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Title Presentation Pistol and Original Case

Date 1851

Primary Maker Waterman Lilly Ormsby

Medium Revolver (.1): Silver plated steel with a wooden grip. Powder flask (.2): Plated tin with silver-plated steel spout. Ball and bullet mold (.3): Brass, blued steel, and a steel screw. Case (.5): Wood, with brass plaque and brass lock plate, steel key, and fabric lining.

Description Repeating revolver, powder flask, bullet mold, and a steel tool in a decorative wooden case. The six-shot Colt Navy Revolver (.1) is silver plate over steel, with a wooden grip. There is an attached tamper and percussion cap.

There is extensive ornamental engraving, mostly scrollwork, over most of the metal parts. The cylinder shows a naval battle scene with about eight ships. The powder flask (.2) is plated tin, with a silver plated steel spout mechanism. The spout is operated by a spring lever; the spring is circular. Relief on the body of the flask depict cannons, a shield, flags, long and short guns, and other instruments

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of warfare. The ball and bullet mold (.3) is brass, made of two hinged arms with blued steel pour holes that can rotate in a half-inch arch, held in place by a blued steel screw. The mold has space for one ball and one bullet. The blued steel tool (.4) is a combination screwdriver, flathead, an L-shaped instrument, and a type of wrench. The wooden case (.5) has a brass lock plate and a steel key on the front. A brass plaque on the lid is engraved: "Presented to the Connecticut/ Historical Society/ By Col Colt". Inside the case are five compartments, one for each of the above mentioned items, and one for patch cloth. There is a tear where the cylinder of the revolver touches the fabric on the interior lid. The case opens on two brass hinges.

Dimensions Component (overall height x length of revolver): 5 x 13 1/4in. (12.7 x 33.7cm) Component (height x width x depth of powder flask): 6 3/4 x 3 x 1 5/16in. (17.1 x 7.6 x 3.3cm) Component (height x width x depth of mold): 5 x 1 1/8 x 15/16in. (12.7 x 2.9 x 2.4cm) Component (length x width of tool): 3 1/2 x 1 1/2in. (8.9 x 3.8cm) Component (height x width x depth including key of case): 2 1/2 x 14 5/16 x 7in. (6.4 x 36.4 x 17.8cm)