

Abbreviated Stick

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WHILE IN NEVADA, I FOUND THIS ITEM IN A PILE OF COAL DUST AND SCRAP METAL NEAR WHAT WAS APPARENTLY THE BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR THE MINE I WAS VISITING. THE SHAFT NEAREST THE "SHOP" (ABOUT 100 FT. AWAY) IS CAVED AND HAS NOT BEEN USED SINCE THE LATE 1800'S OR VERY EARLY 1900'S.

