

Basic Detail Report



Seven-Ring Rapier

Date

about 1620–1630

Primary Maker

Italian

Medium

steel, iron, wood and traces of brass inlay with modern restorations

Description

Long and robust steel double-edge blade of hollow-ground hexagonal section, becoming flattened hexagonal section at mid-length to point. Fullered to about 1/3 the length of the blade. Steel hilt of "7-ring" type. Guard is symmetrical consisting of bivalve pierced and engraved plate curved toward hilt, screwed to distal point of 7 welded concentric rings each on obverse & reverse. Lowermost obverse ring has been broken and repaired. Pair of long quillons recurved in plane of blade & slightly swollen to flattened ends. Curved knuckle guard linked to rings by counterguards. Associated pommel is gently faceted, with engraved decorative bands along medial lines, & tapers toward flattened top with stout button with turned base below. Spiralled wooden grip wrapped in iron wire with pair of "Turk's heads". Pommel & what appears to be modern modifications to blade at ecusson suggest piece has been composited or at least repaired.

Dimensions

124.5 × 100.3 cm (49 × 39 1/2 in.), 3 lb 5 oz (weight)