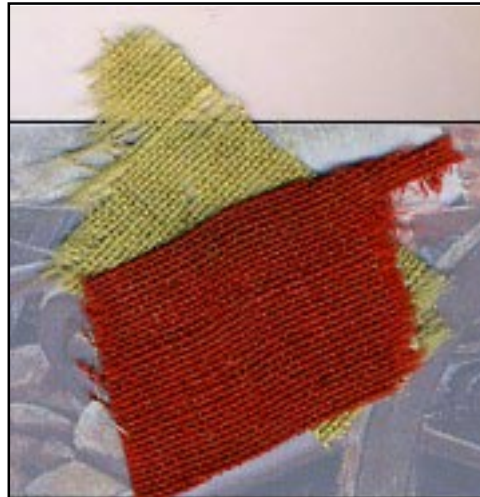


statement Authentic

The authenticity of the accompanying fragments, pictured below, are guaranteed by the undersigned. They were removed from the severely deteriorated Confederate signal flag, also pictured. The flag was souveniered on the battlefield of Bull Run (First Manassas) by Colonel J. T. Gibson



Original Relic



Accompanying Fragment

Provenance:

Souveniered by Col. J. T. Gibson
Passed down to Col Xenophone Price
Passed down to his daughter, Claire
Acquired from Claire's Estate by
Cy Stapleton, Lufkin, Texas

For: Buyer's Name
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Confederate Signal Flag

This is an incredible find and the provenance is impeccable. It is a fragment from a Confederate guide flag that was picked up on the battlefield at Bull Run by Col. J. T. Gibson. The original blood stained flag measured approximately 29" x 25" but when I obtained it the flag had seriously deteriorated and measured about 22" long. The flag was passed down to Colonel Xenophone Herbert Price, who was General Blackjack Pershing's assistant in Paris, France during the 1920's and 1930's. Price began his military career as an aid to President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 and ended with a four year tour of duty in the European Theater of Operations during WWII. Price is also credited with writing the inscription on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The flag was passed onto his daughter Claire - General Pershing's God-Daughter. It was acquired by an antique dealer from Claire's estate and I acquired it from that dealer. I created one display of a larger portion of the flag for my personal collection and divided the remainder into 33 pieces - of which this is one.

The first major battle of the Civil War was fought in Virginia, near the Manassas, Virginia railway junction, after which the battle is called Bull Run, named after the flowing stream on the battlefield. The Federals lost about 3,000 casualties (killed, wounded, and captured or missing), and the Confederates lost about 2,000.

Below is the complete fragment I obtained, the note that accompanied the fragment, and a small piece of the red and white flag.

