








Olson's Tinware

Authentic Reproduction Tinware for Civilian and Military Reenactors

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Olson's makes authentic tinware for authentic reenactors. Each item has been accurately copied from an original specimen or a documented pattern. All of Olson's products are crafted by hand using 19th century tools. We assemble our food and beverage containers from Tin Tinkers hot dipped tinplate with lead free solder. Olson's strives to produce a quality, hand made product at a competitive price. We guarantee the workmanship in our tinware and you can expect Olson's products to serve you well for many years.

Prices good through October 11, 2017

19 th Century Military Equipage: Food And Beverage Containers			
Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
1. P1854 English Mess Tins	1854 English mess tins, issued to both sides. Cup nests in boiler; lid doubles as plate. Correct bail & bail ears, 3-pt boiler. LF, SW 1 lb. 5 oz.		\$129.00
2. Duck River Copper Plate	Tin coated copper bottom of a coffee pot makes an excellent plate. Original dug at Duck River Tn. Discontinued, one copy left. 8 1/2" dia. SW 8 oz.		\$27.00
3. Mucket or Coffee Boiler	Cup with lid and bail. Used by Daniel Heyden, 149 th NY. (Lord's C. W. Coll. Ency. v. 1, p.168). 24 oz. LF, SW 11 oz.		\$35.00
4. U.S. Army Cup	Commonly issued US army cup. 4" high by 3 3/4" diameter. 24 oz. LF, SW 8 oz.		\$19.00
5. U. S. Antietam Cup	Antietam battle field find. Patterned after description and photo for an auction. 3 1/2" high by 3" dia. 12 oz. LF, SW 8 oz.		\$18.00










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Military Equipage: Food And Beverage Containers: Continued








Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
6. CS Camp Cup	Large camp cup or hospital bowl (3" h x 6" dia.). From a private collection. Holds 2 ½ pt. HD, LF, SW is 8 oz.		\$18.00
7. CSA Style Drum Canteen	Includes a cotton strap and cork stopper, or provide your own strap and save \$4. (Lord's C. W. Coll. Ency. v. 1, p. 74 and v. 3, p.43) Holds 1 qt. HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$46.00 with stopper & strap; \$42.00 without strap
8. Small Tapered Cup	Civilian style, after an original in a private collection, holds 8 oz., HD, LF, SW is 4 oz.		\$12.00
9. Camp Kettles: S, M, and L	Small, medium and large, nest inside each other, early war or garrison: 4, 6 & 9 quarts, Also available without lids or bail ears. HD, LF, SW set of 3 is 5 lb. 8 oz.		Sm. \$40.00 Med. \$60.00 Lg. \$70.00 Set of 3:- \$160.00 Without lids or bail ears: \$95/set
10. U.S. Cartridge Box Tins	From specifications in the U. S. Ordinance manual. Available in .58 or 0.69 cal. Length of compartment for 0.69 cal. for round, Minnie, or buck and ball are available. 50/50 EP or HD, SW is 8 oz.		\$9.00 ea \$16.00 pair
11. C. S. Cartridge Tin	One piece cartridge tin, custom fitted .Send your cartridge box. From an original in a private collection. 50/50 EP or HD, SW is 7 oz		\$14.00
12. Camp Coffee Pot	Company size 4 qt capacity, double-seamed bottom, a variety of handles and lids available. Published period pattern. 4 qt. LF, SW is 1 lb, 14 oz.		\$65.00
13. 19 th Century Map Tube	For rolled maps or any long item. Copied from original in Landis Valley, PA, tinware collection. 50/50, EP only, SW 1 lb 8 oz, dia. 3 ½ in. length 20 in.		\$30.00 Custom sizes available.
14. Large Tapered Cup	From an original listed in an online auction. The cup is period correct. Holds 12 oz., HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$17.00
15. General Custer's tumbler	From a photograph of then Captain George A. Custer and other officers (Image of War, vol. II, Guns of 62, p. 152. Holds 12 oz. HD, LF, SW 4 oz.		\$12.00

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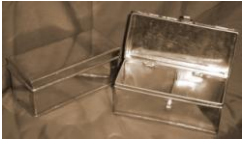





