

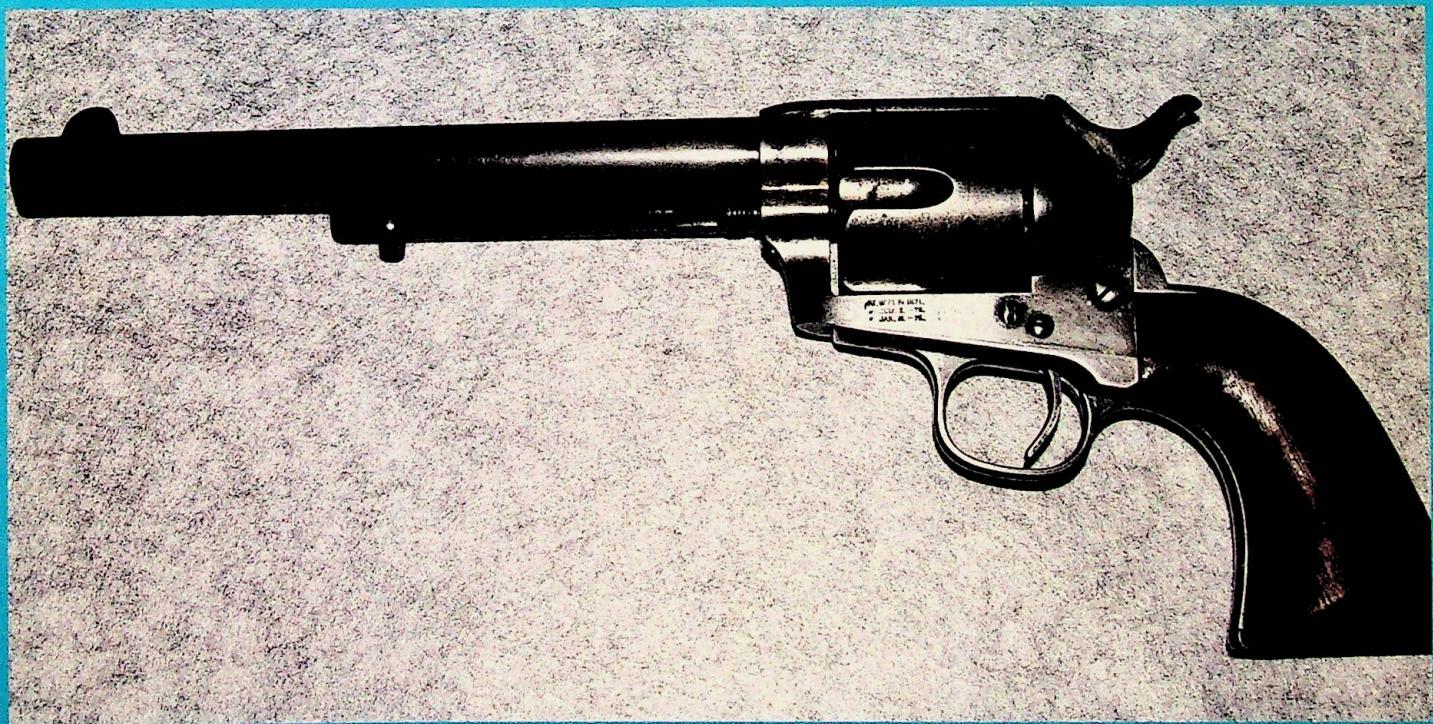
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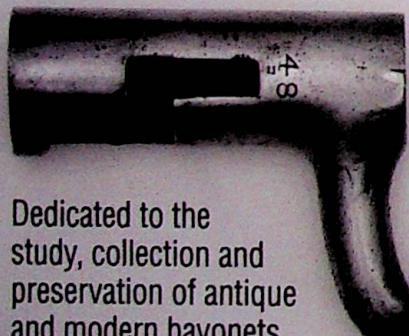
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SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH SERVICE DATA BASE STATUS

SRS has been busy adjusting to the new schedules caused by the virus in Maryland. The United States Archives is closed until further notice and we will not be able to develop new data as planned. Springfield Research Service is still in operation and can offer BASIC Letters on serial numbers that we have in our data base. We cannot do detailed research and confirm past research at any of the U.S. Government facilities.

We will be waiting with extended lists of new data entries that have been selected in the past months. The list includes Model 1922 Springfield .22 caliber rifles and the development history and serial numbers. This may result in a possible publication on the rifles, rifle sales to The National Rifle Association, issue to various military units, and data from the Springfield Arsenal historical documents.

Our other efforts will include Model 1903A3 rifles with contractor data and various parts used in the change of Model 1903 Springfield and Rock Island production to the Model 1903A3 configurations. The M1 Garand development and significant changes will be researched to find new data on models, parts, and manufacturing procedures.

There will be an effort to examine any U.S. companies that participated in World war II manufacture.

We also have a long list of Civil War contracts for handguns and long arms used

by military units. It has been noted that there are many other areas of interest in arms used by West Point and the Naval Academy.

It appears that there are several other areas that will be of interest to many of our collectors and arms dealers. This will also include weapons and military auction houses. The auction houses will have changes in auctioning procedures and increases in internet activities.

Several auction houses have new regulations concerning bidding at their auction locations according to current State Laws. The actual transfer of a modern weapon at the auction site may be changed and include a dealer or delivery service. We will try to get more of this information sorted out in future and publish the data in magazine issues.

EDITOR'S NOTE

**SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH SERVICE
HAS SEVERAL PAYMENTS AND
REQUESTS FOR DETAILED
RESEARCH LETTERS. IF YOU HAVE A
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PAYMENT, PLEASE CONTACT US AS
SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE. WE WILL
GIVE YOU THE LATEST DATA ON U.S.
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CLOSEURES AND LETTER STATUS.
WE HAVE SEVERAL KRAG WEAPONS
AND COLT PISTOLS THAT WE WANT
TO DISCUSS WITH THE OWNERS.**

Please send emails concerning research letters in progress to:
editor@usmartialarmscollector.com or mail to **SRS BOX126 CABIN JOHN, MD 20818.**

Issue 163 dated June 2020 is current and was set to be mailed the 1st of June 2020. We do not anticipate any delays but the VIRUS and many regulations and economics may come into effect.

Please email if you have not received a document or other deliverable. Copies of issues 159, 160, 161 and 162 are out of stock. Electronic copies may be ordered.

Issue 96 and other issues with data on Military National Match .45 caliber pistols, USMC Unertl Scoped Rifles, Winchester Model 70 "Sniper Model" .30 caliber heavy barreled rifles, U.S. Springfield caliber .22 family of rifles, and Remington World War II Model 1903 rifles has been copied and are available.

We will also continue to make a procedure to copy issues of old outdated issues for delivery. We are now out of about six old issues.

We have been able to find additional data on Model 1873 Springfield carbines. It appears that several carbines exist that belonged to survivors of the battle. We are trying to find additional data on the combat location of the troopers that survived along with their combat position at the time of the battle. Some were in other locations outside of the main battle area.

Data has been found indicating that

Winchester .22 caliber rifles were purchased for training. They had specific rear sights to be in almost the exact position as the Garand rear sight. It appears that there were two prototypes made for a specific USMC model offered by Winchester.

U. S. MARTIAL ARMS COLLECTOR MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please send corrections or updates of addresses to us at any time. We are still receiving more post office notices that mail cannot be delivered or cannot be forwarded.

We try to respond to all requests that have a temporary address change. If received too late by US POSTAL STANDARDS, the mail is returned to us with no way to resend or forward. We have also been told that a couple of checks have been missing in the mail.

SRS uses U.S. Postal Service First Class Mailing.

The number indicating the last issue of a subscription is after a subscriber's name. We order extra copies of each issue but may not be able to have current issues for subscriptions that arrive after first mailings are made. We will try to hold some issues for late subscribers but they run out quickly.

We cannot print another publication run in small quantities.

We will set up a procedure to make a copy if desired and mail it to a subscriber.

We want to correct any data that is overlooked or missing. Please send comments.

Payments by PAYPAL may result in a different subscription date if order is received after the current issue goes into printing and mailing. We find that a payment made after the printing is sent out uses one of our limited reserve copies. The copy needs to be mailed by hand and SRS is running out of quite a few old issues. We print extras, but it is impossible to forecast a requirement for each issue. A copy of the original issue is the only other alternative.

