

***Inlaid and carved curly maple
Pencil Box***

Ivory inlay and copper tacks on three ball feet

Made by John Nicholas Matthesiee

***Gunsmith who worked in Lewisville,
Union Township (now Kimmel), Bedford County, Pennsylvania***

**A German regimental gunsmith who came to Pennsylvania in the
second quarter of the nineteenth century,
Matthesiee was a fine engraver, carver and inlay worker.
Note the checkering pattern on box, which is similar to designs
on the trigger guard and wrist of some of his guns.**

**The box is believed to have been made for the
wedding of a member of the Burket family.
Note the brass heart with initials *AKB*.**