Weather Vane of Indiana’s First State Capital

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The first state capitol of Indiana is located in Corydon. If you visit the building, you can see the old weather vane up close. It has been removed from the cupola and can be admired in the chamber. The weathervane currently in use is a reproduction and ironically is broken. Apparently, one of the tips broke off. Below is a picture of the original vane.

If you want to build your own, here are some construction notes. The vane consists of four parts. The back and front arrow are identical. Each is forged from a single piece of iron and looks like shown below. The top diagram gives a side view and the bottom diagram the top view.

The middle arrow consists of two parts. Imagine a straight arrow cut in half. The three arrows are riveted together with four bolts, two on each side of the pivot. The rivet heads are flush with the arrows.