CURRENT ISSUE

Issue number 163 dated June 2020 is current. Mailing data is sent to our printing facility for June 2020 mailing. We rely on the Post Office to deliver first class mail as soon as they are able.

ADVERTISING

Our advertising deadlines are usually the Friday two weeks before the date of a publication. The projected mailing dates are the first week of March, June, September, and December of each year. There are four quarterly issues each year.

SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH LETTERS

The basic letters are \$50.00; sales letters with a document are \$65.00; and research

letters run from \$175.00 and up. Note: We were able to save all of our sales documents.

The U.S. Archives is presently shut down. Most research requires us to spend days at U.S. Government buildings. Documents have been found to be missing when SRS tries to check out a former research effort to confirm data location and availability. In some cases the data is lost forever.

The U.S. Archives is aware of this problem and is increasing security and identification processes. These efforts will require additional time and costs for all searches information on rare or historic weapons.

SRS has located documents in as many as four different locations that have U.S. Government documentation. The documentation has been transferred from any and all locations and there is no longer a copy at all facilities. This is a problem and it has happened over forty years. It may take a long time to find some old documents and some are impossible to find or to find an audit trail.

Research letters include USMC letters, OSS documents, 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 7th Cavalry, Civil War and Spanish American War documents. Other unique units require special research. More time is spent to travel to government facilities and comply with their rules for searching, copying, and the actual handling of documents.

A request for a document is done only at certain times at the Archives and written requests must include Record Groups,

location, and other data that is only available on subject knowledge and specific document names and categories. We have been cross-checking many pieces of data and using U.S. Archive personnel and others to offer opinions on hard- to- read information. The Archives personnel have been very helpful in this area.

A basic letter is data recovered from our in-house files. It is limited, and there is no way for us to hold the thousands or millions of pages in the U.S. Archives.

A research letter requires travel to a government facility to request, search, and retrieve specific copies needed for research.

The size of government data files is overwhelming. We cannot duplicate all of the pages. There are also rules on the type of copy, use of cameras, government copy machines and other restrictions. We try to copy the specifics and include them with SRS research letters.

In many cases the data may have a peculiar size and must be handled, verified, and copied according to government regulations.

This may require working with armed guards, checking our identification, and using special stamps for security classification or other rules.

COMMENTS AND INPUTS

Please send to:
editor@usmartialarmscollector.com.

An inquiry can be made by U.S. mail to SRS Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818. This will take an extended time.

We also print some data and ask for comments from our readers. There are a lot of very knowledgeable collectors with a wealth of information and data on sightings of rare weapons.

SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH DATA BASE

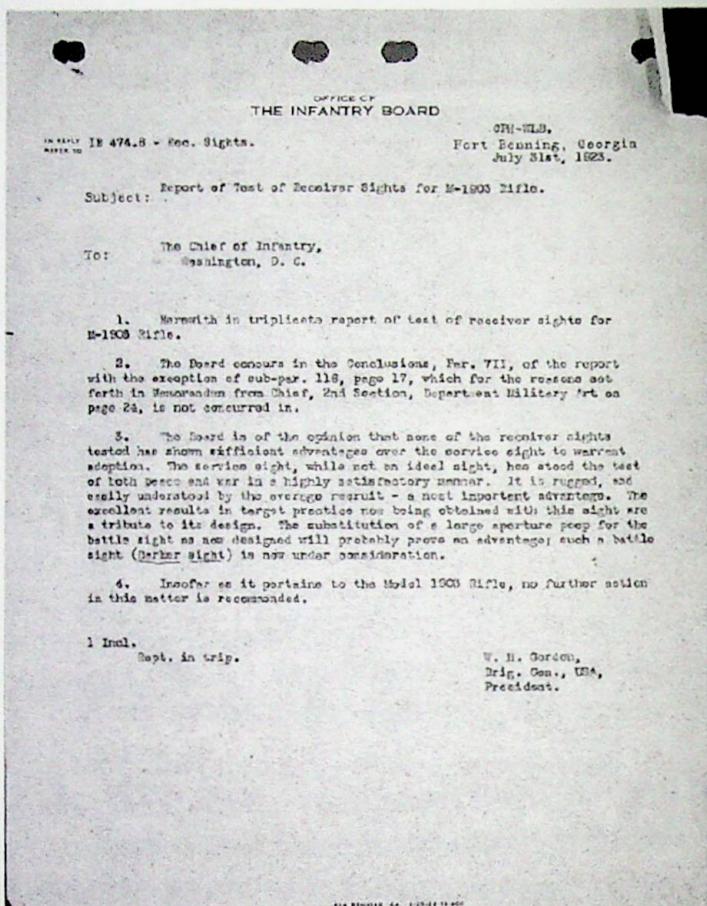
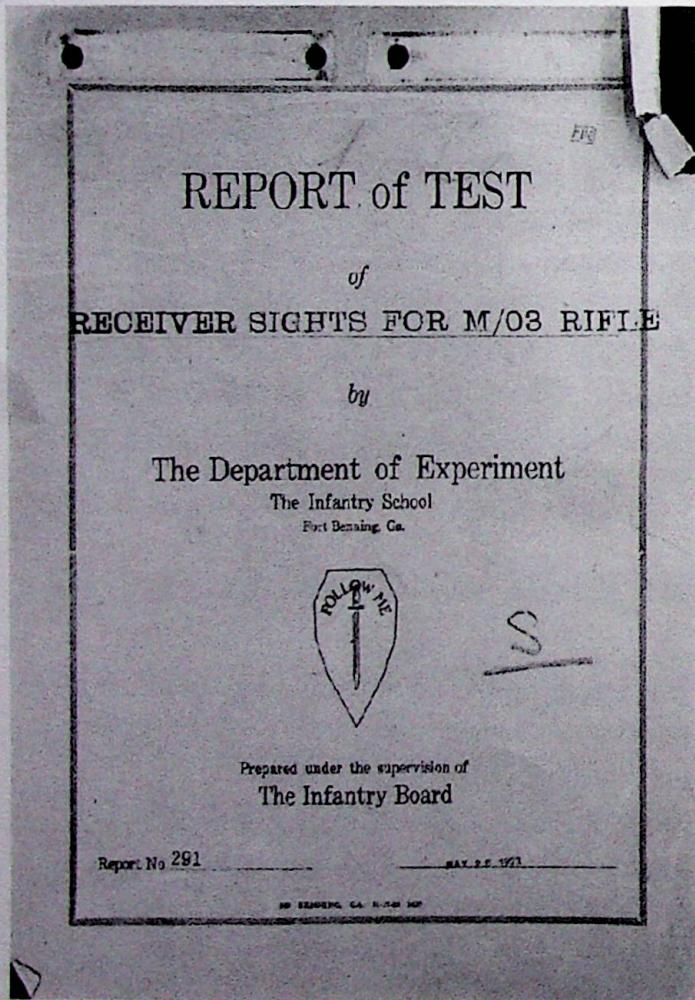
Our efforts are based on data from United States documents in U.S. Archives and other military sources. All serial numbers and information come from government documents. There are many weapon documents that come from sources that describe a weapon without a specific serial number. Many new pieces of information have been made available for us to research.

RESEARCH TRENDS

It is apparent that the Codet Virus is causing many problems in our medical status and operations in all phases of the U.S. Government. These changes may affect business operations, and delivery of our products. Our efforts and those weapons sold by auction houses may have to be changed.

COLLECTOR S NOTE 163-1

The following report has been received from our support staff. It is the Infantry School test of various receiver sights at Fort Benning, Georgia. Additional information is also shown that offers data on very rare sights that were fitted on test Model 1903 and other rifles. They are a great addition to references published in past articles of the US Martial Arms Collector issues.



The letter shown above is the report from Brigadier W H Gordon, President of the Infantry Board, Fort Benning, Georgia on July 31, 1923. It shows a glowing report on the merits of the receiver sights in quality and performance. The results of target practice capability and design were well accepted including the aperture and rugged design. Inasfar as the use on Model 1903 Springfield, it was determined that no further action was required.

