



Model 1850 U.S. Foot Officer's Sword

Date

1865–1872

Primary Maker

N. P. Ames Company

Medium

nickel-plated steel, gilt brass, fish-skin and brass wire

Description

Highly polished steel, slightly curved single edge blade with gently rounded back & false edge. Both faces have wide shallow fuller extending to false edge & another slightly shorter one just below back edge. Obverse of blade frost-etched with scrolling foliation &

martial trophy groups & letters "U.S.". Reverse similarly etched but eagle & "E.PLURIBUS./UNUM." replacing letters. Gilded brass 3/4-basket hilt with short, scrolled rear quillon bent towards back of blade. Single branch linking obverse base of quillon to ribbed knuckle guard. Space filled with pierced design of scrolling floral tendrils & ascendant leaved branches. Terminal slotted for sword knot. Phrygian-helmet pommel with leaved spray on edge. Wooden spiralled grip, slightly swollen at mid-height, wrapped in black fishskin & twisted brass wire.

Dimensions

2.9 × 92.1 × 77.5 cm (1 1/8 × 36 1/4 × 30 1/2 in.), 1 lb, 1 oz (weight)