

# The Texas Martingale



By  
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## INTRODUCTION

Dedicated to my good friend, Jerry Emberlin  
With Best Regards, Steve

I am writing this book to document the Texas Martingales, and record what I have been able to learn about them.

In Oct. 1987, while metal detecting a site where Gen. Cabell's command camped prior to the Battle of Devil's Backbone, I unearthed the 1st specimen I had seen. Since then I have kept a record of every specimen I have ran across.

From what I have found out, I now believe the martingales were 1st made in Texas, and then the distribution spread into Indian Terr., about the time of the Civil War, from these places I believe they found their way to other Trans Mississippi sites.

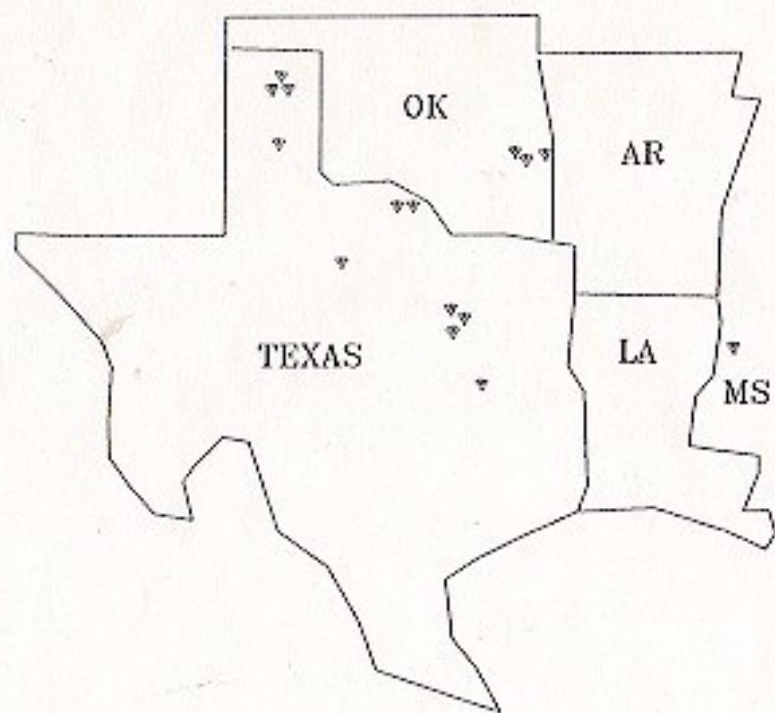
I have no record of any specimens being found on post Civil War sites, other than Item #18.

I would be glad to receive any additional information a reader might have came across.

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## Distribution



## ITEM #1

Discription: This Item was dug by Steve Cox, Oct. 1987, in the camp of Gen. William L. Cabell, 1st. Brig., 2nd. Div., Army of the West. He camped here from Aug. 27th to Sept. 3rd. 1863, prior to the Battle of Devils Backbone, Ar.

Demensions: 2 1/2" x 2"

Metal Type: Pewter

Location: 8 Miles South West of Ft. Smith, Ar. at McCleans crossing on the Poteau River, Oklahoma.



ITEM #1

## Item #2

Discription: This item was dug by James Bruner, at an Indian Terr. Camp, Known as Camp Springs.

Dimentions: 2 1/2" x 2 3/8"

Material: Brass

Location: 6 Miles So. of Keota Ok.

## Item #3

Discription: This item was dug by James Bruner, at an Indian Terr. Home site/ C.W. Camp

Dimentions: 2 1/4" x 2"

Material: Pewter

Location: 6 Miles So. of Keota Ok.

## Item #3



## ITEM #4

Discription: This item was dug by  
Charles Brecheisen of  
Dallas Texas, at a Camp  
of the Texas Home Guard

Demensions: 2 5/8" x 2 5/8"

Metal Type: Pewter

Location: Outside of Jacksboro, Tx.

