

Mid-19th Century American Scrimshawed Powder Horn

Approximately 12-1/2" long, the body featuring outstanding and exceptionally deeply carved images, including an American spread-wing eagle with Federal shield, the eagle grasping five arrows in its right talon and branches in its left talon, above the shield encircling the eagle's neck is a banner bearing the inscription "E Pluibus" UNUM????, also depicting fancifully carved stripped dog and deer or antelope, dated 1846, also depicting a military man on horseback and bearing a saber (see note) and another standing gentleman with outstretched hand apparently bearing his hat, his left a document, and bearing the inscription "A present for John McCutcheon of Indiana to L????Gregory Newbarth", the foot, spout and back inscribed with cross-hatch and scroll decoration, leather strap, excellent condition with beautifully aged dark amber patina overall.

Note: appraiser believes the military gentleman on horseback to be General Zachary Taylor (12th president of the United States), known as "old rough and ready". General Taylor achieved fame leading his troops to victory in the Battles of Palo Alto and Monterey during the Mexican-American war. He was known during battle, to put his spurs to his beloved Army horse, 'Whitney', leap over canon and with raised saber meet his foes. Whitney was later allowed to graze on the Whitehouse lawn (see photo) from the American Gallery files.

Valued at \$20,000.00

