



*Bark was left on the wooden grip to reduce the chance of slippage when wet.*

This 24 inch D-guard cutlass was also made at the Columbus Naval Iron Works. The cutlass is unusual because it is made of cast rather than forged iron. The cast, rather than forged iron D-shaped guard is unique. Only a large foundry had the capability to cast iron.

This is the only known surviving example of a Columbus Iron Works D-guard cutlass. It is stamped "A. McAllister" in four places with a unitary die. McAllister was a 54 year old mechanic at the Iron Works.

On April 18, 1865, Union General Winslow reported that he had captured and destroyed 1,000 stand of arms, including swords and bayonets, at the Columbus Iron Works. This cutlass has traces of gold paint in the recessed areas, indicating that it was taken home as a souvenir and displayed at a Grand Army of the Republic veterans post.

