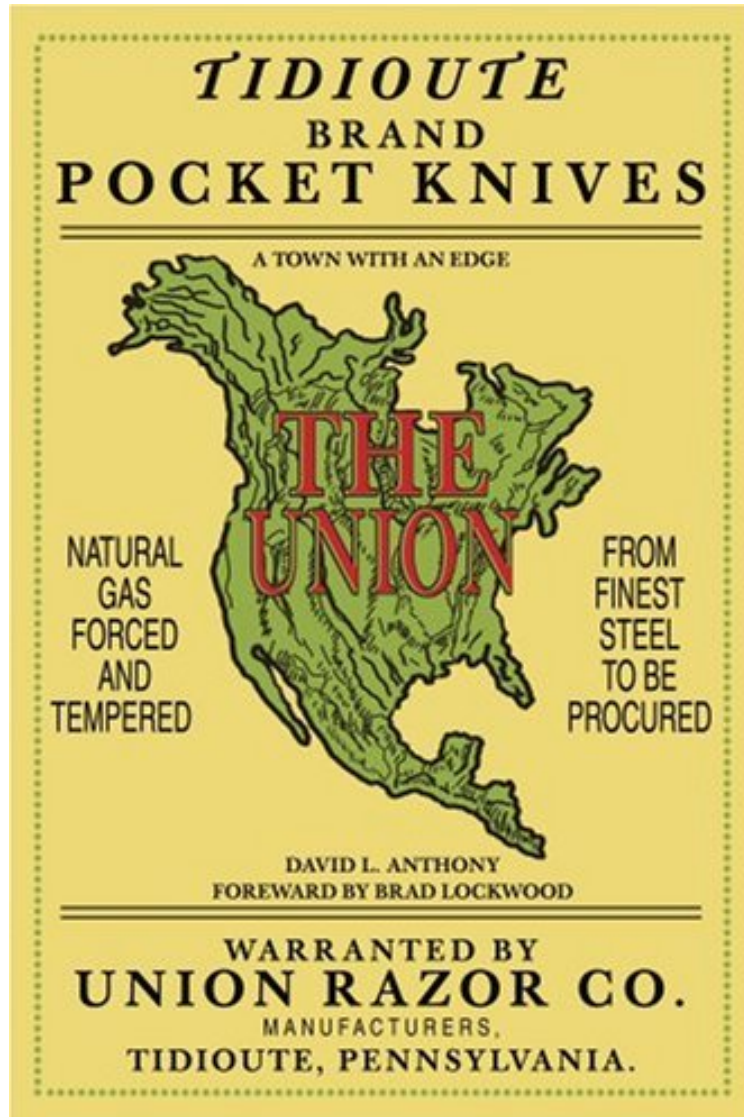


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and Peace, but fortunately Mr. Anthony has included a table giving the dates and dispositions of the various companies. With this in hand, it is easy to follow the story of the people and companies involved. One thing I found most interesting was a comprehensive inventory of the Tidioute Cutlery Company LTD as of its startup in 1896. It gives an idea of what was needed to form a small manufacturing concern at the time, just as would be found in almost any town in America. Everything from walrus hide to rattlers to critlers steadies was needed to start the operation. Another high point is the charming photograph of young Zeb Atkins, daughter of one of the last cutlers of Tidioute, holding her rifle and a dead squirrel. All told, this is a wonderful look back at small town America in its heyday. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By James D. Gotwalt Excellent Book 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By tbone too Very informative and well researched.

Nestled in a remote area of northwestern Pennsylvania, the small town of Tidioute became home to five cutlery manufacturers starting in the late-1800s. Although no longer in existence, these businesses produced some of the finest collectible knives and razors ever. *Tidioute: A Town With an Edge* relates the history and development of this unique stronghold of cutlery companies and how they competed with one another in the area known as the "Magic Circle" of cutlery firms. These manufacturers included the Tidioute Cutlery Co. (LTD), Union Razor/Union Cutlery, Baldwin Cutlery, Tidioute Cutlery Co. and Penn Cutlery. With an ardent sense of detail, David Anthony shows how the cutlery tradition was handed down over multiple generations and involved keen business sense mixed with tragedy and luck. Anthony also includes photos of the various tang stamps used by the companies and a price guide to help determine the value of cutlery from this historic town. A must-have for the serious collector of fine antique knives, particularly those manufactured in Tidioute, this guide is also an in-depth, well-researched record of this unique Pennsylvania community.

About the Author David L. Anthony has collected antique pocketknives for more than thirty-five years. He has authored several articles in *Knife World Magazine* on collecting antique cutlery. He grew up in the "Magic Circle" of cutlery manufacturers in northwest Pennsylvania.