

Detail of the sword guard

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William Wallace's (Mel Gibson) SFX Bloodletting Claymore Ω
Braveheart (1995)

William Wallace's (Mel Gibson) SFX bloodletting claymore from Gibson's historical epic Braveheart. Wallace wielded his sword throughout the film as he fought against the English and demanded freedom for his fellow Scotsmen. Wallace's claymore also featured heavily in promotional materials, including posters.

Widely considered one of the greatest war epics of all time, Braveheart received 10 Academy Award® nominations and won five, including Best Picture and Best Director for Gibson. The film also generated a great deal of tourism for Scotland and piqued public interest in Scottish history, including into the real lives of Wallace and his comrades.

This SFX bloodletting sword originates from film's head of special effects, from whom it was acquired circa 1998. It features a slit in its handcrafted steel blade designed to be filled with stage blood for action sequences. As Wallace slashed the sword across his foes in battle, blood would spurt from the sword, looking like he had cut his opponents. The slit is on just one side of the blade to ensure that blood would flow only from that side.

The hilt, pommel and handle are constructed from aluminium with a formed leather wrap. The metal and leather components show evidence of wear consistent with on-set use, handling, and age. Dimensions: 153.75 cm x 31.75 cm x 4 cm (60.5" x 12.5" x 1.5")

Edged, bladed or blunt object; see Notice on Blades in the Terms and Conditions.

Estimate: £40,000 - 80,000

