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Title United States Flag

Date 1861

Primary Maker Captain Albert D. Chapin

Medium Machine/hand-sewn; Plain woven wool, twill woven cotton header

Description American flag consisting of 34 stars and 13 red and white stripes.

The flag is a two pieces of white cotton with the canton dyed blue and 7 of the 13 stripes dyed red. The alternating red and white horizontal stripes start with a red stripe on top and end with a red stripe on the bottom, with the canton resting on a white stripe with the two pieces of cotton being stitched together along the canton's lower seam. The canton contains 34 stars with 32 of them being original and two being appliquéd at a later time. The 32 original stars are arranged in four horizontal rows of eight, with a vertical orientation of the points. The stars that were appliquéd at a later date are sewn on between the top two rows and the bottom two rows, and centered between the first and

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second star at the hoist end. The two appliquéd stars are both random in the orientation of their points. The cotton header is machine stitched to the hoist end of the flag, while the fly end is hemmed by hand.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 42 x 63in. (106.7 x 160cm)

Other (canton height x width): 22 1/2 x 36 3/4in. (57.2 x 93.3cm)