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The American Revolution

General G. Washington Artifacts



Badges of Rank



Sash of Major General Edward Braddock, Jr., Given to Him by His Father, Edward Braddock, Sr., Military Graduate of 1709
Presented to Washington as a Badge of Office & Honor & Token of Appreciation
For Duty at the Battle of Monongahela
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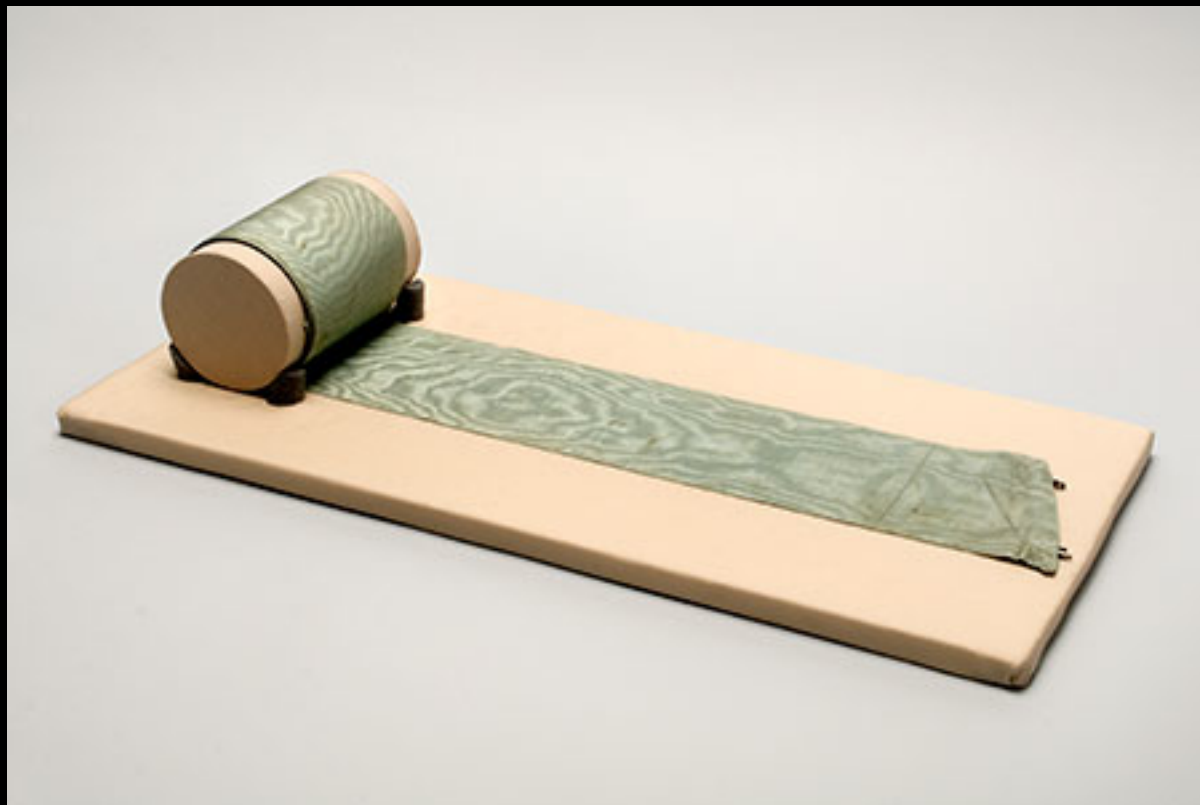
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Moiré Silk Sash of General George Washington
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Epaulettes Worn by General George Washington
(Smithsonian Institution)



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Epaulette in the French Style Reported to have been Worn by General George Washington
Part of Pendant Fringe Replaced in the Early or Mid 19th Century
(Christie's)



Epaulettes Star of General George Washington
(Yorktown Victory Center)



Epaulettes of General George Washington
Reported to have been Worn at the Siege of Yorktown and when He Resigned His Military Commission in 1783
(Massachusetts Historical Society)

In Congress

The delegates of the United Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Westchester in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, & South Carolina.

To George Washington Esquire

We do hereby appoint you to be General and Commander in chief of the army of the United Colonies and of all the forces raised or to be raised by them and of all others who shall voluntarily offer their service and join in the army for the defence of the United Colonies and for repelling every hostile invasion thereof. And you are hereby vested with full power and authority to act as you shall see fit for the good and welfare of the Colonies.

And we do hereby authorize you to accept in writing the said trust and to sign and seal a commission and to be sworn in as such General and Commander in chief of the army and of all the forces as aforesaid. And you are to regulate your conduct in every respect by the rules and discipline of war as far as the same shall be applicable to the circumstances of the Colonies and to the persons and property of the Colonies and to the persons and property of the Colonies.

This Commission to continue in force until revoked by the Colonies or a future Congress.

Witness Philadelphia Jan 9th 1775.

