

**THE GROUSELAND RIFLE  
INDIANA'S OFFICIAL STATE RIFLE  
AUTHORIZED REPLICA AUCTION INFORMATION**



*Photo of Original and Replica Rifles by Ric Lambert*

In approximately 1803, Col. John Small, the first Sheriff of Knox County, Indiana Territory, handcrafted a 45 caliber, long barreled rifle which became known as the Grouseland Rifle. Col. Small, also a frontier artisan, at the request of Governor William Henry Harrison, designed the Indiana Territorial Seal which later became the Indiana State Seal.

In 2012, The Grouseland Rifle was designated as the official rifle of the State of Indiana by an act of the Indiana General Assembly. The Grouseland Rifle is on display inside Grouseland in Vincennes, the home of William Henry Harrison. Harrison was Governor of the Indiana Territory, a national war hero and later the ninth President of the United States.

The Grouseland Foundation has authorized master gunsmith, Marvin Kemper, to make the first authorized replica of the Grouseland Rifle to be auctioned together with its walnut case prior to Vincennes' celebration of the Indiana Bicentennial to be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The proceeds of the auction will benefit the mission and the purposes of the Grouseland Foundation.



*Photos of Replica and Walnut Case with State Seal by Ric Lambert*

**The Auction will be conducted through [Gunbroker.com](http://Gunbroker.com). The auction will run from August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 through September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Search for "Grouseland Replica" on the [Gunbroker.com](http://Gunbroker.com) website for additional photos and terms and conditions of the sale.**