



Henry Rifle with Sling, ca. 1862



The Henry repeater was the popular ancestor of the Winchester line of lever-action repeating rifles. Among the most advanced weapons of the

Civil War, the Henry could reliably fire its .44 caliber cartridges from a fifteen-round magazine. It became known as the gun "that they could wind up on Sunday and shoot all week." Owned by Henry Harrison Harding, a member of the Cynthiana home guard during the Civil War, this rifle was hidden away when John Hunt Morgan raided the city for fear that he would confiscate it.

Donated by Aubrey and Newton Harding, 2001.23

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