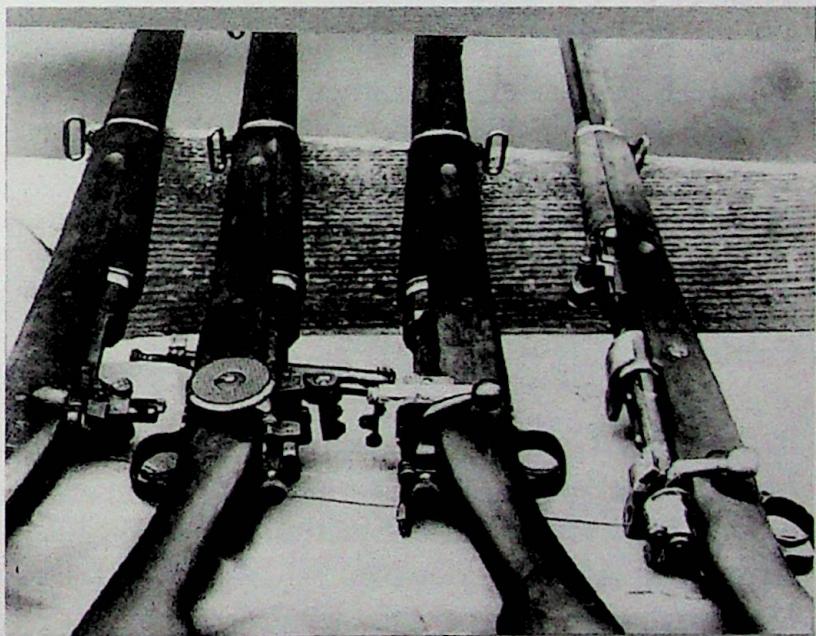


Above: The United States Marine Corps test rifle, second model with extensive modifications to bolt, receiver, scope mounts, and hand guard is shown.

The whereabouts of this rifle is unknown and would be of extreme interest to collectors. No information is known on markings, serial number or other characteristics.

Below: There are four rifles shown with special rear sights and modifications. They include both U.S. and Mauser designs. The second from the left is the famous NASH rear sight on the Model 1903 Springfield.

The Mauser had no windage adjustment and is on the far right.



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LETTERS WRITTEN

U.S. Military Colt Pistol, Cal. .32, Model 1903, Serial Number 567 961.

Issued to Major General H.A. Smith. April 6, 1962. This data was found in U. S. Army General officers records file number 0243. United States Archives, Washington, D.C.

Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, Model 1903, National Match Type B, Serial Number

1 282 743. Sold To: Henry Jenn, North Washington, Iowa. April 9, 1932.

This data was found in U. S. Springfield Armory Sales Records, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, Model 1903, Sporting Model, Serial Number 1 366 567.

Sold to R. B. Farley, Sacramento, California. August 1, 1931.

Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, Model 1903, Sporting Model, Serial Number 1 366 567.

Sold to R. B. Farley, Sacramento, California. August 1, 1931.

Rifle, U.S., Cal. .30, M1 Garand National Match Rifle, serial number

6 073 764. Shipped from Springfield Armory to AMU (American Marksmanship Unit) started by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, Document 08-25-32-5. September 11, 1957. This data was found in U. S.

Springfield Armory Records, Springfield, Massachusetts. Other rifles included on that date were serial number 6 093 749 NM and 6 093 762 NM.

Rifle, Cal. .45, Springfield Model 1884, serial number 425 437. Issued to Company E, 1st Illinois Volunteer Infantry. 1898. This data was found in U. S. Springfield Armory Records, U.S. Archives, Washington D.C. in Record Group 94. Serial numbers 425 426 and 425 441 were issued to Company E. Serial numbers 425 424 and 425 530 were issued to Company B.

Rifle, Cal. .45, Springfield Model 1884, serial number 565 418. Issued to Baylor University. February 23, 1894. This data was found in U. S. Springfield Armory Records, U.S. Archives, Washington D.C. in Record Group 156.

U. S. Carbine, Sharps, serial number 91643. Shipped from Sharps Factory, Hartford, Connecticut to U.S. Army.

November 16, 1863. This data was found in U. S. Army, Civil War Records, U.S. Archives, Washington D.C.

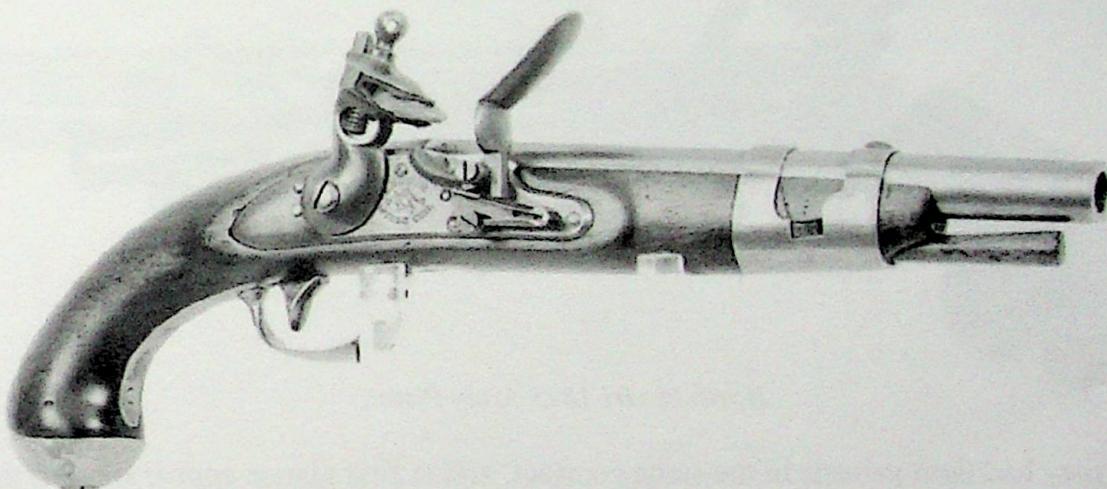
Please note: Springfield Research Service is behind in providing our efforts to travel to U.S. Government offices. The offices are closed and there is no schedule available from U.S. Government Personnel on openings, dates, procedures and VIRUS rules.

We will resume travel as soon as possible and catch up on our efforts.

SIMEON NORTH US MODEL 1816 FLINTLOCK PISTOL

*By Marc Gorelick and Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal
Photos by Tim Prince*

Simeon North holds an honored place in the ranks of American gunmakers. He has rightly been called the “Patriarch of US Pistol Makers” and the “first official pistol maker of the U.S.” by a number of US martial arms researchers and collectors. A contemporary of Eli Whitney (they were born on the same day in 1765), North had a genius for mechanical invention and was a pioneer of the concept of manufacturing products with interchangeable parts. From 1799 until 1828, a period of about 30 years, North was the primary contractor of martial pistols to the United States government. And for the 20 years before his death in 1852, North produced Hall carbines and rifles for the US Army.

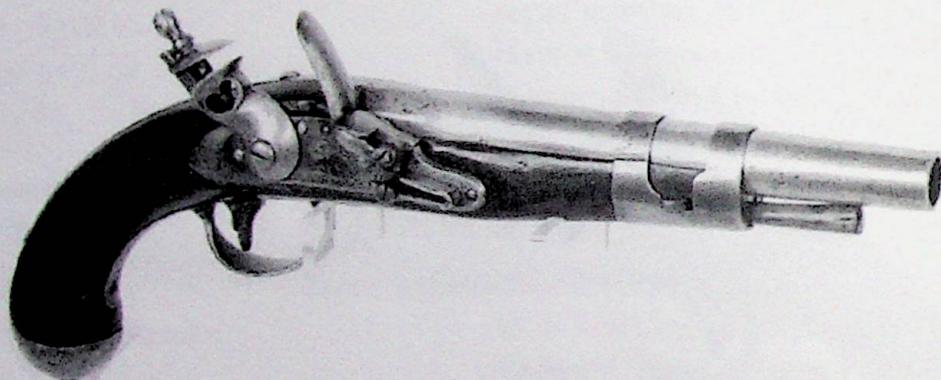


North Model 1816 Army Pistol

The Simeon North US Model 1816 Army Contract Flintlock Pistol was the first US martial pistol to be delivered on a truly large scale. Previous US military pistol contracts were typically for fairly small runs with 2,000 to 3,000 being the typical example of a “large” contract (often expressed as 1,000 pairs or 1,500 pairs), with quantities under 500 being typical of most of the contracts let to gun makers from the late 1790s through post-War of 1812 era. For instance, North’s first pistol contract in 1799 was for 500 pistols (the Model 1799 North & Cheney.)

