

# George Washington's Swords

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## The Model 1767 French Officer's Epée





Date: c. 1770-1779

Material: Steel, Iron (blade); gilt or lacquered brass (hilt), silver, leather

Geography: probably made-France

Marks: Engraved inscriptions on blade were destroyed by corrosion. In 1859 Benjamin Lossing recorded to be (both in Latin): on one side, "RECTI FACE ICE" ("Do what is right") and on the other "NEMINE TIMEAS" ("Fear no man.").



The Bailey Silver and Ivory-Hilted Cuttoe





Date: 1765-1778

Maker: John Bailey

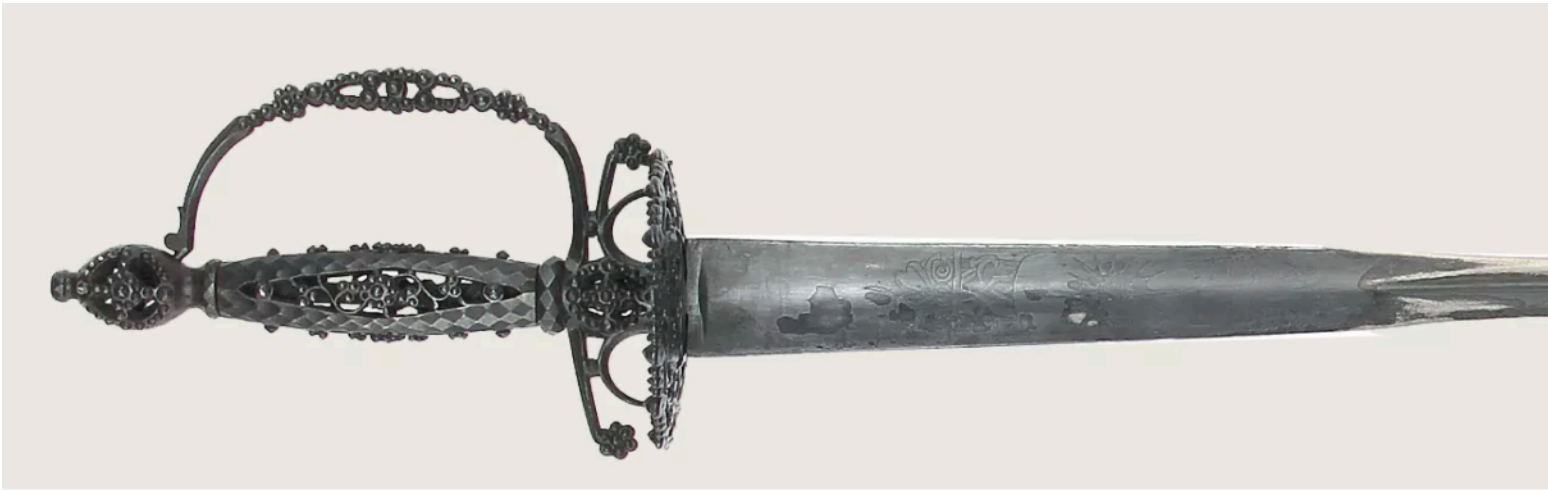
Material: ivory (hilt), leather (scabbard) silver (blade and mounting) bone

Marks: The makers name and store on the scabbard (J Bailey Fish Kill).

Geography: made- Fishkill, New York



## The Steel-Hilted Small Sword





Date: Hilt from 1779; remade in 1789

Material: steel

Geography: made- England  
redesigned- America

Maker: blade- possibly Solington  
redesigned by John Bailey

Marks: Designs on the top of the sword's blade. They are obscured by fire scale marks.



## The Silver Lion-Headed Cuttoe





Date: c. 1770

Material: bone (grip), silver

Geography: made- Philadelphia  
blade- possibly from Europe

Maker: possibly- Richard  
Humphreys; purchased by Jacob  
Gooding on Washington's behalf

Marks: unsigned





### The 1767 Silver Hilted Small Sword



Date: c. 1776

Material: Steel (blade)  
silver, gilt, wood (hilt),  
vellum, silver  
(scabbard)

Geography: made-  
England

Maker: Matthew  
Ressey, Cutler to His  
Majesty- retailer  
Appolone Rudkins-  
possible maker

Marks: Four stamps on  
the knucklebow on the  
inner side: lion's head,  
leopard's head (London  
assay marks); "A  
R" (maker's mark); "M"  
in a stamped shield (date  
letter). Stamped with a  
lion walking with one  
leg raised on the sword  
guard before the blade  
(difficult to see amidst  
the faceted decoration)

