

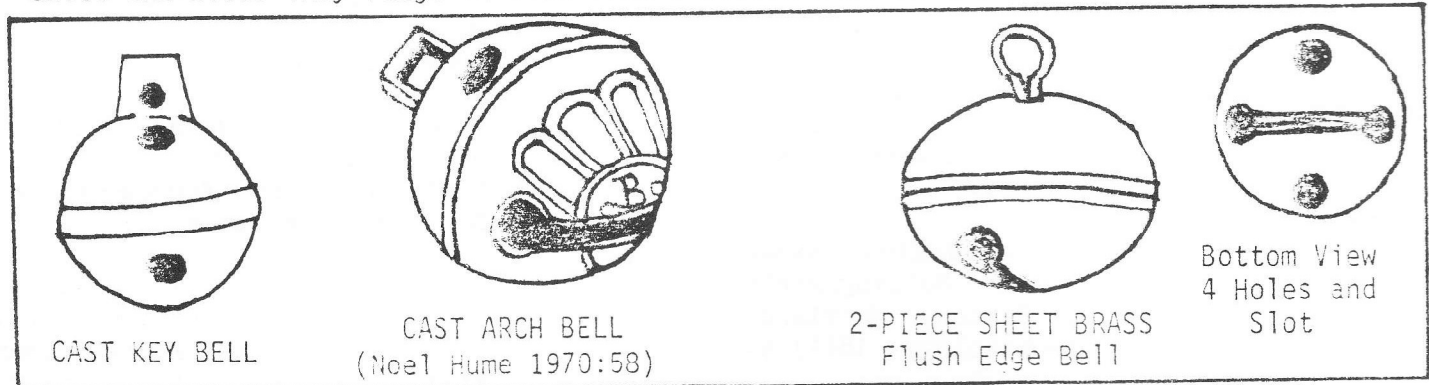
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CROTAL BELLS (Also called: RUMBLER, TRADE, SLEIGH, HAWK BELLS)

CROTAL BELLS are hollow ball-shaped objects of metal (usually bronze or brass) containing a loose iron ball. They have a slot at the base and an ear for suspension opposite the slot. They range in size from a button size to the size of an orange.



A Preliminary Typology is presented based mainly on Brown 1977 (Historic Trade Bells. in Conf. on Historic Site Arch. Papers 1975. Vol. 10, 1977)

CAST BELLS (One Piece)	HANDLE		HOLES	SURFACE DECORATIONS
		KEY BELLS	Top: 2 Holes Bottom: 4 Holes	Fish Scales: Top and Bottom Flower Petals: Top and Bottom
		Inverted V Circular Hole	Top: 2 Holes Bottom: 2 Holes	Flower Petals: Top and Bottom Fish Scales: Top and Bottom
		ARCH BELLS Inverted U U or Rectangular Hole	Top: 2 Holes Bottom: 2 Holes	Leaves: Top and Bottom Flower Petals: Top and Bottom Flower Petals: Bottom Only Flower Petals & Cross: Bottom Only
SHEET BRASS BELLS (2 Pieces Soldered)	BODY and HANDLE		HOLES	DECORATIONS, MARKS
	Flush Edge	Brass Strip Handle	Top: No Holes Bottom: 2 Holes	None, Asterisk, Arrow, D, 4, a Crown, etc.
	Flanged Edge	Brass Strip Handle	Top: No Holes Bottom: 2 Holes	None, D
	Lapped Edge	Brass Strip Handle	Top: No Holes Bottom: 2 Holes	None NOTE: Clarkdale Variety: 16th C. Spanish sites in Southeast U.S.

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