar shíothlán. Suite ar an scilléad, coinníodh na prátaí te leis an ngal ón bpota thíos faoi. I spásanna dlútha cruinníodh gach duine ag an *sciob* agus itheadh an béile go díreach uaidh.



Caoladóir as Árainn Mhór ag déanamh *sciob*

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