## **Artifact Descriptions**

 $1.\ {\rm NC}$  State Seal Button – Found on board the ship, this button with a state seal was one of various patterns used on North Carolina uniforms.



2. CSS Neuse Ships Bell - Cast of bronze, this ships bell was overlooked by the salvagers immediately after the war.



3. Civil War Ladies Day Dress – Made of locally produced homespun cotton cloth, and less confining for daily chores.



4. Lea & Perrins Worchester Sauce bottle – Imported since 1839, this is the oldest condiment on the American market. This example, brought through the Blockade, was recovered on the ship.



5. CSS Neuse Hammock Rings – These iron rings were used on canvas and rope hammocks, a traditional bedding on naval ships.



6. 1854 Lorenz rifled musket – Used by both sides, this standard Austrian army musket was the second most common imported arm.



7. Brooke solid shot bolt – This solid iron projectile, weighing about ninety pounds, was ideal for dealing with armored vessels or fortifications.



8. Militia Shako – Based on the prewar 1854 Army shako, this cap was worn by the Van Buren Frontier Guard from Arkansas.



9. Mystery Officer Cap – This cap might be a Confederate Generals cap – or a Federal Colonels cap. Unfortunately we don't know the history of it.



10. Stand of Grape Shot – this munition for the 6.4" Brooke gun consisted of nine iron balls, loosely held with rings and plates, like large scaled buckshot.



11. Pattern 1853 Enfield Rifled Musket – This model, used by both sides, was the most common imported arm used in the Civil War.



12. Folding Chair – Space was limited on the boat, so these folding chairs were probably used when hammocks were stowed.



13. CSS Neuse stove – This stove, a high seas model complete with tie down rings and a rail to prevent pots from slipping off, was a little overkill for an inland water vessel.



14. Civilian Mourning Dress – Of black silk crepe, mourning clothes were a common sight during the Civil War, due to an increase in deaths caused by both disease and combat.



15. CSS Neuse Grappling Hook – This hook could be used to make fast to other vessels, or to retrieve items lost overboard.



16. US Army Coat Button – Found on the ship, this button could have come from a Confederate Army or Navy uniform, or lost from a Union soldier exploring the vessel after it was scuttled.

