

Acquired at auction, February 9, 2018

FOLKCRAFT ITEMS PRESERVED IN HMPF's COLLECTION

Pictured below are four examples of a craft no longer practiced in the "Pennsylvania Dutch Country". The examples were part of a small group of combs crafted from horn by G. Atlee Crouse, Reinholds, PA. The combs originally surfaced in 2002 at the estate auction for Mr. Crouse. Mr. Crouse was the last generation in his family to work at the trade of crafting combs from horn. The Crouse comb manufacturing business was started by Charles Michael Crouse, early in the eighteen hundreds. Charles Michael's decedents continued the business through many generations and G. Atlee Crouse was the last of the family to craft combs. G. Atlee Crouse was taught the craft by his father, George Washington Crouse.



A detailed history of the Crouse Family and the comb craft is now in our HMPF library. The information is from an article found in the 1995-96, Winter Issue, PENNSYLVANIA FOLKLIFE.