



ITEM# UJWA164

CURRENTLY ON HOLD

A KANENAKA WAKIZASHI

UNSIGNED, EARLY EDO PERIOD (TENNA ERA: 1681-1684)

Swordsmith: *Musashi no Kami KANENAKA (attribution)*
Location: Echizen province (Fukui prefecture)
Measurements **Length:** 49.0cm (o-suriage) **Curvature:** 1.0cm **Moto-haba:** 2.2cm
Hamon: *Gunome kurikaishi* **Jihada:** *Itame*
Certificate: NTHK-NPO Kanteisho (a sword designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Fujishiro: **Chujo-saku** (above average swordsmith) & **Wazamono** (good cutting)
Included: Vintage koshirae, sword fabric bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, registration and export paperwork

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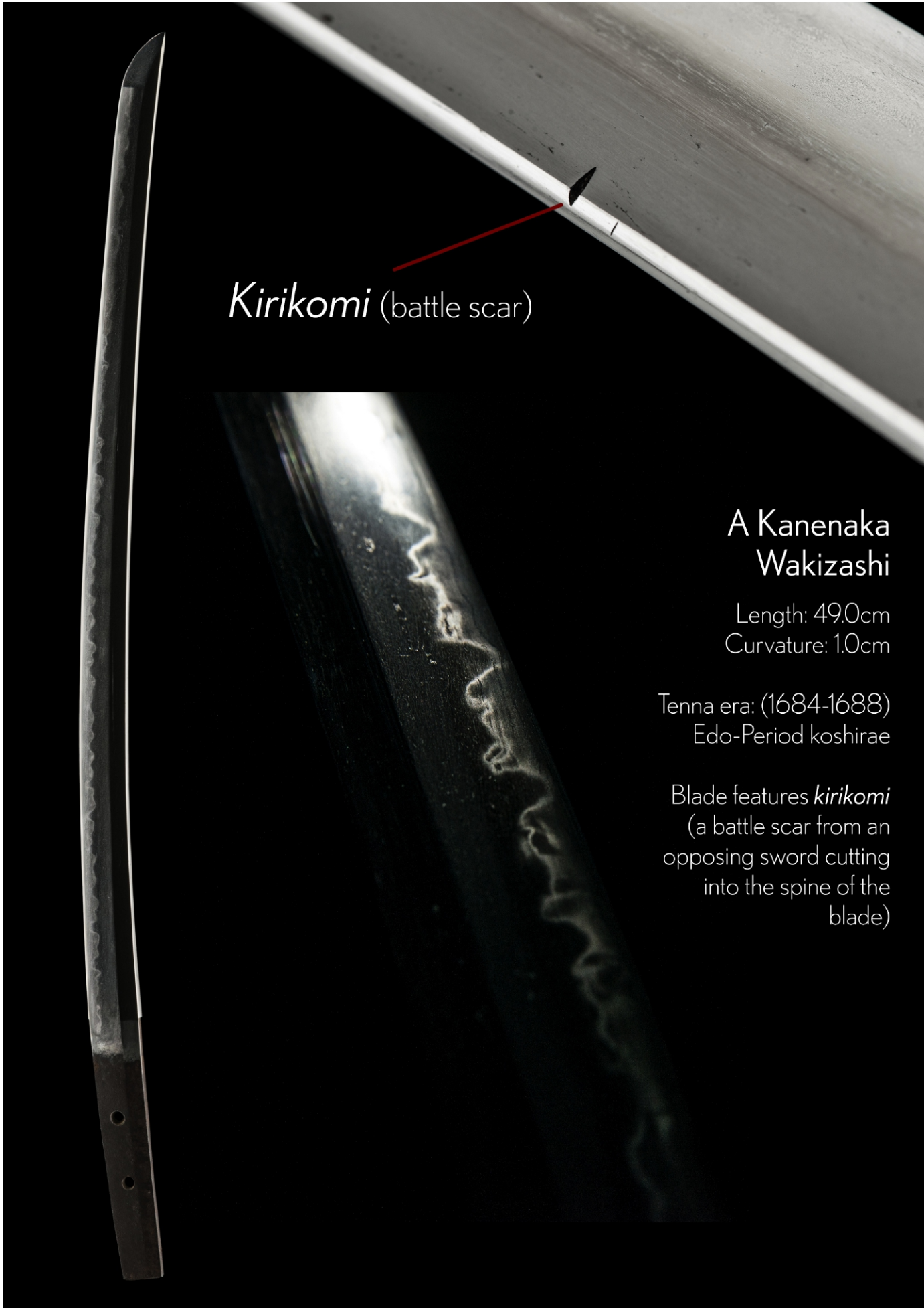
Looks can certainly be deceiving...this little puppy packs a serious punch. First of all, this sword has a battle scar called *kirikomi* on the *mune* (spine) of the blade. This is a mark of distinction as it comes from blocking the sword of an opponent in battle.

The sword has been attributed to *Wazamono* swordsmith Kanenaka from Echizen province, a well-regarded swordsmith who lived in this growing castle town during the late 1600s.

The sword is housed in Edo-period *koshirae* featuring *menuki* with golden dragons, a matching *tsuba* and *fuchi-kashira* carrying a refined arabesque design. The black lacquered scabbard is reinforced with an iron *kojiri* (tip). There is also a *kozuka* (utility knife) depicting birds in flight.

The blade contains a very active *hamon* with plenty of activity to enjoy such as *kinsuji* (black lines of nie crystals) and *sunagashi* (sweepings of sand) twisting through the hamon with authority.





Kirikomi (battle scar)

A Kanenaka
Wakizashi

Length: 49.0cm
Curvature: 1.0cm

Tenna era: (1684-1688)
Edo-Period koshirae

Blade features *kirikomi*
(a battle scar from an
opposing sword cutting
into the spine of the
blade)