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Charm necklace
1875–1918
Assembled by Marion Oak Sticht; various makers (Stewarts Jewellers, Launceston, Tasmania and others)
metal (gold; silver); minerals (chiastolite; jasper; opal); shell; pearl; coral; human tooth
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1
Red coral pendant
undated
Silver and coral
This unusual object may have been a carved coral 'hand', a jewellery form quite popular throughout the nineteenth century. The fact that it has been kept despite the damage suggests a sentimental attachment.

2
Forget me not pendant
1914
gold and enamel
Engraved on back: 'Boston / Nov. 9, 1914'.
The inscription on this pendant reads 'Forget me not', with the 'for' in forget substituted for the number and the 'me' with the musical note 'mi'.
The inscription refers to the family's visit to the United States in 1914.

3
Hunting horn pendant
early 20th century
silver and shell

4
Graduation pin pendant
1875
Robert Sticht graduated from the Brooklyn Polytechnic in 1875

5
Shoe pendant
c 1900
Sterling silver
Charles Horner, Halifax (United Kingdom)

6
Miner's 'spider' pendant
c. 1900
gold
A 'spider' was a tool used by miners. It was driven into the wall of the shaft where required and had a built-in candle holder and a hook.

7
Chiastolite specimen pendant
c. 1905
gold and chiastolite
Chiastolite is a mineral with a naturally occurring cross. Because of its associations with the Christian cross, it was considered an emblem of good luck and to ward off evil.

This pendant is engraved 'SYDNEY 30. VII. 07.' 1907 was a significant year for the Stichts. Robert signed a second five-year contract to manage Mt Lyell and the family visited Sydney for several months.

8
Anniversary pendant
c. 1905
gold and enamels
This pendant incorporates Robert Carl Sticht and Marion Oak Sticht's initials and the dates for their tenth wedding anniversary. The location of Queenstown is marked by a small diamond.

9
Baroque pearl pendant
c. 1907
gold, pearl and turquoise
Engraved 'SYDNEY / 30. VII. 07' this pendant is another souvenir of the Sticht's extended holiday in Sydney in 1907.

10
Coin pendant
c. 1820
gold
This pendant is a 5 rupee coin minted by the English East India Company around 1820.

11
Birthday pendant
c. 1902
gold
Engraved 'NOV. 9 1902' to celebrate Marion Sticht's 38th birthday.

12
Coin pendant
undated
gold

13
Coin pendant
1773
gold
A Netherlands one ducat coin

14
Thimble pendant
c. 1914
silver
Engraved 'Boston 1914'. The Sticht family set sail for California on 12 January. The outbreak of World War One prevented them from travelling on to Europe as they'd planned. They spent Christmas at the Grand Canyon.

15
Red bean pendant
undated
Gold and jasper
Beans symbolise new life and rebirth. This pendant might also refer to the US city of Boston – famous for its Boston baked beans. The Stichts visited Marion's relatives there in 1914.

16
Flower pendant
undated
gold and turquoise

17
Pendant
early 20th century
Gold and pearl
Stewarts Jewellers, Launceston (Tasmania)

18
Australian coat of arms pendant
c. 1900
gold and enamel
There were many informal versions of the Australian coat of arms before the first official design was granted Royal Warrant in 1908. This pendant is one of these and was probably purchased to celebrate the Federation of the Australian colonies in 1901.

19
Lucky star pendant
c. 1900
silver and enamel

20
Tooth pendant
1906
gold and child's tooth
This pendant is engraved on the collar 'H VI 13 6'.
Marion and Robert's son Hadmar was born 29 December 1905 and it may be one of his early baby teeth.

21
The Tomoye pendant
c 1905
gold
Stewarts Jewellers, Launceston (Tasmania)
A "tomoye" is a Japanese symbol for life, and it also means triumph. This pendant was custom-made and is engraved 'THE TOMOYE' and 'LAUNCESTON 1905'.

22
Hawaiian royal coat of arms pendant
c. 1895
gold and enamel
Robert and Marion Sticht sailed via Hawaii and Auckland when they migrated to Australia in 1885. At that time Hawaii was an independent state ruled by a monarch.

23
Ring pendant
undated
gold

24
Pendant locket
1800s
Gold, unidentified mineral.
The base of this locket is made from a British coin from the reign of George the Third.

25
Sovereign pendant
1904
gold
Made from a halved gold sovereign, this pendant is engraved: 'LADY D. / OCT 1st 1904'.
It commemorates a 1904 visit to Hobart, when the Stichts stayed at Government House with the governor's wife, Lady Emma Augusta Dodds.

26
Shamrock pendant
c 1907
metal (gold); enamel
The shamrock, or clover, is a symbol of good luck. Engraved 'SYDNEY 30 VII. 07' this pendant is another souvenir of the Sticht's 1907 visit to Sydney.
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27
Heart pendant
c 1905
gold and opals
Engraved 'Launceston 1905'.