

# 5th European Handcuff Convention

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The "Kakola" handcuffs

# Facts about "Kakola" handcuffs

- No patent papers ever found.
- Are said to be manufactured in the shop at the Kakola prison in Åbo, Finland.
- Known in several styles and shapes.
- Extremely well made and very heavy
- Every item is unique and not exactly like the other.
- Two known key variations.

# "Kakola", standard size



From the Collection of Timo Tuomivaara





**Large size**

Kakola stamping on each bow



First version Kakola with  
triangular key...







These cuffs didn't come with a key...

- Ok, let's make one!









# The triangular key version in different shapes





Timo Tuomivaara  
1938 – 2004

Finnish escape artist  
and restraint collector





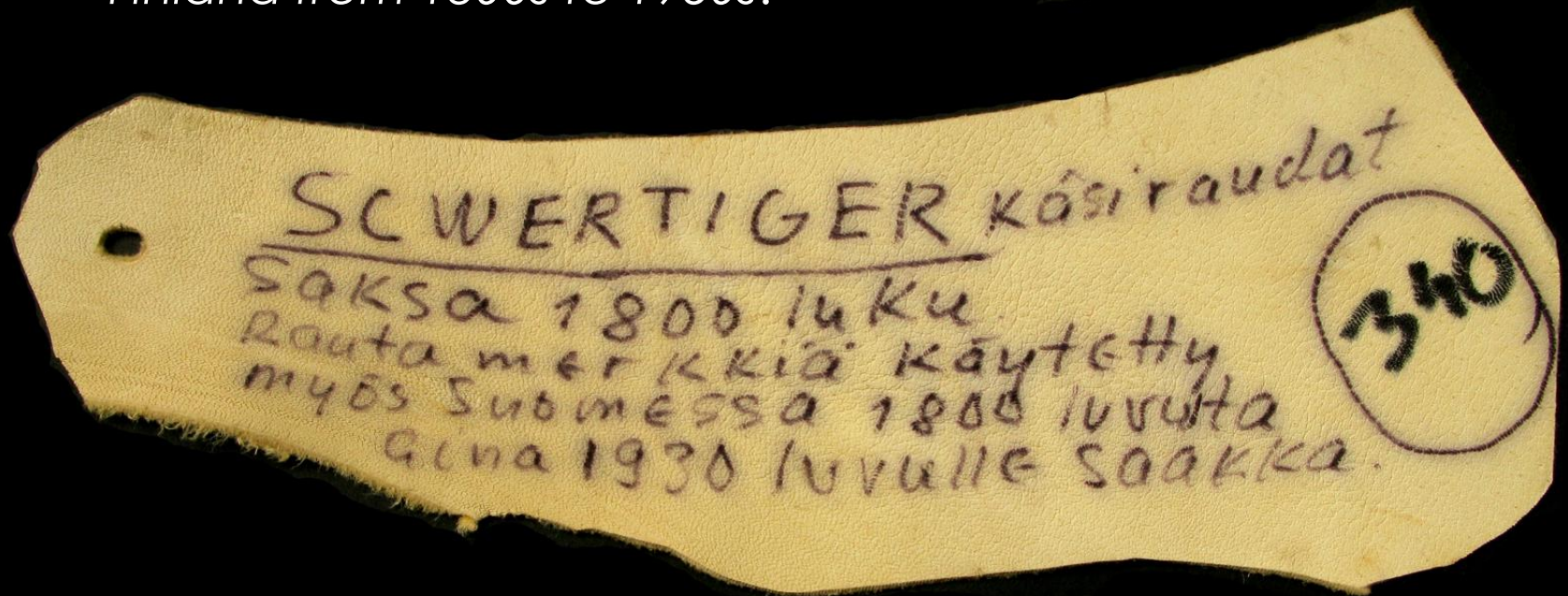




A chamois leather tag that came with a pair of Kakola that once belonged to the Finnish escape artist **Timo Tuomivaara**.

Timo obviously named them "**SCWERTIGER**" and he thought of them as German handcuffs.

Translation from Finnish; "Scwertiger handcuffs  
Germany 1800s (same) handcuff brand used also in  
Finland from 1800s to 1930s."



