

Triplett and Scott Carbine, 1864



Intended to arm Home Guardsmen during the Civil War, this Triplett and Scott Carbine remained in the State Arsenal in Frankfort, Kentucky, until 1870. While planning his Atlanta campaign, General William T. Sherman instructed Kentucky governor Thomas E. Bramlette that he must keep open supply lines through Kentucky. Some 5,000 Home Guardsmen were recruited to meet this goal; however, the state did not have enough weapons to equip them. Kentucky contracted with W. T. Scott to produce Triplett and Scott Carbines for this purpose, but by the time they were delivered, the war was over.

Donated by Paul Millikan, 1987.59.01

War is not just a compilation of dates that represent a series of battles. "Kentucky Military Treasures," an online exhibition that illustrates the personal stories of bravery, innovation, heartache and perseverance, provides evidence of the people and artifacts history books often neglect. To learn more about this item and others in the military collections of the Kentucky Historical Society, visit "Kentucky Military Treasures."

