

Iowan Has Knife and Fork Carried by Washington

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Weston O. Barkwill of Marion, this county, owns a combination knife and fork which, according to legend, was carried by George Washington during the Revolutionary War. It looks like an ordinary jack-knife.

The bone handle is six inches long, and when open the knife is ten inches long. On one side are engraved the initials "G. W." and the date 1774. On the other side are the initials "W. H." The relic is of English manufacture and is so constructed that it may be taken apart and used as a knife and fork. Mr. Barkwill says the knife was given by Washington to William Hale, a relative of Mrs. Washington and an officer under Washington in 1773. Hale carried it with him on a trip to Mexico and in numerous battles with Indians. In 1812 he gave it to John Reynolds, a relative and lieutenant in the American Army. Reynolds was a grandfather of Mr. Barkwill and gave the knife to the latter in 1862.