



Royalist Officer's Saber. French Revolution



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : sans fourreau 89 cm, avec fourreau 92 cm

Description

Saber of a Royalist officer from the army emigrated to England, French Revolution period.

This saber requires a detailed analysis

BLADE: It is an 18th century infantry officer's blade, French with 2 fullers, the closest to the back of the blade transforming into 2 narrower grooves. The engravings, partly erased, show a trophy of arms surmounted by a "Turk's Head" Counter-edged on the 22 cm near the tip.

Blade length: 76 cm Width at the ricasso 3.2 cm, thickness at the ricasso 0.6 cm

SCABBARD : This is the original scabbard, it dates from the second half of the 18th century.

In sewn black leather, with 2 brass parts cut into half rosettes.

The brass mouth is equipped with a button decorated in continuation with the rest of the

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frame, which allows the carrying of the weapon with the harness.

The snap ended with a brass dart. All brass parts still have significant remains of gilding

HILT : This is the regulation hilt of the British infantry saber of 1822, which has been modified:

At the level of the hilt, the emblem of British royalty has been replaced by a fleur-de-lis.

The grip is covered with Galuchat (very fine ray skin). The wire binding filigree is much closer than on the original British handle, it is more in the French style. The original gilding of the whole hilt is almost intact.

We therefore have a saber whose blade and scabbard are definitely attributable to a French infantry officer, 18th century.

And a hilt deriving from an 1822 British infantry saber modified in a French taste.

During the troubles of the revolution, many nobles emigrated to England, sometimes enlisting as privates in what was called "The army of emigrants" or "Army of nobles on foot" Often they enlisted at ranks far below their rank.

Thereafter, some regiments remained on English soil and some nobles even after the fall of the Empire remained in England, although a large number of them returned during the Restoration era.

It was not until March 1825 under Charles X that the compensation of the nobles despoiled by the Revolution was decided.

We therefore have here a blade and a scabbard indisputably of French origin from the Ancien Régime, to which is adapted the handle of the British infantry officer's saber of 1822.

We can therefore conclude that a weapon belonged to an officer French who joined the Army of the Nobles during the Revolution, and who continued his career in England, brought his saber up to date in 1822 while replacing the British emblem with the Fleur de Lys.

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