

## Michael "Mike" Snite Estate Auction

The estate sale of Mike Snite's antique and relic firearms and sabers will be a walk through American Western and military history. Mike, who passed away in early 2019, focused on three things with his collection – Winchester repeating rifles in varying calibers, Colt SAA revolvers and Model 1840 Dragoon cavalry sabers.

Mike was very particular with his purchases. He verified internal serial numbers and markings. Every firearm was considered museum grade.

Mike's business card read simply "Collector of Winchester repeating rifles," but his fondness for Colt SAA's was obvious. He was very interested in the Old West.

Mike also owned 1911s, some percussion cap Dragoons and at one point a Gatling gun. His collection includes other firearms and weapons, and some interesting gun leather.

A former president of Michigan Antique Arms Collectors (1983-1984) – he held every leadership position there over more than 25 years – in May 1974 Mike had the show's best handgun display of Colt SAA's.

He won the "Ten Best Arms" award at the 1989 NRA Convention.

He also belonged to the Ohio Gun Collector's Club (a 47-year member) and Maryland Arms Collector's Association.

A career commercial pilot, Mike also was a sailing enthusiast, owning two sailboats. He belonged to the Great Lakes Cruising Club out of Chicago for a quarter century. Mike's father, John T. "Bud" Snite, co-founded the club in 1933-34, and was its Commodore in 1937.

Mike's estate includes some interesting maritime collectibles to include Morris Rosenfeld photographs and two Frederic Cozzens chromolithographs.

Mike's collection will be auctioned on April 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The Lawson Auction Gallery welcomes collectors and enthusiasts to a special Preview Day on April 16, 2021, from 12:00 noon to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Calls are appreciated if anyone has questions about a particular item, but we urge you to come by and see these treasures firsthand.

Lawson Auction Gallery is located at 1280 E. Main St., just east of Hendricks Regional Hospital, in Danville, Indiana. For a complete list of the items selling and pictures visit [www.lawsonandco.com](http://www.lawsonandco.com). All items to be sold live and on HiBid.com. To bid online, please go to [www.lawsonandco.hibid.com](http://www.lawsonandco.hibid.com).



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