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AMERICAN SCRIMSHAW POWDER HORN ETCHED WITH A COMMEMORATIVE SCENE OF ANDREW JACKSON

AN AMERICAN SCRIMSHAW POWDER HORN ETCHED WITH A COMMEMORATIVE SCENE OF ANDREW JACKSON ON HIS HORSE GALLANTLY LIFTING HIS HAT, LIBERTY IN HER EAGLE WINGED CHARIOT, THREE STUDIES OF TEMPTING MAIDENS AND A PATRIOTIC BALD EAGLE WITH WINGS OUTSTRETCHED ABOVE THE WOOD CAP INLAID WITH MOTHER-OF-PEARL AND A SPERM WHALE IVORY KNOP

CIRCA 1830 – 50

SIZE: 31CM LONG, 7CM DIA. (MAX) – 12¼ INS LONG, 2¾ INS DIA. (MAX)

LITERATURE

NICKNAMED 'OLD HICKORY' ANDREW JACKSON (1767-1845) WAS THE 7TH PRESIDENT OF AMERICA. IN THE WAR OF 1812 HE WAS GIVEN COMMAND OF SOUTH AND BECAME FAMOUS FOR THE DEFENCE OF NEW ORLEANS. A SUBJECT OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM, HE WAS REGARDED AS A FOLK HERO AND WON THE PRESIDENCY IN 1828 IN A CAMPAIGN THAT GAVE HIM A LARGE MAJORITY IN THE POPULAR VOTE. HIS GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POPULAR VOTE CAME TO BE KNOWN AS 'JACKSON DEMOCRACY'.

THERE WAS A WELL-ESTABLISHED TRADITION OF ENGRAVING POWDER HORNS FOR MUZZLE LOADING FIREARMS UP TO THE MID 19TH CENTURY AND SOMETIMES THEY WERE CRAFTED BY SAILORS AND WHALE-MEN ON BOARD SHIP AS WELL AS BY SOLDIERS.