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### **LITERATURE**

THE HUNTING HANGER BECAME A POPULAR WEAPON DURING THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES BECAUSE IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE SWORD WHETHER ON FOOT, HORSEBACK OR ON BOARD SHIP. IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND, IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A SINGLE-HANDED SHORT SWORD USED FOR FINISHING OFF GAME IN LIEU OF USING FURTHER SHOT. LIGHT IN WEIGHT WITH A SMALL BLADE OF AROUND TWENTY INCHES IN LENGTH FITTED TO A SIMPLE HILT COMPRISING A SINGLE KNUCKLEBOW TO PROTECT THE FINGERS, THE SILVER PARTS OF THE HILT ARE OFTEN DECORATED WITH BIBLICAL, MYTHOLOGICAL OR HUNTING MOTIFS. SOMETIMES WORN AS A BADGE OF RANK BY MILITARY OFFICERS, THEY WERE HIGHLY REGARDED EVEN IF THEIR ONLY PURPOSE WAS IN THE HUNTING OF GAME.

**PROVENANCE**

REPUTEDLY FROM THE DECEASED ESTATE OF RICHARD TALBOT (1630 - 1700) FIRST EARL OF TYRCONNELL, IRISH  
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