The Model 1816 had its genesis in the Simeon North Army Contract Pistol of 1811. This pistol was contracted for on November 18, 1811 and the contract was for 1,000 pairs of .69 caliber single shot flintlock pistols with pinned barrels and brass furniture. During the production run, the Army Ordnance Department decided that the pistol should be modified and instead of relying upon pins to secure the barrel to the stock, a double strapped barrel band, secured by “Wickham’s Improvement”

(spring loaded stud retainer) was incorporated into the design. It was in fact US arsenal sub-inspector (and later arms contractor) Marine T. Wickham who suggested the barrel band modification to the Ordnance Department. The last of the M-1811 pistols were manufactured in this fashion, and the subsequent model, the M-1813 pistol also incorporated the double-strapped barrel band and Wickham stud into its design. The M-1813 was contracted for on April 16, 1813 and was a direct result of the United States involvement in the War of 1812. The contract called for 20,000 of the pistols to be manufactured, at the price of \$7.00 each. The pistol was an improved version of the previous M-1811 with iron furniture, but retained the massive .69 caliber bore of its predecessor. This excessively large caliber became problematic almost immediately, and production was temporarily halted in June of 1815 to allow the pistol to be redesigned in .54 caliber. Only 626 of the original .69 caliber M-1813 pistols were delivered up to this point, and the remaining parts on hand were used to complete a contract of 1,000 .69 caliber pistols for the US Navy (the M-1816 Flintlock Naval Pistol). On January 8, 1816 the original contract for 20,000 pistols was officially renegotiated, and the remaining 19,374 .69 caliber Model 1813 pistols that were due under the 1813 contract were to be delivered as the .54 caliber US Model 1816 Flintlock Army Pistol, at the newly negotiated price of \$8.00 each.

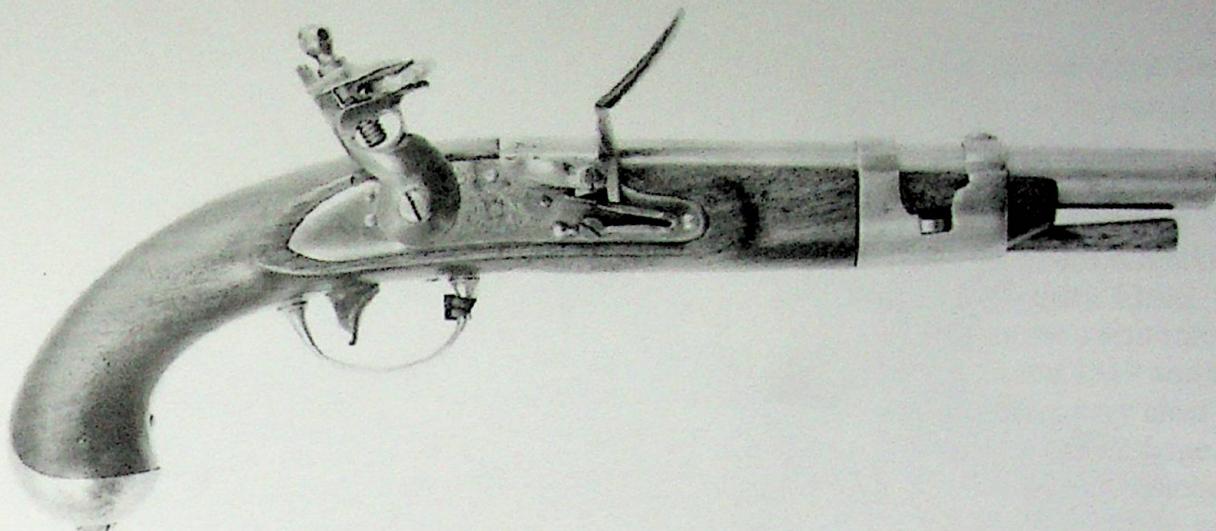


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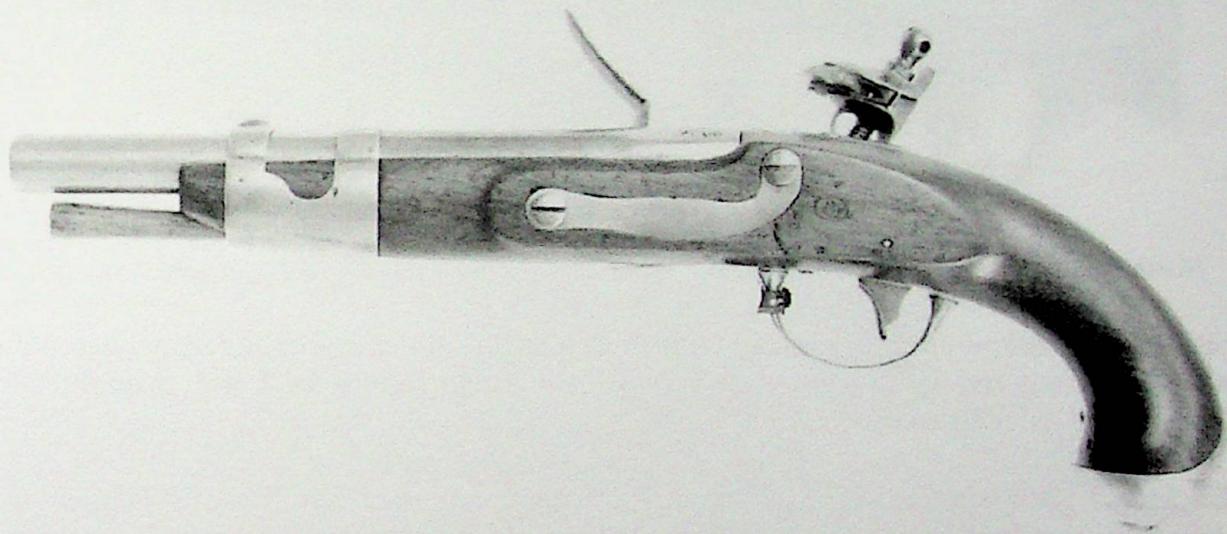
Although they had their genesis in the same contract, and at first glance appear similar, there are significant differences between the North Model 1813 and the Model 1816.

- Model 1813 pistols are .69 caliber and Model 1816 pistols are .54 caliber.
- Model 1813 pistol barrels are octagonal at their breech end while Model 1816 pistol barrels are round at the breech end.
- Model 1813 barrel band is not fluted (stepped) at the base of its forward ring while the Model 1816 bases of both band rings are fluted (stepped).
- Model 1813 stocks end flush with the front of the barrel band while the Model 1816 stocks project in front of the barrel band.
- Model 1813 pistols have no front sight but Model 1816 pistols have a brass front sight that is mounted on the forward ring of the barrel band.

North undertook to complete the newly revised contract in a workmanlike fashion, and proceeded to deliver the complete contract in about 3 years-time, with the final deliveries taking place on January 26, 1820.