There is no Scwertiger but  
there is a...

S c h w e r t f e g e r

**Straight bit key**





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4A

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# Single cuff





# Protruding bit key and swivel





**Swivel version**



**Round link version**



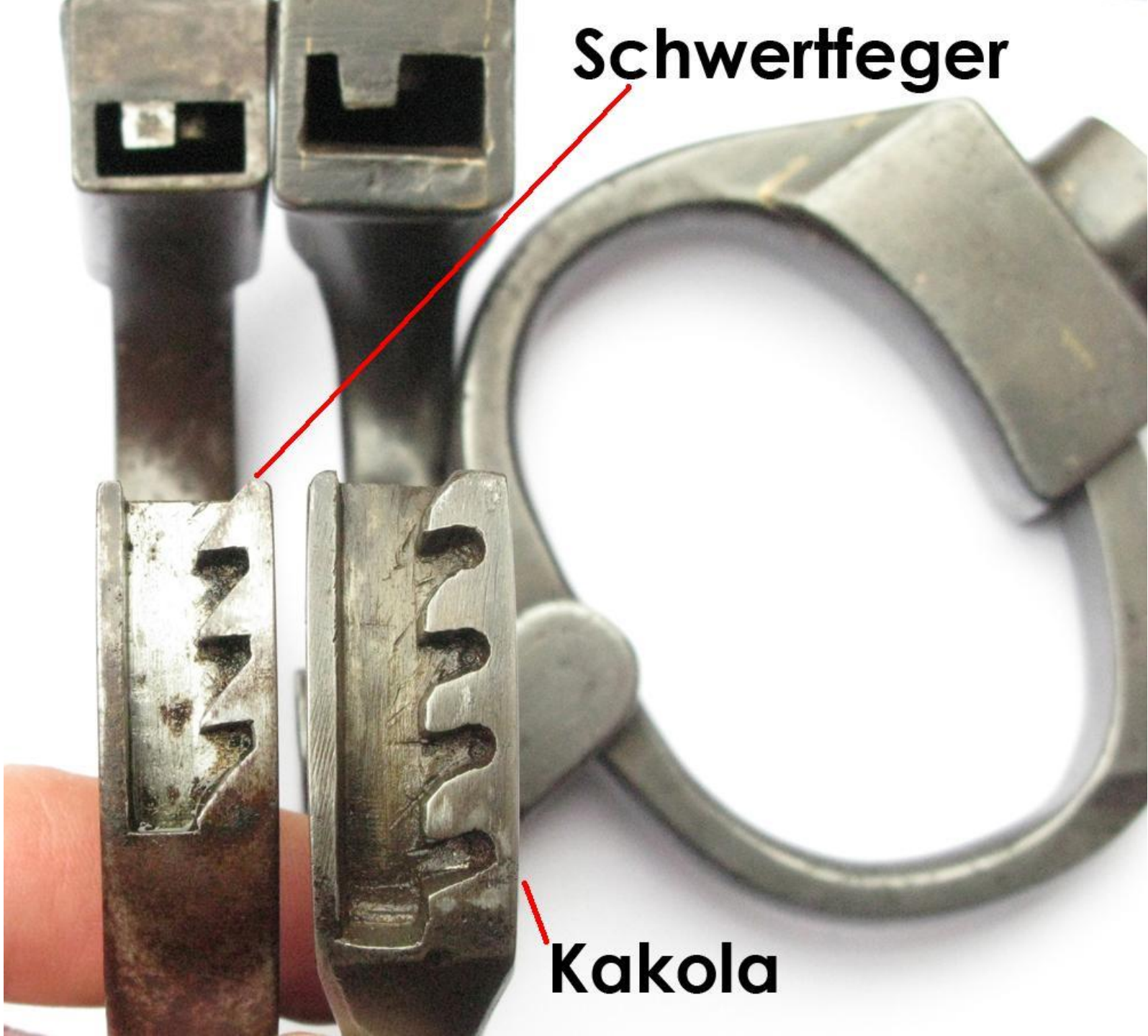
**Schwertfeger (top)**



**Kakola (bottom)**

**Schwertfeger**

**Kakola**



Thanks for listening!

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The "Pinkerstotz"















