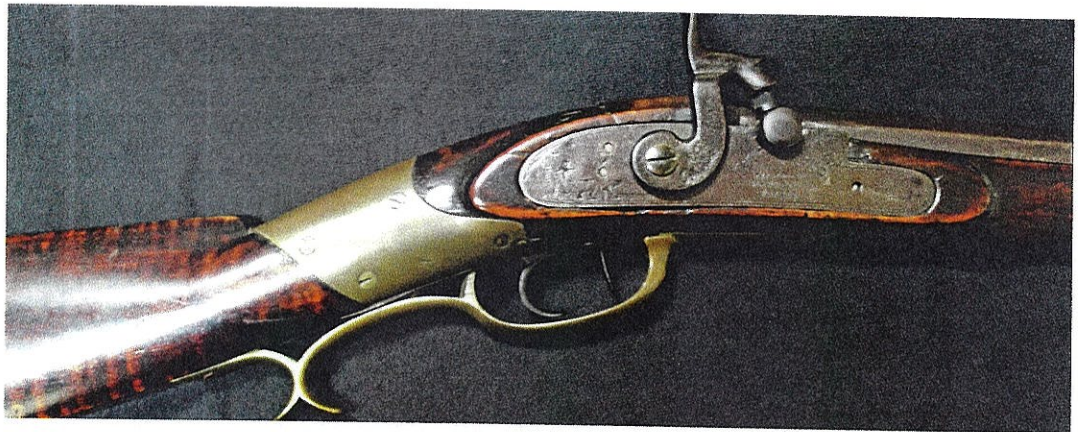




Fig. 2. Brass wrist repair (top view).

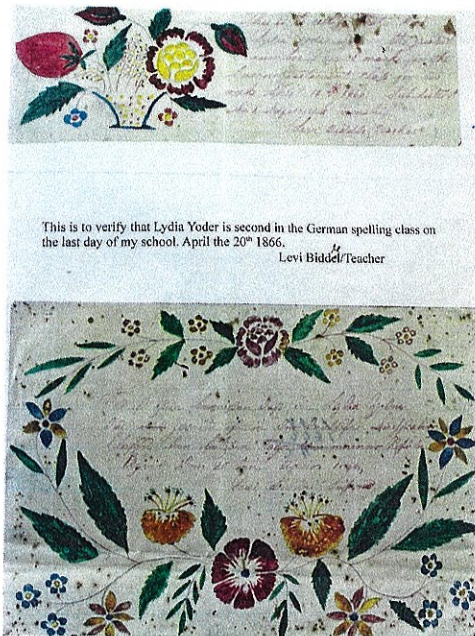
Fig. 3. Brass wrist repair (lock side view).



SCHOOL NOTE WRITTEN

BY LEVI BIDDLE

Fig. 1. School note attributed to Levi Biddle, April 20th, 1866. Notice the dominant presence of flowers.



An anonymous member supplied the newsletter with a copy of a handwritten note by Levi Biddle, (active 1850s-1890s) of Shanesville/Sugarcreek in Tuscarawas county to a student. The script and style of illustrations are typical of the mid-to late 19th century and the execution reflects Biddle's artistic and educational accomplishments. This letter gives insight into the personality and skills of a regional Ohio gunsmith from a well-known gunsmithing family who was also a school teacher. - Mark Bender



Fig. 1. Longtime members James Claggett (r) and Tom Oakes running the AOLRC booth at the 2021 Civil War Show, Richland County Fairgrounds. They and other volunteers answered many questions over the weekend event. (Mark Bender photo)

LADIES AUXILIARY AUGUST 2021

BY BARB HARWOOD

There is really nothing to report. We are waiting patiently as the men are over the show. Plans are the same for the tour and luncheon. We will have more details in the Feb./March issue.

I can encourage everyone to be thinking about the Silent Auction on Friday evening. This is a huge way to get together as a group and participate in a fun fund raiser. Hopefully you have something in mind or are working on a donation. Handmade items and homemade foods are always admired. Any donation is welcomed, new, used, bought or something you just are tired of looking at in your collection, house or shop.

There is usually something for everyone and the more items on the tables the more likely you'll find something to bid on. Remember that bidding is as important as the donations.

Hoping everyone is staying safe, in good health and we see you at the fall show in Oct.

If you have any questions about the auction or Sat. ladies tour or luncheon, please feel free to contact Alyse or I.

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