Attest Cha^s Thomson Secy

By order of the Congress John Hancock President

Commission of General George Washington as Commander in Chief
(Library of Congress)



General George Washington's Standard
(Museum of the American Revolution)



General George Washington's Standard
(Museum of the American Revolution)

Swords



English Silver Hilted Small Sword Owned by George Washington

c. 1753 - 1754

Reported to have been worn while Serving as an Aide to Major General Edward Braddock during the 7 Years War
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



English Silver Hilted Small Sword Owned by George Washington

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English Silver Hilted Dress Sword with Engraved Colichemarde Blade Owned by George Washington
Probably Made by John Coburn of London c. 1767
Possibly Worn when He Resigned His Commission as Commander in Chief of the American Army in 1783
Possibly Worn when Inaugurated as President of the United States in 1789
(Mount Vernon)



Silver Hilted Small Sword Owned by General George Washington
c. 1770
(Morristown National Historic Park)



Silver & Bone Hilted Lion Head Pommel Hanger Reported to Have Been Carried by George Washington from 1775 - 1776
(Private Collection)



Silver Hilted Small Sword Owned by General George Washington
c. 1770
(Morristown National Historic Park)



Sawback Hunting Sword Owned by General George Washington
(Sawback Reportedly Added at a Later Date)
(Morristown National Historic Park)



Dress Sword Owned by General George Washington
Given to His Eldest Nephew, William Augustine Washington c. 1790
(The George Washington Collection - New York State Library)



Hanger of General George Washington
(Smithsonian Institute)

Firearms



George Washington's Pistols
(West Point Museum)



Horseman's Pistol
Given to General George Washington by The Marquis de Lafayette
(The George Washington Collection - New York State Library)

Tents





General George Washington's Sleeping Marquee



General George Washington's Sleeping Marquee
Transport Bag

Camp Equippage



Leather, Wood, Iron, Linen & Copper Canteen of George Washington Used to Carry Beverages & Condiments
Made in 1758
Likely used during the American War for Independence
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Brass Tack Decorated Campaign Trunk
General George Washington
(Mount Vernon)



Brass Tack Decorated Campaign Trunk
General George Washington
(Mount Vernon)



Brass Tack Decorated Campaign Trunk Labels
General George Washington
(Mount Vernon)



Hair Covered Trunk Used by General George Washington for Correspondence during the Revolution
Manufactured in Boston by John Head c. 1775
Purchased by Washington after the Evacuation of Boston in 1776
(Mount Vernon)



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Plater from a Hair Covered Trunk Used by General George Washington for Correspondence during the Revolution
Manufactured in Boston by Merchant John Head c. 1775
Second Hand Purchase by Washington after the Evacuation of Boston in 1776
(Mount Vernon)



Bottom of a Shipping Crate
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Mess Kit
General George Washington



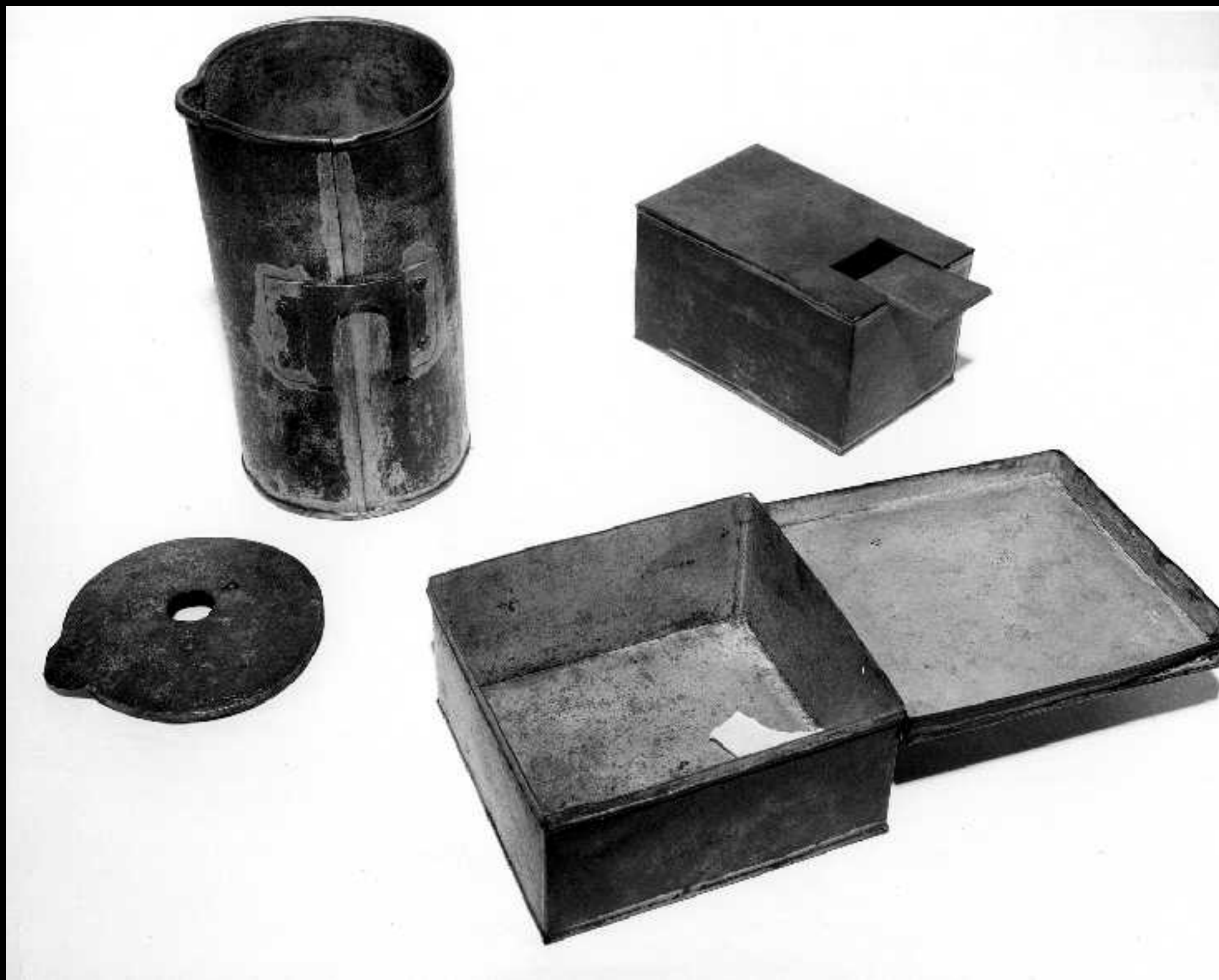
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Campaign Liquor Chest
General George Washington