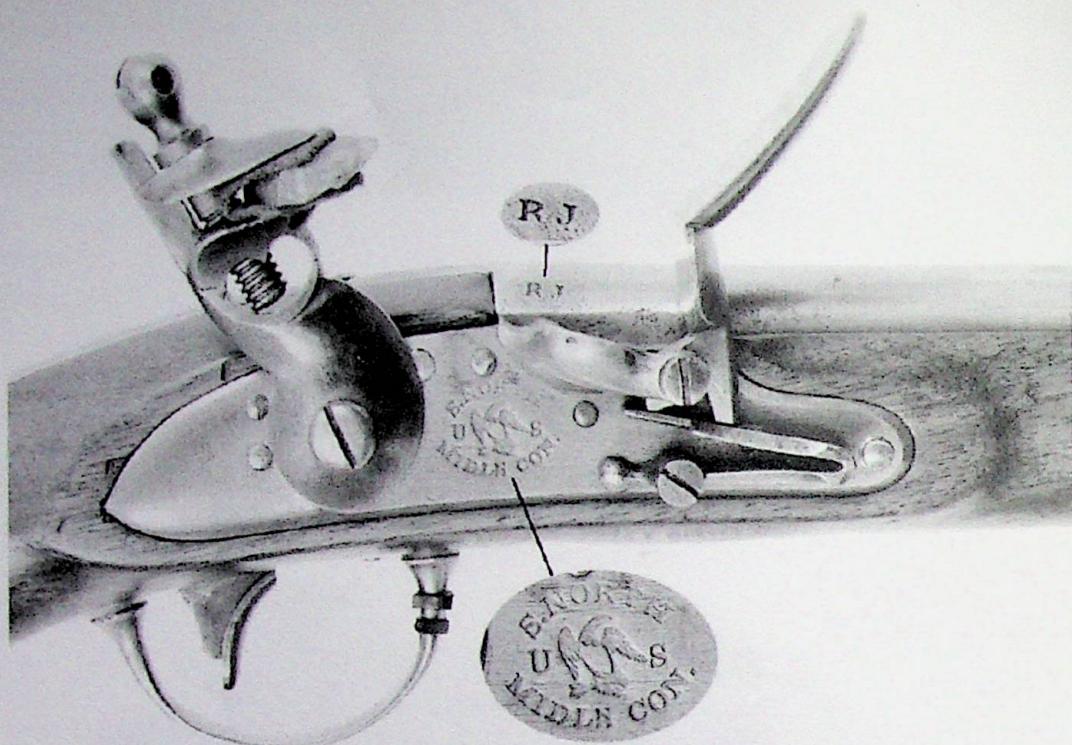


North Model 1816 Army Pistol, right side above, left side below.



The Simeon North US Model 1816 Contract Army Pistol is a large handgun, weighing in at about 3 pounds 3 ounces and having an overall length of about 15 3/10 inches. The 9 1/16 inch long round barrel has a smooth .54 caliber bore. The barrel is secured to the walnut stock with a tang screw and a double-strapped barrel band which is secured to the stock by a Wickham's Improvement stud. A simple brass blade front sight is mounted on the front strap. The pistol stock is reinforced with an extension tang that runs from the breech of the pistol to the butt cap, and all of the furniture is of iron. The contract called for all iron parts (with the exception of the lock) to be acid browned. The lock was casehardened, and was not polished bright, leaving it a dark, bluish black color, but without the brilliant mottling typical of later 19th century case coloring. The lock had a rounded, reinforced cock (hammer) and an angled brass pan with a bridle, but no fence.

The locks were marked with two types of markings, with the early production locks being stamped with a three-line cartouche shaped mark: **S. NORTH / U (Eagle) S / MIDLN CON.** Later production locks were stamped with a similar mark, but which read: **S. NORTH / U (Eagle) S / MIDLTN CONN.**, adding the "T" to the abbreviation of Middleton and the extra "N" in the abbreviation of Connecticut.



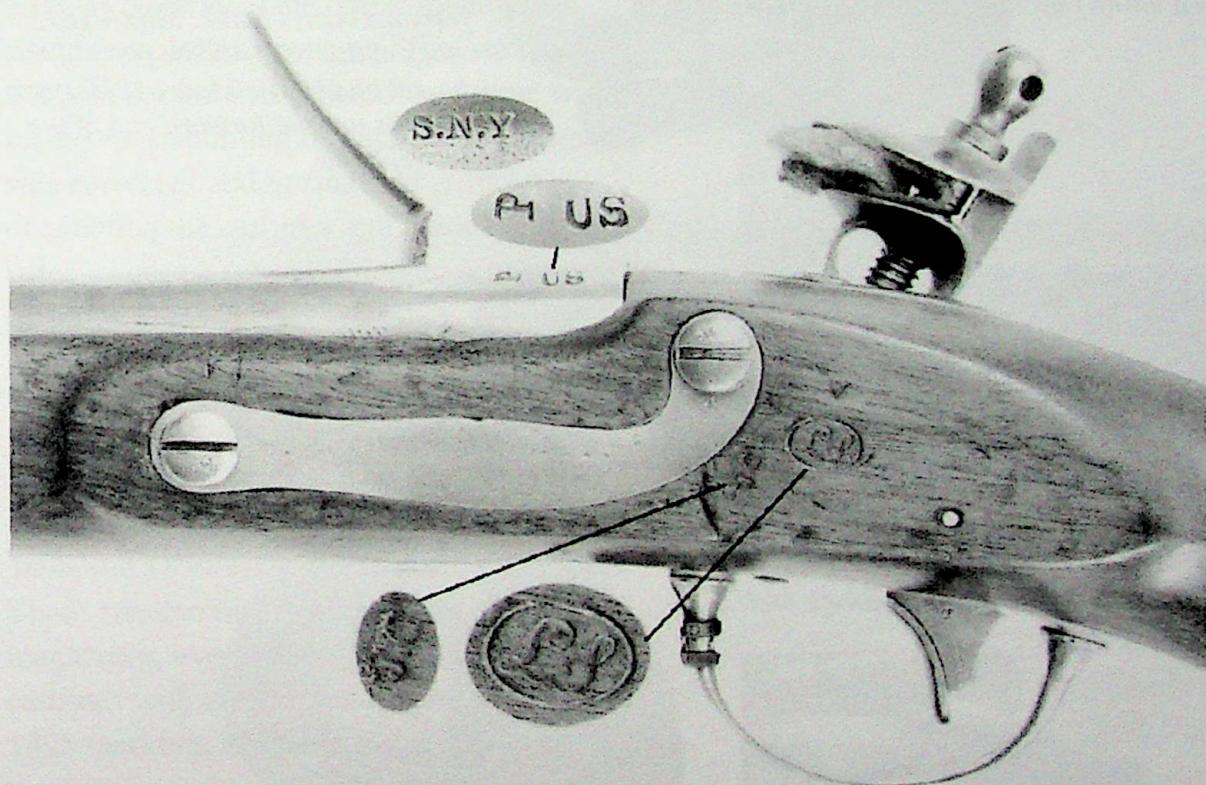
North Model 1816 Army Pistol, lockplate stamp and Robert Johnson "RJ" inspector stamp.

The pistol had a ramrod made of hickory with an iron ferrule at the end. The ferrule was slotted for use as a cleaning rod with female threads that could accept various tools with male threads for cleaning and ball extraction.

The US Model 1816 Army pistol would remain in service with the US military for the next two decades, and although a newer design was adopted in 1819, the Model 1816 pistols were still being issued from US depots well into the mid-1830s for service in the Seminole Wars and the Black Hawk War. The pistols were also issued in large numbers to the various states under the Militia Act of 1808, and state marked examples of these pistols are encountered from time to time. Even though they were obsolete by the early 1840s and the age of percussion ignition, many US Model 1816 pistols saw new service life during the Mexican War and the early days of American Civil War. Kit Carson, the legendary frontier scout, reportedly carried one during his service in the Mexican War. The Civil War guns often had southern arsenal and blacksmith alterations to the percussion system. The many decades of service that these pistols saw, combined with the large number of guns that saw hard service as southern conversions during the American Civil War, make these large handguns difficult to find today in crisp condition. A number that were converted to percussion were later reconverted back to flint. Those still in their original flint configuration that were not reconverted are rare, indeed.

The example of a Simeon North US Model 1816 Army Pistol pictured in this article is 100% complete and correct in every way and remains in its original flintlock configuration. Even the iron ferruled, tapered hickory ramrod appears to be an original period ramrod. The pistol is

crisply marked on the lock with the early marking: **S. NORTH / U (Eagle) S / MIDLN CON.**, suggesting manufacture during the early part of production circa 1817-1818. A very crisp **RJ** (Robert Johnson) inspection mark is present just above and to the rear of the touchhole. The left breech is deeply marked with a **P** proof mark and a **US** ownership mark. The top of the breech is also deeply marked **S.N.Y.** for State of New York, indicating that the gun was sent to that state at some point under the Militia Act of 1808. Practically every metal part of the pistol is marked with the single initial **T**, which is may be the mark of Springfield Armory inspector Elisha Tobey. An armorer and inspector at Springfield Armory in 1815, Tobey was soon sent into the field to inspect contract arms, including the North Model 1816, the North Model 1819 and the North Model 1826 Army/Navy pistol. The left flat of the stock is marked with a very clear script **LS** acceptance cartouche in an oval, the mark of Springfield Armory inspector Luther Sage, a Springfield Armory sub-inspector who inspected North Model 1813, 1816 and 1819 pistols. The stock flat is also marked with a bock letter **V** above Sage's cartouche, with the inspection initials block **J.C.**, which may be the mark of Springfield inspector James Carrington. The stock is also marked on the flat and the grip with the number **3**.

