



**ID DISC - HENRY MARKS, 2<sup>ND</sup> MASS CAV**

This is a jeweler inscribed identification disc, carried by Henry Marks of Company H, 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. Marks was an 18 year old farmer at the time of his enlistment on June 8, 1863. He mustered in as a private in Co. H. Marks survived the war and mustered out with the regiment in July 1865.

Originally a seated liberty quarter with Liberty and the 1846 mint date still clearly present on the reverse, the disc is beautifully inscribed in flourish script, on the face: "**H. Co. Henry Marks 2nd Mass. C.A.V.Y.**" The unusual "C.A.V.Y." abbreviation lends uniqueness and authenticity to the disc. The inscriber also tooled a fine groove along the outer rim of the disc, simulating a two-piece design similar to the fine buttons of the day.

The disc appears to have been holed for suspended wear (left of "2<sup>nd</sup>"), but at some later time was fitted with a pin device on the back, possibly for reunion or GAR wear in post-war years. The clasp is fastened with silver, whereas the pin (not t-bar style) was repaired with a brass mounted hinged pin, many years ago. Actual diameter is 1 3/16". The disc was sold by the family to Toledo Stamp & Coin in Sylvania, Ohio in November, 2003 and from thence, to this collection.