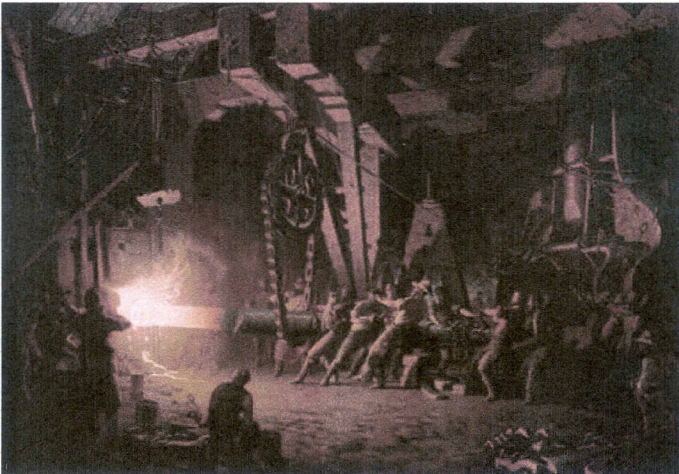


"GUN FOUNDRY" by John Weir



"FORGING THE SHAFT" by John Weir

Art n' Gun is presented here in this inspired painting of the Hudson River Foundry just across from West Point.

In a time when Art education is questioned as an appropriate course for students K thru 12 it would be well to note that this painting was executed by the son and student of Robert Weir, Drawing Instructor at the Military Academies West Point.

Robert Weir who was the Art Instructor during the mid-1850's stated that among his students Robert E. Lee was an outstanding 'drawer', other students, at that time included, James McNeill Whistler of "Whistler Mother's" fame.

John Weir, painter and sculptor, created the "Gun Foundry" which was located in Cold Spring, NY, it lied just on the other side of the Hudson River from West Point where he grew up as a boy. It was at this location that the Parrott Gun was developed by Robert Parrott manager of the foundry. New Steamship driven ships and armored clad boats had their propeller shafts forged at the Foundry.

John Weir's complimentary painting "Forging the Shaft" hangs in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. John followed his father, in Art Education, setting up the first College of Art in the United States at Yale University