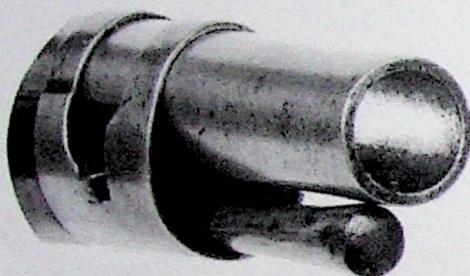
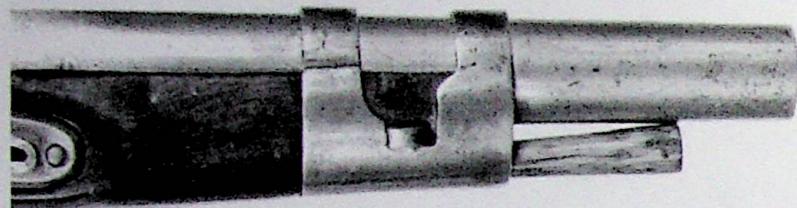


North Model 1816 Army Pistol. Note Luther Sage "LS" cartouche, James Carrington "JC" stamp on left flat of stock. Note "P / US" and "S.N.Y" stamps on breech.

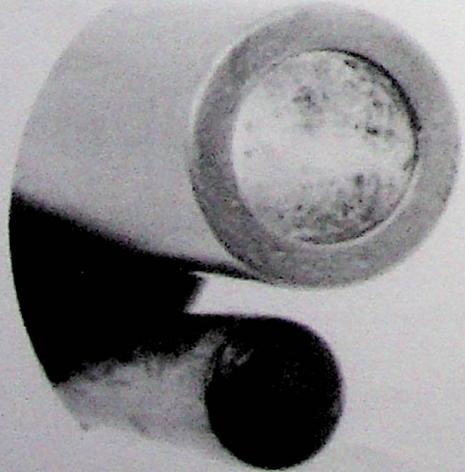
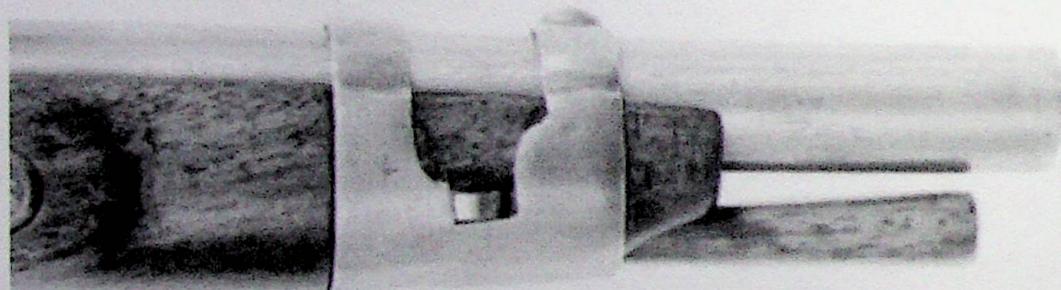
The metal of this pistol has been lightly cleaned, and the iron barrel and furniture have a medium pewter patina. There is light pinpricking evenly scattered over the entire barrel and much of the furniture, with some light pitting around the breech and touchhole, as well as near the muzzle. The lock has a slightly darker smoky gray patina and appears to show some minor traces of the original blue-black case coloring of the lock. The brass pan has an ocher patina and shows both old powder residue and green verdigris on its surfaces. *U.S. Martial Arms Collector 163-13*

The lock appears to be a 100% original flintlock that retains and still functions perfectly. The smooth bore of the pistol is free of major pitting or significant wear. The hickory ramrod appears to be original to the period.

The walnut stock of this pistol is solid and complete and does not have any breaks, cracks or repairs. All of the edges and lines remain quite strong and relatively sharp, with the only softening of edges being due to handling, use and storage over a lifetime of nearly 200 years.



North Model 1813 US Army Pistol, .69 caliber, left above. North Model 1816 US Army Pistol, .54 caliber, below. The Model 1813 has only the rear barrel band strap fluted (stepped). The Model 1816 has both barrel band straps fluted (stepped). The Model 1813 has no front sight while the Model 1816 has a front sight mounted on the forward barrel band. Model 1813 stock ends even with the front of the barrel band. The Model 1816 stock extends beyond forward end of the barrel band.



KRAG COMPOSITE CARBINE

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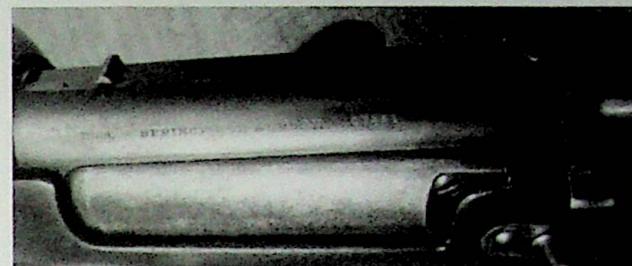
Springfield Research Service receives many inquiries concerning Krag carbines. There are very specific models that were made at Springfield Armory including the model 1892 carbines that were made and then dismantled by the U.S. Springfield Armory. The United States Congress inquired formally to the commander of Springfield about the two carbines. This inquiry was in reference to a royalty paid for the manufacture or military service Krags to Ole Krag of Norway. One dollar royalty was paid for each Krag weapon. This sum was not paid for the two carbines and there was a mistaken accounting of payments. The issue was corrected and Springfield Armory dismantled the carbines and made them into rifles. There are no original model 1892 carbines.

Other models include the models 1895 and 1896 with variations in receiver markings, rear sights, and stocks. The Krag upgrades or carbines include a series of carbines with 1898 and 1899 markings and serial numbers. There are also rare models of clip loading magazines, over marked 1898 receiver carbines with an additional 1899 over the 1898 marking, and test and limited production carbines.

Numerous articles have been published in the US Martial Arms Collector Magazine over the past forty years.

The following carbine is an example of a non-original Springfield Armory product that employed different model parts and alterations. It is of unknown manufacture

using some original parts and private modifications.



Above: Model 1895 Springfield serial number 27931. Shown with saddle ring assembly and side plate.

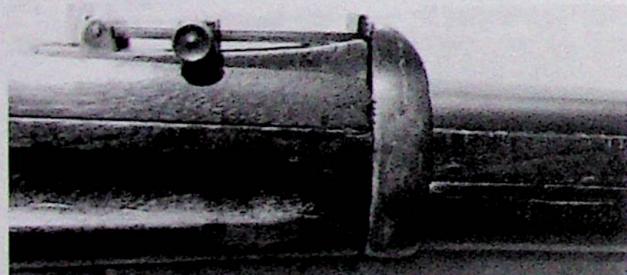
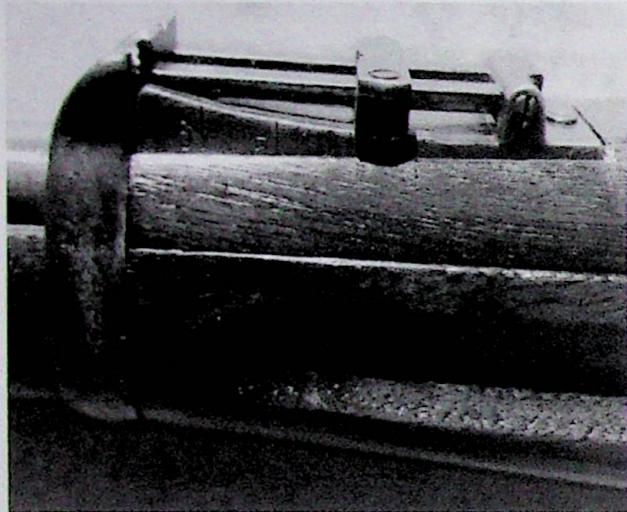
Below: Stock with serif circle p (double stamp) and non original (looks like) J63 and T.



Below: Long carbine stock (1899 model) with saddle bar and 1896 cartouche.



