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Has anybody found any reference to hand hooks? I have always assumed that these were myth (unlike wooden legs and missing eyes and other injuries which were at least reality among pirates). I have read that some 17th century english Privateer had indeed hand hook but is it just a myth? 

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Christopher Newport is a proper historical example of a sea captain who lost an arm and replaced it with a hook. He was apparently the real life model (or one of them) for Barrie's Captain Hook. Newport was technically a privateer, not a pirate, but I think the difference is really just that a privateer was a pirate who sometimes paid his taxes.

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But this topic is about hooks.... 

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And well between privateer and pirate there is only difference that privateers give some loot to goverment and don't use Pirate Flag... 

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I think that ths topic needs some magic touch off mr.Foxe.....maybe he would know about pirate hooks and peglegs

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 On 2/14/2012 at 5:02 AM, Foxe said:

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Sorry that I forgot the relevant rituals...



I was able to find some thing related hooks of 17th or 18th protestic

Odd coincidence happened when I was reading some illustrated history book...there was mid 18th century W. Hogart's illustration and it had guy with both Hook and wooden leg He was dressed in wig and coat so he was probaply officer or perhaps some navy person.... here it is (with not so good quality)

[http://www.history.o...ges/polling.jpg](http://www.history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume3/images/polling.jpg) Here with colors [http://upload.wikime...Hogarth\_031.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/65/William_Hogarth_031.jpg)

Note man's (in the left in pic 1 and pic 2 is mirror image and he is on the right ) hand on the book...

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One thing to be wary of with Hogarth is that he was a satirist and often exaggerated things. (Either I'm not seeing it right, or that guy is completely missing his right hand!) In addition, that man could have been either a seaman or a soldier. (If I have the uniform wrong, someone feel free to correct me. I don't claim to know the clothing styles.)

Although, Swashbuckler, this is about hooks and pirates and that man doesn't strike me as being a pirate!

Having said that... I would love to hear Foxe's take on Privateers vis-a-vis this discussion. As he will no doubt tell you from our decade-long acquaintance, I am strongly opposed to staying on topic in a forum, even when that is part of my job description. :) (Forums are like conversations, not lectures.)

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 On 2/14/2012 at 10:30 AM, Foxe said:

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Speaking period naval persons with missing limbs I have long time ago came across Blas de Lezo (to let you know or if you did know this to refresh your menory read the wiki) [http://en.wikipedia....ki/Blas\_de\_Lezo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blas_de_Lezo)

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**François le Clerc**

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He was often the first to board an enemy vessel during an attack or raid. It was this brazen style that eventually caused him to suffer the loss of a leg and severe damage to one arm while fighting the English at [Guernsey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guernsey) in 1549. Although many pirates would have had their careers ended by such an injury, le Clerc refused to retire and instead expanded the scope of his piracy by financing the voyages and attacks of other pirates as well.

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Yeah. he has been mentioned here earlier. Interesting privateer...

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For modern pirates of a more fantastic nature I seem to recall a fellow who sold hand hooks that you could strap on your limb to give the appearance of having a hook. These items looked super cool but I have heard of faires and events that don't allow them.

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Used to be a guy who had a website called "the iron hook" that made hooks & wooden peglegs (for cheaters...bent your leg & it went on your knee) ...but it (the site) had been shut down.

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Eyes are there too 

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Yeah, that's why I found it. I am searching for info on eye surgery for you. This only agrees with your previous comment on eyes in the articles listed in Exquemelin's book, however. But we're confusing threads by having this conversation here.

However it's the first near period evidence I've seen for arm hooks and it relates to the buccaneers. I'd call that pretty good evidence for their use during/near period.

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So do I and pretty clear. Labat was well informed even if he did not saw all with this own eyes.....

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Lol I am posting Henry Johnson in all treads now but.. He seems to be a man with a missing arm [http://www.thepirate...hnson\_henry.htm](http://www.thepirateking.com/bios/johnson_henry.htm)

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[Posted June 12, 2012](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=findComment&comment=409792) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=reportComment&comment=409792)

Nice, another example of an amputated arm. No hook, though. I wonder where the source material is for him? (Hegwish & Pirate's Cove never give their sources.)

[**Mission**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/1929-mission/)

* Goat Specialist
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* Admin
* 5,081 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Monroe, MI
* Interests:Scholarly piracy, designing and creating haunted house rooms and props, movies, abstract thinking, abstruse thinking, obstructive thinking, ideating, random thinking, movies, cartoons, movies, movies scores, cycling, world peace and small furry dogs, movies, writing, drawing, personal skills training, gremlins and, of course, lest I forget, movies.

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Not pirate and pre-GAoP, but still sort of neat. It's from the Calendar of State Papers Colonial, East Indies and Persia, Volume 8: 1630-1634:

"Part wages of Brute Gread, carpenter in the London, detained for a copper kettle, to be repaid to his wife Dorothy, it appearing by certificate that said kettle was brought ashore with the bottom burnt out and was afterwards cut in pieces and used about Mr. Muschamp's wooden leg. 4½ pp." (November 3, 1630)

[**Bright**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/5106-bright/)

* Plunderer
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* Member
* 380 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:South Carolina
* Interests:He has been seen most recently in the company of the Charles Town Few and rumored to be their Quarter master

[Posted March 13, 2014](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=findComment&comment=416365) (edited) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=reportComment&comment=416365)



I can not tell you the history on hand hooks but, in 2010 I had the misfortune to tear some tendon's in me right arm. After the surgery to reattach them they placed me in a brace to keep me from rotating me hand till the tendons had time to heal. As we were working with the Schiele Museum in Gastonia North Carolina Pirates exhibit I wore the hook as a cover up to the arm brace. As the public visited many asked and looked for a pirate with a hook. One lady went on a tangent about how everything that the group was up to was all fake and she singled out me and my hook, my Captain pulled her aside and told her that I was a injured vet and had removed my modern prosthesis hook and replaced it with the iron one for the exhibit and if she didn't believe him to feel my brace under my sleeve. Which she emedatly did. Her face turned ashen and she became very apologetic. I don't know if it guilted her into buying tickets to the buccaneers ball but I spied her again that evening at the ball.

I can say that using it all weekend in setting up camp and that even at the ball with glass setting snugly in the hook and my plate of food balanced on top of the glass that the hook was quite practical and very useful even without the modern ability to open or grip .

As me grandfather was a starfish me hand has grown back and I no longer need to were a hook ;-}

**Edited March 13, 2014 by Bright**

[**Jib**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/2545-jib/)

* Dread Pyrate
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* Member
* 1,076 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Minneapolis, MN
* Interests:Piracy, stage combat, martial arts, reading, film, travel

[Posted April 30, 2014](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=findComment&comment=416585) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/18531-hand-hooks/&do=reportComment&comment=416585)

Great story, awesome picture Bright!

[**Swashbuckler 1700**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/20630-swashbuckler-1700/)

* Dread Pyrate
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* Member
* 1,115 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Europe
* Interests:pyrates, pryvateers, naval military and other history, different books, good movies, music (a little bit), drawing, games,...

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Here once again a picture of hand hooks. Late thought. This one is a caricature made after the Battle of The Nile (1799) where Nelson and other officer are feeding a man (presenting England) with French ships.

