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Title Kentucky Rifle

Date 1802-1803

Primary Maker Harmon Deming

Medium Steel, wood, brass, silver, flint, leather

Description Kentucky rifle, signed "H Deming" on barrel, with original barrel and curly maple stock. Full octagonal length of barrel, marked "80" (or "08") at muzzle end directly in front of an inlaid silver front sight post. The stock is the full length of the rifle and is tipped with a 2" brass capped that is shaped in a spiriling pattern. There are four brass thimbles securing the wooden ram rod to the stock, also in the same spiriling pattern. The rear sight is inlaid steel and is located directly above the rear most thimble. The barrel is engraved "H Deming" between the rear sight and the rear end of the barrel. The lock plate is engraved with a scrolling floral design, but otherwise unmarked. The trigger guard is brass and has a half loop facing to the rear as a resting place for the last finger, and is also engraved with a scrolling floral design. The butt plate is made of brass and has an addition to the bottom secured with a single screw. There are two screws securing the butt plate to the stock, one in the center of the butt end and one at the front of the top piece. The top portion of the plate is engraved with a floral pattern. There is decorative wood carving in front of and behind of the trigger

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guard as well as in front of the top and bottoms of the butt plate. There is a brass compartment, called a patchbox, located on the right side of the butt stock that is shaped along the edges in a scrolling design and has a scrolling design engraved into it. There is an inlaid silver plate behind the barrel engraved with the monogram "H D". The left side of the buttstock has a raised carved section in a scrolling design with an inlaid silver star with six points and two rounded sections, at top and bottom. The inside of the plate is engraved with a four pointed star shape. The key plate is brass and has a very small amount of scrolling engraved at the rear end of it.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall length): 60 1/2in. (153.7cm) Other (barrel length): 45in. (114.3cm)