

CONFEDERATE
Massive "D-Guard" knife
Pea Ridge

This massive D-Guard bears a small tag attached to the tin scabbard, reading on one side, "Confederate States from Pea Ridge", and "Bought Mar. 1914 F.E. Ellis Webster Groves Mo. \$3.25".

The 22 and 7/8ths-inch blade measures 2 inches wide at the ricasso, extending at that width for about 19 inches down the blade where it runs out in a clipped-point confirmation. The blade is $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in thickness at the ricasso and tapers to approximately 1/8th inch at the clipped point area. Blade has seen some minor sharpening, but overall the original sharpening tool marks are readily visible. There is a casting flaw on the cutting edge of the blade located about 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches below the ricasso. The flaw measures 3/8ths by 3/16ths of an inch, and does not detract in any manner from the appearance of the knife.

The iron guard has a heavy "D" configuration which round out in a turned-down oblong shape over the blade, finally terminating in a heavy turned-down disc quillon. Instead of being merely peened down, the tang of the blade extends up through a shaped pommel cap, making for a most pleasing connection of blade-to-guard.

The beautifully made and fit of the walnut one-piece grip adds to the overall excellence of this D-Guard.

The tin scabbard has a very pleasing aged patina. It is formed from several different pieces of tin, and all seams are soldered. There is a carrying ring soldered to the reverse side of the scabbard, to which the identifying tag is tied.

This D-Guard has been in this museum from 1992 to the museum's closing in July of 1999. It is excellent and original in all respects.

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