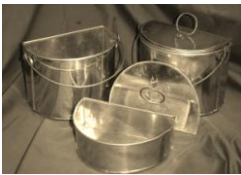
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Civilian Food And Beverage Containers			
Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
20. Child's Cup	From an original in our collection. Sized for small hands and mouths. LF, HD, SW is 4 oz.		\$12.00
21. 19 th Century Kitchen Coffee Pot	Midsized coffee pot, original in our collection. Holds 6 cups. LF, SW is 1 lb.		\$55.00
22. Field Expedient Coffee Boiler	This 19 th century food can has been opened and is ready to use as a coffee boiler. It comes with four paper labels and has a wire bail. Finish. (Lord's C. W. Coll. Ency. v.2, p. 56). Holds 11 oz. LF, EP, SW is 10 oz.		\$21.00
23. Small Wash Basin	Copy of an original in our collection. Also makes a generous bowl. LF, EP, VD, SW is 6 oz.		\$20.00
24. Medium Wash Basin	Medium basin holds 2 quarts. Excellent for surgeon's impression. Loop to hang on a nail. LF, EP or HD, SW is 1 lb.		\$30.00
25. Large Wash Basin	Wash basin for dishes or child's clothes. Choice of wire loop or handles (specify). Works great with item #50. 50/50, EP or HD, SW is 1 lb. 8 oz.		\$40.00
26. Oversized Wash Basin	Holds over 2 gallons and big enough for an infant's bath. From a private collection. Should not be used for food if assembled with 50/50 solder. LF or 50/50, E only, SW 1 lb. 12 oz.		\$45.00
27. Emmittsburg Coffee Pot	Holds enough for that second cup of coffee. From an original in our collection. Capacity two cups. LF, HD, VD, SW is 8 oz.		\$35.00
28. Tea Caddy	For dry staples, including coffee, beans, or loose tea. From a published pattern. 24 fluid oz. LF, SW is 10 oz.		\$18.00





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Lighting			
Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
30. Match Safe	The lid for the inner box is available with a textured surface (specify) for strike anywhere matches. Holder for 3/8" (chime) candle tilts out. (Gould, 1977, <i>Antique Tin & Tole Ware</i> , p. 105, plate 201). 50/50, EP (HD available), 3" by 4" by 1", SW is 4 oz.		\$29.00
31. Candle Lantern	Fire proof lighting for civilian camp or headquarters. (After Horst, 1974, <i>Tinware, yesterday and today</i> , p. 25.) Add \$15 for unbreakable mica panes. 4"d by 4"w by 11" h. Ring handle is now larger. Uses a 3/4 inch candle. 50/50, HD or EP, SW is 1 lb. 8 oz.		\$52.00 with mica panes \$67.00
32. Candle Sconce	From a photograph of the 18 th century original (Gould, 1977, <i>Antique Tin & Tole Ware</i> , p. 30, plate 40.) 11" h. Uses a 3/4" candle. 50/50 EP, SW is 8 oz.		\$18.00
33. Candle Dish	Available with or without a chimney, or to accept two sizes of chimney. From an original in our collection. Uses a 3/4" candle. 50/50, EP, SW is 12 oz.		\$30.00 with chimney; \$24.00 without chimney
34. Candle Mold	Make your own candles in this 6-stick mold. Eight inch length. 7/8" dia. From a photograph of the original (Gould, 1977, <i>Antique Tin & Tole Ware</i> , p. 100, plate 189). 50/50 EP, SW is 1 lb, 2 oz.		6-stick \$45.00
35. Kerosene Guest Light	Our most useful lighting device. Can be carried like a candle lantern or hung on wall. From an original in our collection. 50/50 EP, SW is 1 lb.		\$49.00
36. Cavern Lantern	Victorians spent hours underground at show caves. Copied from originals at Diamond Caverns, near Park City, Ky. Not for windy conditions. Authentic whale oil burner. 50/50, HD, SW 8 oz. Available by special order		\$60.00

