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Title Presentation Sword and Scabbard

Date 1865

Primary Maker General Alfred Howe Terry

Medium Steel, brass, silver, gold

Description Double edged straight blade with a flat center ridge running the length of the blade. The blade is etched in gold, on the plain background of the blade, with (top to bottom); floral sprays, the letters US in a monogram, an eagle sitting on a shield with a banner that reads "[E] [P]LURIBUS / UNUM" (the E and P are blocked by olive branches), floral sprays, a knight holding a spear, floral sprays, a plain band etched with "SCHUYLER / HARTLEY & / GRAHAM / NEW YORK," and "COLLINS & CO / HARTFORD / CONN" on the obverse side. The reverse side is etched with (top to bottom); floral sprays with a snake weaving amongst them, war trophies, scrolling floral design, a Union Officer holding a flag in one hand and a sword in the other followed by floral scrolling. The hilt is gilded brass with the counter guard on the obverse side featuring a pierced scrolling design and turned down towards the point. The quillon terminates in a wide scrolling finial at the rear, and in a scrolling disk finial at front, which has a

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small loop attached to it, to attach to the counter guard. The knuckle bow

consists of interlocking circular rings, that are doubled, and is connected to the

pommel by a small ring located at the top of the figures plumed helmet. The

handle is silver and gold gilded brass, and in the shape of a Roman boy soldier

holding a short sword in his right hand and a large shield in his left. He is wearing

a lion's pelt over his shoulder, with the face of the lion appearing on the boy's

chest. The pommel is the plummed helmet of the boy, with the plumes' at the

very top actually being the rivet that secures the tang of the blade. The scabbard

is silver plated with two bands of brass, and a tip and drag also of brass. The top

two bands are identical, with the lone exception of the fact that the top band

has two carrying bands to the lower bands one, and feature a scrolling floral and

leaf design that pierced on the sides for the carrying rings. The tip is similar with

the addition of a center design of oak leaves and acorns in high relief, with the

drag being a scrolling pattern. Engraved on the scabbard between the two

bands is the inscription "PRESENTED TO / Major Gen. Alfred H. Terry, (old

English) / BY THE / City of New Haven. / 1865"

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall length): 40in. (101.6cm) Other (blade

length): 33in. (83.8cm)