

Serial Number Restoration

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This two-day workshop will include topics such as metallurgy as it applies to serial numbers, commonly seen methods of obliteration, restoration techniques, documentation, and report writing. Students will have many opportunities to restore numbers obliterated by different techniques in four different metals using different restoration reagents. Since the restoration method can be messy and many of the restoration reagents contain acid, students should dress accordingly. Students should bring any documentation materials (note taking, cameras etc.), and low magnification devices they would like to use during the workshop.