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18th Century and Miscellaneous Items			
Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
40. Multi-purpose Box	I make these as needed so I don't keep them in stock. Expect 6 week delivery. Copied after an original in our collection. EP or HD, SW is 16 oz.	Available soon	\$46.00
41. Small Trunk	Handy size trunk for a gentleman or lady. From an original in our collection. 6 1/2" h. by 6 1/2" deep by 10" w. Hasp closure. 50/50 EP or HD, SW is 1 lb. 13 oz.		\$46.00
42. 18 th Century Artillery Primer Box	Artillery primer box from a documented pattern. Hasp closure and belt loops. Available without loops, hasp, or partition for use as a small storage box. 50/50 EP or HD, SW is 14 oz.		Plain Box \$36.00 Primer Box \$46.00
43. 18 th Century Coffee Pot	Small, side-spout coffee pot. Copied from a documented pattern. Holds four cups. HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$42.00
44. 18 th Century Kidney Canteen	Kidney shaped military canteen. Copied from an authentic and accurate reproduction. Specify coating. Holds 1 qt. HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$36.00 with stopper. Provide your own strap
45. 18 th Century Fort Meigs Canteen	Gravestone shaped military canteen. Copied from an original excavated at Ft. Meigs. Holds 1 qt. HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$36.00 with stopper. Provide your own strap
46. 18 th Century "D" pattern Canteen	"D" style canteen. From a documented pattern. Specify coating. Holds 1 qt. HD, LF, SW is 12 oz.		\$36.00 with stopper, Provide your own strap
47. 18 th Century Grog Tankard	Tankard or tapered drinking cup, 18 th Century design, slightly oversized at 3 1/2 cups. HD, LF, SW is 8 oz.		\$20.00
48. Pattern 1810 (1813-14) Mess Tins	Pattern 1810 mess tins. Issued to British Regulars and Canadian Militia during the War of 1812. Tray does not have a handle but nests in pan. Correct bail & bail ears. 3-pt pan. LF, SW 1 lb. 5 oz.		\$118.00

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Recent Additions to Our Catalogue			
Item No.	Description	Illustration	Price
29. Oversized Dipper	Could be used with the oversized wash basin for filling canteens or ladling out Army beans. Holds 32 oz, smaller cup available. LF, HD or SW 8 oz.		\$38.00
50. Measure or Pitcher	Medium size measure or pitcher. Handy for cool beverages or use with the large wash basin, item #25 and #29. From a published pattern. Holds 2 qt. E or HD, SW 14 oz.		\$24.00
51. Civil War Coffee Cup with Strainer	Coffee cup with a spout and strainer. (Lord's C. W. Coll. Encyclopedia, v. 5, p.132) Holds 24 oz. LF, HD, SW 8 oz.		\$19.00
52. Berry Pail	This handy little pail might have been used for berry picking but you can use it for anything you need. Holds 20 oz., LF, HD, SW 10 oz.		\$20.00

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SOAP BOX

Most of the tools I use were acquired from the estate of my maternal great-grandfather, Everett Olson. I remember my great-grandfather but I was too young to learn tinsmithing from him before he passed away in 1959. I started tinsmithing about 1984 a few years after I joined the 7th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, US. I was telling some of my friends about my great-grandfather's tin shop, which was still in existence then. Nicky Hughes asked me if I could make a piece of tinware for him. He let me inspect the original and provided me with a set of plan drawings. It was the 1854 English mess kit. I got permission to use the tools from my grandfather and set about teaching myself tinsmithing. I obtained some tinplate and managed to make a passable copy of the mess kit. As far as I am aware, it was the first copy made in the U.S. and perhaps the first one made anywhere in over 100 years. I was soon making a number of items. By 1989, however, my situation had changed again and I stopped tinsmithing. But I promised myself if I ever had the shop space and if the tools came to me when my grandfather passed, I would give it a second try.

