

THIS CASED PAIR of Williams & Powell dueling pistols is attributed to the 1813 duel and subsequent fight that pitted Colonel Thomas Hart Benton and his brother, Jesse Benton, against General Andrew Jackson and Colonel John Coffee. In that fight in Nashville, Tenn., Jackson was wounded in his left shoulder by Thomas Hart Benton with one of these .52-caliber pistols, while Jesse Benton received a wound in the buttocks. The cause of this fight was the written reprimand Thomas Benton sent Jackson for standing as second for William Carroll in the initial duel against his brother. These pistols were converted to percussion by a later owner. Part of a new exhibition, *Code Duello*, at the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, Va., these pistols and thousands of other historical arms are available for daily viewing. For museum information and hours, call (703) 267-1600. Admission is free (donations are encouraged), and children are welcome.



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