The following photos show the rear sight on serial number 27931. The photos show the left and right sides of the sight and the top with a C marked on the elevator assembly and graduations to twenty. Rifle rear sights show graduations to eighteen.

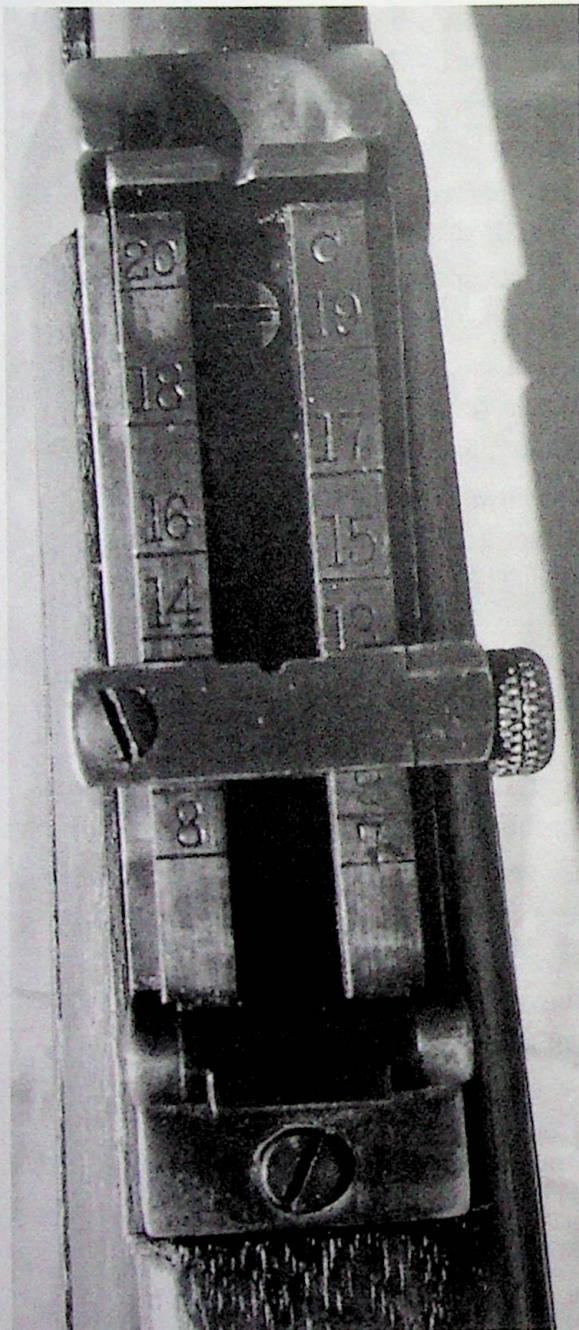


The rear sight is shown with the original high hump band that was used with the short model saddle ring stock and short 1895 or 1896 hand guard.

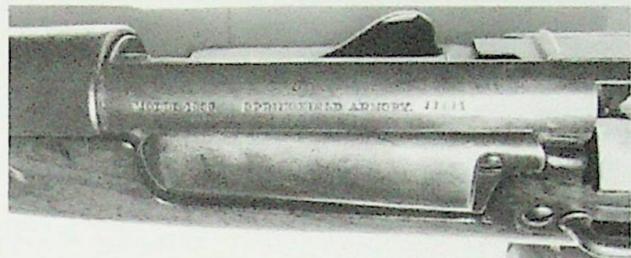
The right side of the rear sight and the stock is shown with a Krag carbine barrel band. The band is common to Krag Saddle Ring Carbine models 1895, 1896, and 1898..

The carbine stock appears to be the long style used on model 1899 carbines and has no sign of any sling swivel near the butt.

The stock is in-letted for a model 1899 carbine receiver and is the longer type that was used for 1899 models.



The following photos are of an original Model 1896 saddle ring carbine. The stock is the short variation used on model 1898 saddle ring carbines, model 1895 saddle ring carbines and model 1896 saddle ring carbines. There are no saddle ring assemblies on model 1899 carbines with longer stocks.



The photo shown below shows the receiver markings with serial number 77971.



The photo below has the details that show the barrel band that is used on all saddle ring carbines. It has no handguard wood visible beyond the rear sight. The forward end of the carbine rear sight fits against the back of the sight with no space for the handguard wood. The forward edge of the walnut handguard is machined to fit into the high hump area of the rear sight barrel band. The overall length of the carbine handguard is much smaller than the rifle handguard and hand guards are not interchangeable.

The saddle ring assembly is mounted on the forward part of the wrist of the stock and held by two screws. The forward screw is much shorter than the rear screw and fits into the stock to avoid entering into the stock inlets. The short screw is unique and only used on saddle ring carbines.

There are many made-up carbines that are not the same as the Springfield Armory manufacture.



The model 1896 Krag carbine shown below is full length that shows the twenty-two inch barrel that is standard for all carbines. It has the short stock and short carbine handguard that is held in place by the carbine barrel band. There are two spring-loaded clips that hold the walnut handguard on to the barrel. The stock is in-letted for the two spring clips. The standard short carbine stock is two inches shorter than the longer model 1899 carbine stock. There are field replacement model 1896 carbine stocks that are also two inches longer and have no provision for the saddle ring assembly.



**COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY
REVOLVER SERIAL NUMBER
98228**



The following Colt is an original Single Action Army revolver purchased by the U.S. Army and issued during the American Indian Wars.

The U.S. Army contracted with the Colt Firearms Company of Hartford, Connecticut for a major effort to produce cartridge revolvers. U.S. Cavalry and Artillery Single Action Army revolvers produced between 1873 and 1891) are the most sought after Colts inspected by OWA (Orville Wood Ainsworth) and the rare Henry Nettleton.

The largest group of U.S. Colt Cavalry revolvers was inspected by David F. Clark (D.F.C.) cartouche 1880 to 1887. During 1893, the .45 U.S. Colt Single Action Army revolver was replaced by the .38 caliber Colt Model 1892 Double Action Army revolver. The .45 Single Action Army revolver was still standard issue to the Infantry, Artillery and other branches of the U.S. Army.

From 1895 to 1896, the U.S. federal government sent 2000 SAA revolvers to Colt for rebuilding. Eight hundred were issued to the New York Militia with the 7 1/2-inch barrel, and 1,200 were altered to a barrel length of 5 1/2 inches.

It is very rare to find an original Colt Single Action Army in original condition. The revolver shown has the original finish and is in excellent mechanical condition with no modifications. All serial numbers match and the finish has not been altered or worked on.

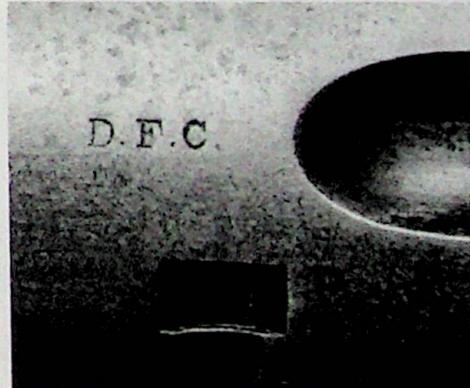
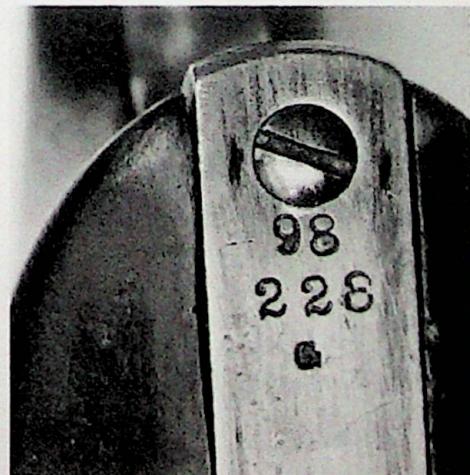
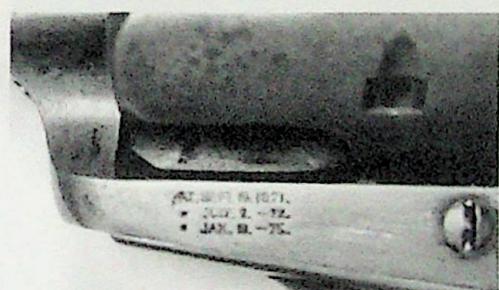
Revolvers at that time were in demand for all Cavalry and military units. The survival rate is very small.