English Silver Spurs of George Washington given to Lieutenant Thomas Lamb

c. 1775

(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Field Cup
General George Washington
(Museum of the American Revolution)

His Excell^y Gen^l Washington

March 28. 1776.

Bought of Joseph Stansbury,
at his STORE of CHINA, GLASS & EARTHEN-WARES,

Opposite Christ Church in Second Street, PHILADELPHIA.

Where Merchants, Country Shopkeepers & others may be supplied on the shortest Notice
and at the Lowest Prices.

2. Cut Vinegar Crutts £ 0.. 10.. 0

4. heavy Salt Cellars 6..

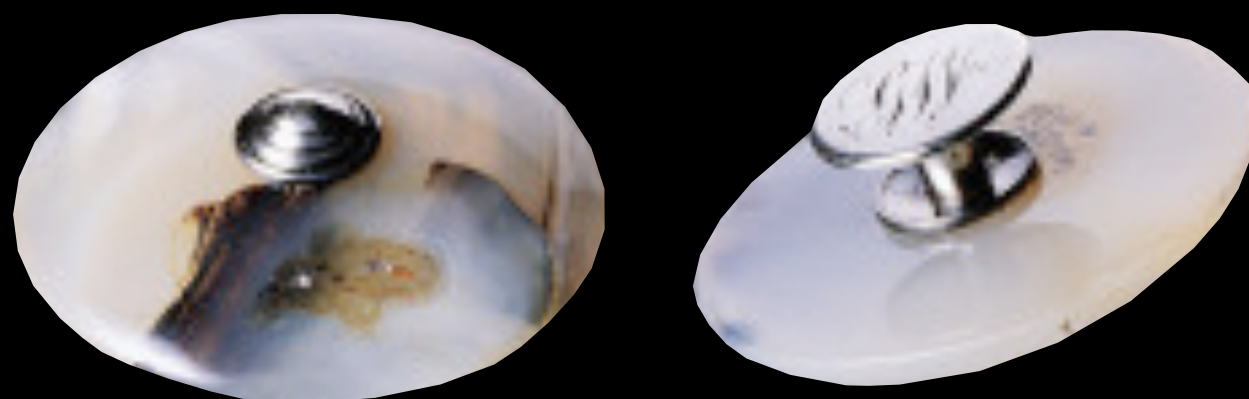
£ .. 16..

Received 13 May 1776 the above in full
by the hands of W^m Andrew Hodges J^r

Joseph Stansbury

26-24

Personal Effects



Screw Back Button with "GW" Initials
Probably English
Agate and Silver
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Bookplate

“EXITUS ACTA PROBAT,” = “The end proves the deed”



George Washington's House in America
by A.F.P.K. date unknown
(New York Public Library)



Wellcome Images

A Lock of George Washington's Hair
(Wellcome Library)



George Washington's Hair, Unbleached Linen for the Lining of His Hair Bag & Black Silk Ribbon for Enclosing his Queue
(Mount Vernon)



George Washington's Hair, Unbleached Linen for the Lining of His Hair Bag & Black Silk Ribbon for Enclosing his Queue
(Mount Vernon)



Silver and Paste Shoe Buckles
Reported to have been Worn by Washington while attending the Ball Celebrating his Inauguration as President of the United States
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Denture Prosthesis Worn by President George Washington
c. 1790 - 1799
(Mount Vernon Ladies' Association)



Wine Bottle Attributed to George Washington
"Washington Wine / Imported in 1792 / Rebottled in / 1840"
(Skinner)



In 1778 Wedgwood wrote to Thomas Bentley: 'bless'd my stars & Ld. North that America was free'.
Portrait Medallion of the American Leader, George Washington
(Wedgewood Museum)

THE
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OF
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