## ITEM #5

Discription: This item was dug by  
Charles Brecheisen of  
Dallas Texas, at Camp  
Copper Tx. This fort was  
surrendered to the  
Confederacy Feb.21,1861

Demensions: 2 5/8" x 2 5/8"

Metal Type: Pewter

Location: 45 Miles NE of Abiline, Tx.

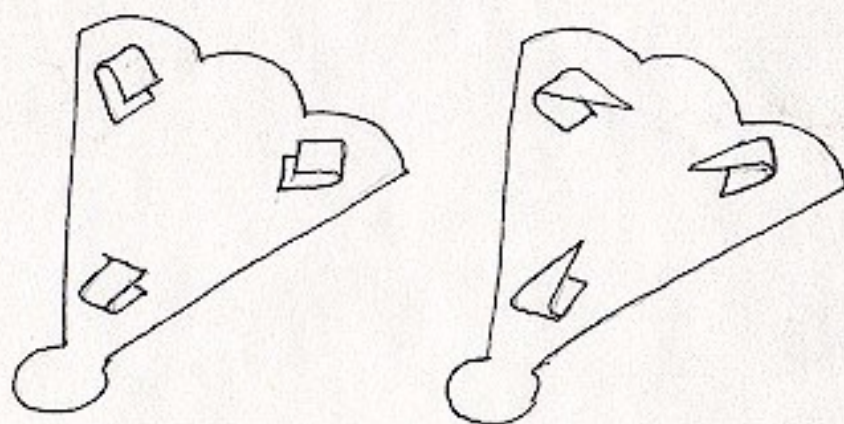
## ITEM #6

Discription: This item was dug by  
Charles Brecheisen of  
Dallas Texas, at a Camp  
of the Texas Home Guard

Demensions: Incomplete

Metal Type: Pewter

Location: Outside of Jacksboro, Tx.



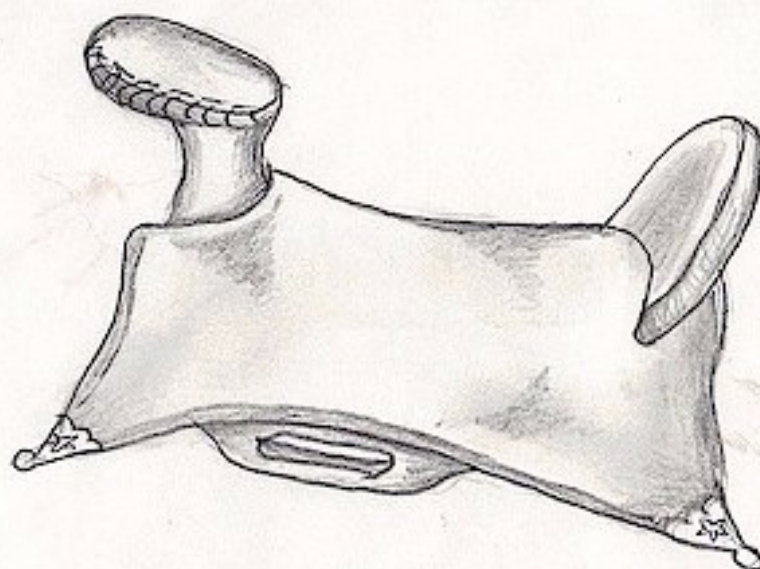
Two types of attachments

## ITEM #7,#8,#9

Discription: These specimens were attached to 3 of the 4 corners of an early Mother Hubbard saddle from Wichita Falls Tx. These saddles were popular in the Texas Cavalry.

Demensions: Not Recorded

Metal Type: Brass





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Demensions: Not Recorded

Metal Type: Brass



## ITEM #10

Discription: This specimen is pictured  
in Civil War Relics of The  
Western Campaigns 1861-  
1865, by Charles S. Harris  
Found at Vicksburg Miss.

Demensions: Not Recorded

Metal Type: Pewter, Brass attachment  
hooks



Foot note says other specimens have  
came out of other Trans Mississippi  
sites.

