

In Honor of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence
The Kentucky Rifle Foundation and Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

PRESENTS:

A SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA LONGRIFLE EXHIBITION

❖ THE EARLY YEARS ❖

JULY 18 – OCTOBER 18, 2026



Edward Marshall Rifle from the Collection
of the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle
Photograph by Kenneth Orr, KRF

The **Edward Marshall Rifle** anchors a fine collection of Southeastern Pennsylvania Longrifles that collectively help build our knowledge across the German and immigrant cultures of Bethlehem, Reading and Lancaster. Rifles curated to exhibit the early regional design influences.

Influences include three newly discovered and unrecorded early rifles!

KRF Speaker Symposium: August 22, 2026:

- ❖ **HARRY NOWAK**, guest curator, *The Caspar Wistar Papers & More*.
Why PA? Why a proprietary colony? Who were the rifle customers?
Why Lancaster and other questions about early PA immigrant cultures demanding rifles?
- ❖ **SCOTT PAUL GORDON**, historian of early Pennsylvania Moravian Communities - ***German Immigrant Culture of Southeast Pennsylvania. Emphasis on Moravian communal and non-communal production.***
- ❖ **TIM HODGES**, KRF Director
The use of Baroque, and Rococo Art on Early Rifles.
- ❖ **ART DECAMP**, Longtime Collector and author of the book *PA Horns of the Trade. Southeastern Pennsylvania Powder Horns - The Early Years. Regional techniques, design, decorative styles and functional companion with the longrifle.*

KRF Speakers Technical Workshop: August 23, 2026

- ❖ **DR. BILL PATON**, KRA and **RANDY STEFFY** master craftsman - What we learned.
"Measuring and Recreating the Wm. Antes Swivel Rifle"
(Owned by the Kansas State Museum of History at Topeka, KS since 1917)

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