

implements and weapons, the most of which were manufactured by the Musquakie Indians of Tama county; a collection of arms—cannon, mortars, swivel guns, rifles, muskets, carbines, swords and pistols—in use during the Civil, Spanish and Philippine wars; duplicates in bronze of most of the historic medals issued by the U. S. Government; the Larrabee case with its highly interesting and historically valuable contents; with single items of more or less importance.

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