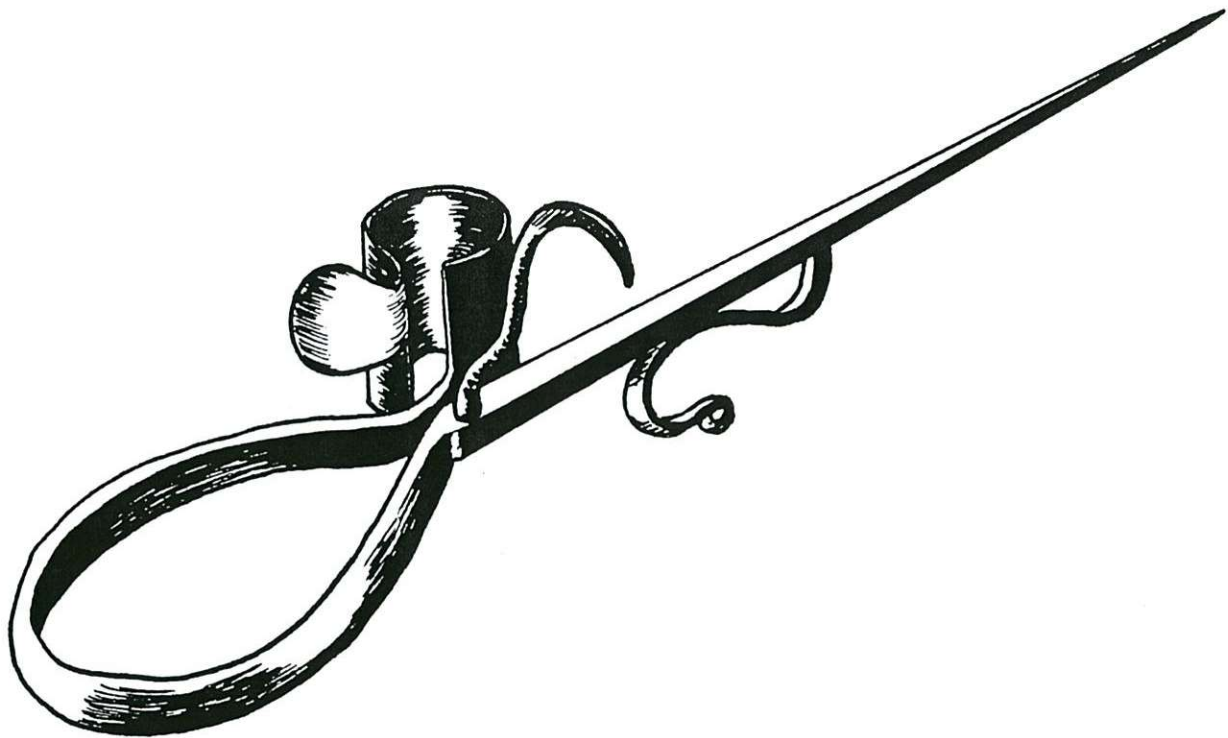


The Noble H. Getchell Candlestick from Nevada by Fred Johnson

This candlestick was owned by Noble H. Getchell, discoverer of the Getchell Mine in the Potosi District of Humboldt County, Nevada. It was given by Getchell, shortly before his death, to his nephew Gus Laurent, who in turn gave it to his nephew Fred Johnson, the present owner.

The maker is unknown, but the workmanship and finish are exceptionally fine. The most unique feature of this candlestick is a trigger-shaped piece below the spike. The thimble, hook and "trigger" are quite delicate. The thumb lever is slightly awkward to operate because of the counterclockwise turn of the thimble.



Type:	Fancy forged
Length:	9 1/4"
Workmanship:	Excellent
Rarity:	Unique
Owner:	Fred Johnson