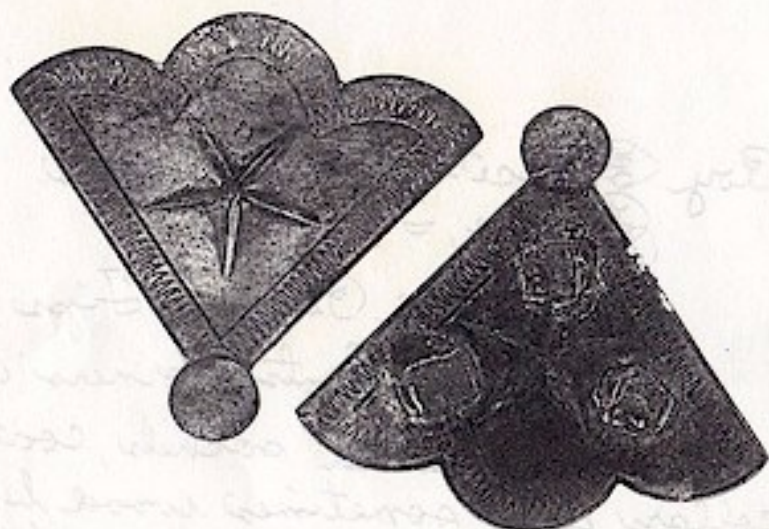


## ITEMS #11-#17

Description: Non Dug, from the  
old Roy Blancett Estate in  
Borger, Texas.

Dimensions: 2 5/8" x 2 3/8"

Metal Type: Pewter, Brass attachment  
hooks removed



FRONT

BACK

See more information on #11-#17  
given in this book.



## ITEMS #11-#17

In the summer of 1992, specimens #10 through #17 were bought from the estate of Roy Blacent, of Borger Texas.

These martingales were found in the old shoe shop he owned. He had said his father had them for use in his saddle shop. On the following page is a copy of a sketch drawn by Roy's daughter, and a description of what Roy said the martingales were used for.



Old Photo of Roy Blacent  
in his shoe shop  
Borger Texas

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Copy of a sketch drawn by Roy's daughter, and a description of what Roy said the martingales were used for.

Roy Blawett in Shoe Shop  
Borger, Texas



All Purpose Tips  
for boots, corners of  
leather satchels, coat  
collars and sometimes wood boxes  
Break off tabs on back or titts,  
metal soft for holes. depending  
on the need.

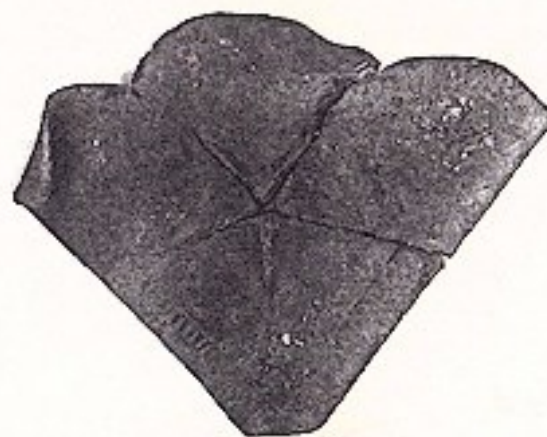
## ITEM #18

Discription: This item was dug by  
Charles Brecheisen of  
Dallas Texas, at the  
Goodnight Ranch Hqd's.

Dimensions: Incomplete

Metal Type: Pewter

Location: 60 Mi. NE of Lubbock, TX





## Item #19,20

Discription: These two items ar on a Confederate saddle owned by John Ashworth, it was from Summers TN.

Dimentions: 2 1/2" x 2 3/8"

Material: Pewter

Location: Summers TN



Item #19,20



## Item #21

Discription: This item is a smaller  
variant, and was Bought by  
Jay Gill in a Civil War  
Collection from Wills Point TX

Dimention: 2 1/8" x 2"

Material: Pewter

Location: 45 Miles east of Dallas TX