

Milam (sword)

Date

1800s-early 1900s

Medium

steel, brass, animal hair, leather

Description

Single flattened bar of steel. Double edge blade widening to bluntly pointed end. Blade with obtuse angle (dog's-leg) below grip; grip widens near its middle to be pierced transversely by an iron rod wrapped with copper-alloy sleeves (one of which appears

to be lost), its ends adorned with hair tassels held by leather washers. Pair of short flat projections below rod, on blade, simply adorned with inscribed lines. Tang tapers to form flattened fan-shaped terminal. Blade proper has probably been over cleaned.

Dimensions

87.6 cm (34 1/2 in.), 2 lb, 12 oz (weight)