Now I am fulfilling that promise to myself. Unlike the imported tinware from Pakistan and other overseas suppliers, my products are as authentic as I can make them. Also, my tinware is made one piece at a time. Most tinware a reenactor finds for sale at events is made by the hundreds if not thousands of copies in large factories by automated, programmable sheet metal tools. Some are using alloys that didn't exist in the 1860s. Olson's tinware looks and performs like the original. We will cheerfully listen to any positive comments, observations, requests, or recommendations. If you have an idea for an item you would like for Olson's to make, please bring it to our attention. There is only one tinsmith and one coppersmith presently working in Kentucky. Please support Kentucky craftsmen and be discriminating about where you spend your reenacting dollar! Thank you for taking a few minutes of your time to read about Olson's Tinware.

How to calculate the total cost of your order!

To place an order, enter the item number, the item description, unit price, quantity, and item total, on the order form. Our retail prices are shown on the price list. Calculate the total shipping weight by adding the individual weights provided in the item description. If no weight is given, use one pound and then round the total weight for the order to the next higher pound. Go to the USPS web site and calculate the postage for the estimated weight. Minimum shipping is \$12.00. Kentucky residents add 6% sales tax. If you are placing a custom order you must pay half of the negotiated price in advance, and the balance due on completion. Advance payments for custom orders are not refundable. We don't accept credit cards because of the fees card companies charge. I know that is old fashioned but we are an old fashioned business and I can also guarantee that your credit card information will never be hacked from us! We do accept personal checks but money orders and cashiers checks will speed your order. Please visit our web site at olsonstinware.com for an up-to-date catalogue and order forms.

Delivery and Warranty

Olson's Tinware is a cottage industry and we literally do this work on evenings and weekends. Orders are processed as they are received. Each piece is made by hand, one at a time, from authentic materials. Allow ample time for us to make and ship your tinware. Rest assured we will deliver your order as quickly as possible. Typical delivery time for in stock items is 12 days; out of stock items may take up to 6 weeks. Our warranty is limited to replacement, repair or refund of the purchase price. We guarantee the serviceability of our tinware. Olson's products are crafted by hand and do have minor variations among copies. If for any reason you have a problem with an Olson's product please bring it to our attention immediately. We want satisfied customers!

Care of Tinware

Olson's Tinware reproduces tinware that was first made as long as 200 years ago. Accurate reproduction tinware has the same characteristics as the original. It is up to the customer to determine if the use of a particular item is appropriate and safe. We use Tin Tinkers hot dipped tinplate and lead free solder to assemble our food and beverage items. Tin Tinkers remains the most authentic tin plate currently available. Some items require exceptionally large sheets or thin steel for which we use electroplate as noted in the price list. Vat dipped or double dipped (also called hot dipped) tinplate is available on a very limited basis.

Although the Tin Tinkers hot dipped has the thickest tin coating available, all tinware will rust along scratches, cut edges, and at pinholes and other gaps in the plating. Cook with wooden spoons and avoid using Brillo Pads or abrasive cleaners to keep from scratching the tin coating. Authentic tinware should only be used for authentic foods and beverages such as water, coffee, or milk. Never leave acidic beverages such as tomato juice, citrus juices, or carbonated soft drinks in a tin plated container for long periods of time. Do not store food or beverages in your tin kettles or pots. When cooking keep the fluid level as high as possible and turn side-seams away from the hottest flame if possible. On a long spout tea or coffee pot keep the water level somewhere in the spout. Soldered seams will melt at campfire temperatures. **NEVER** allow your tinware to boil dry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OLSON'S TINWARE!



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Notice!

Olson's tinware is handmade, one piece at a time, to authentically reproduce tinware made as long as 200 years ago. Reproduction tinware has the same characteristics as the original. It is up to the customer to determine if their planned use of a particular item is appropriate and safe. Do not use authentic tinware for acidic or carbonated beverages or store moist food in the container. All Olson food and beverage containers are assembled with commercial hot dipped tinplate and lead free solder. To date no adequate solder substitute has been found that has the low-temperature flow characteristics, flexibility, and corrosion resistance of 50/50 solder. Because of US FDA regulations, we cannot use solder that contains lead to assemble potable containers. Some other items may be assembled with 50/50 solder. If you want a lead free version of any item in our catalogue we will gladly make it for you. Our warranty is limited to replacement, repair or refund of the purchase price.

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