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Letter of Opinion

1965 Hank Aaron Milwaukee Braves H&B Louisville Slugger Professional Model
Game Bat (Gifted 10-2-65)
Final Grade Characteristics Game Use: A10

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Manufacturer: Hillerich & Bradsby

Era: Post-War Hall of Fame

Forensic Examination:

Manufacturer Characteristics

Stage of Career: Player

Center Label: Hillerich & Bradsby 125

Label Period: c. 1965-68

Label Description:

Model Number Location: Knob

Model Number: A99

Player's Name: Signature Model

Bat Used During: Regular Season

Year: 1965

Special Event/Team Markings: N/A

Bat Weight: 38

Bat Length: 35"

Knob Style: Regular

Barrel Style: Round

Finish: Natural

Wood: Ash

Matches Factory Records: Yes

Vault Marked/Side Written: N/A

Certification Number: 317733

Final Grade: A10

Player Characteristics

Use: Heavy

Ball Marks: Heavy

Stitch Marks: Yes

Bat Rack Marks: Yes

Handle Condition: Uncracked

Dead Wood: Grain Swelling

Cleat Marks: None

Special Handle Preparation: None

Nails: None

Pine Tar: None

Correct Uniform Number: Yes

Grain Examination: Professional Grade

Autographed: No

Base Grade: 5

Use Grade: 3

Provenance: +2 Tape on Barrel

Letter of Authenticity: N/A

Describe If Vault Marked Side Written: N/A

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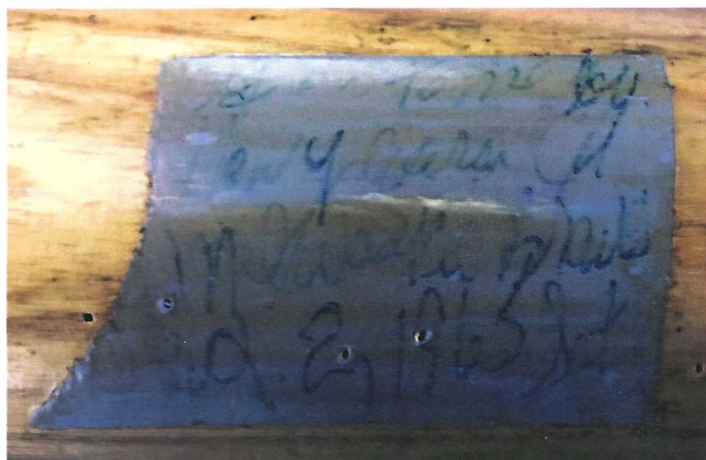
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Comments:

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Piece of tape which appears to read "Given to me by Henry Aaron Milwaukee Braves Oct 2 1965 Sat" affixed to barrel. While handwriting on tape is difficult to discern in places, examination of the Milwaukee Braves 1965 schedule reveals that October was the only month during which the 2nd fell on a Saturday. It also marked Aaron's final game as a Milwaukee Brave before the team relocated to Atlanta the following season.



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