

## Three-pounder Brass Cannon Tube, ca. 1765



American forces first captured this gun, long known as the "Burgoyne Cannon," at the battle of Saratoga during the American Revolution. The United States Army utilized it until the British seized it following the fall of Detroit in 1812. In 1813, Colonel Richard Mentor Johnson's Regiment of Kentucky Mounted Rifles recaptured it from the British at the battle of the Thames. The gun has remained in Frankfort, Kentucky, since the end of that campaign.

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