SAA revolvers saw action in Pine Ridge from November 1890- January 1891. The American Indian, Sitting Bull, was killed during the attempted arrest at Standing Rock Agency on 15 December 1890. Wounded Knee Creek on 29 December 1890 was fought by Col. James W. Forsyth's 7th Cavalry and Chief Big Foot. The Regular Army with the 1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Cavalry and the 1st, 2d, 3d, 7th, 8th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22d, and 25th Infantry (also the 4th Artillery) used the Colt SAA revolvers.

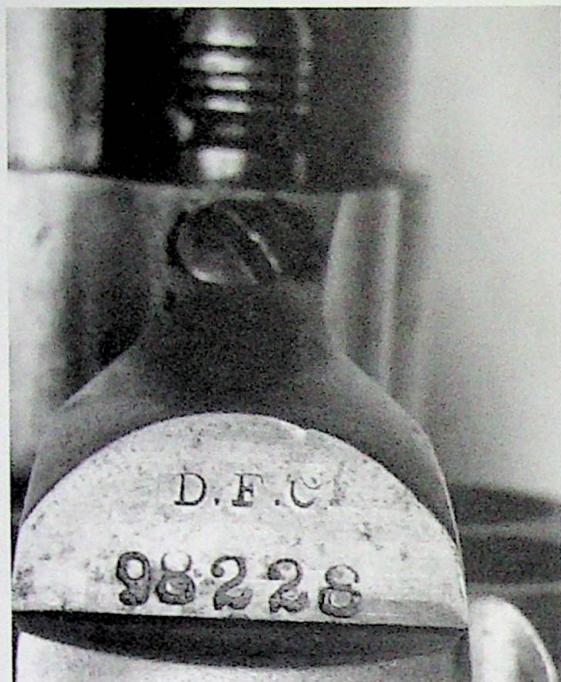
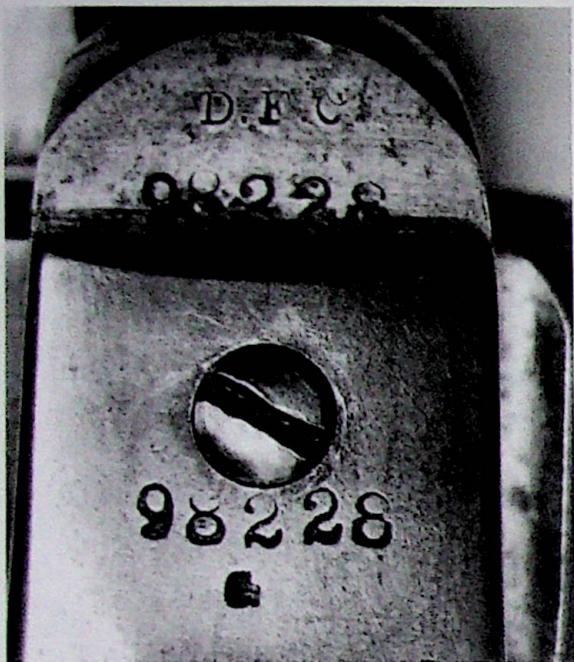
Sample serial SAA numbers are shown on the following page. Precise data on many SAA revolvers is scarce and many records list numbers of pistols in inventory or ordered with no serial numbers noted. The factory records show delivery to the military but not the actual issue to a trooper or unit.

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9799	ART	101700	2ND ART (INSP AT SAA)	ART	98	TRP A 1ST NEV VOL CAV
9834	ART	072398	CO F 5TH PA	9975	080589	TRP C 8TH CAV
			100TH MERIDEAN	9975	032990	TRP C 8TH CAV
9845		071778	SURVEY EXPDTN	9986	061976	CO C 8TH CAV (STOLEN)
9910	ART	98	TRP A 1ST NEV VOL CAV	9992	061976	CO C 8TH CAV (STOLEN)
9912		080589	TRP C 8TH CAV	10012	061976	CO C 8TH CAV (STOLEN)
9912		032990	TRP C 8TH CAV			
9914	ART	98	CO M 1ST TERR VOL INF			

Below: Serial number 98228 left side of frame SAA with patent dates and serial number on back strap.



Above: DFC inspector on cylinder.

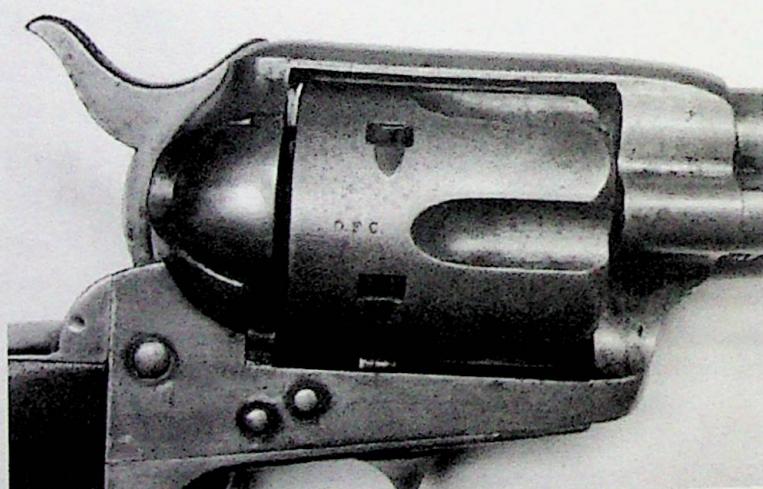


Above and Right: Serial numbers on frame, trigger guard with DFC inspector's initials.

Cylinder and frame are shown with DFC initials.

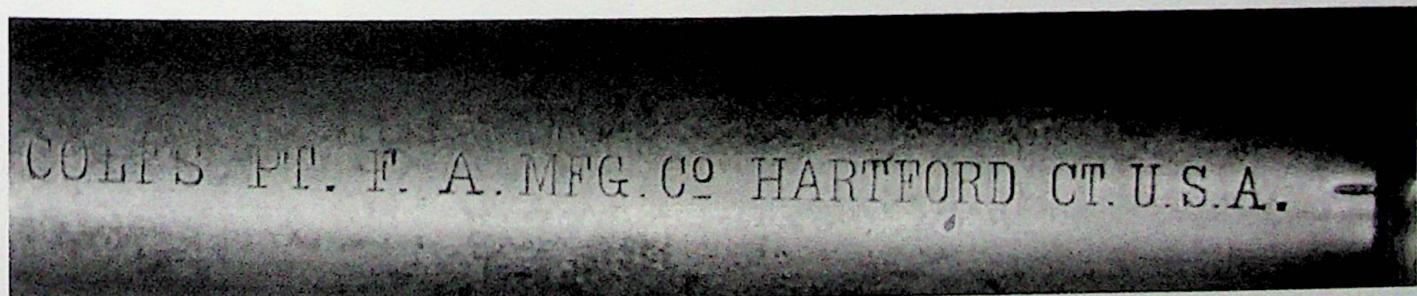
The bottom of the SAA frame shows the retaining screw for the cylinder pin.

All of the metal shows the original finish that appears to be well kept and in fine condition for a revolver that was issued and used from the 1880's. The hammer cocks perfectly with all of the other original parts in tight and near original condition.





Above: Underside of SAA barrel with DFC inspector's marks with P (Proof mark) and cylinder pin.



Above: SAA barrel with Colt's PT. F. A. MFG. Co- HARTFORD CT. U.S.A.

Springfield Model 1873 Serial Number 1700

Rifle serial number was issued early in 1873. It was upgraded to a cadet rifle and continued in military service. It appears that many of the original parts are still intact on the rifle. The rifle is stamped on metal parts Co. F 10" Cav. The front Ryder stacking swivel (stamped) Pat. Feb. 11, 1868, this was put on all the 1st carbines 1873. The cadet model stock is the original early 1873 modified stock. The barrel has the small eagle and VP that appears to be hand-engraved. The 3 position tumbler is late 1874. The stock has what appears to be two Indian symbols hammered into the top of the butt plate.

U.S. military operations at this time included the American Indian Wars of 1875-86.

The 10th Cavalry was transferred to Fort Concho, Texas from 1873 through 1885, Fort Concho had 9th Cavalry company F and other units stationed in the area.

The 10th Regiment protected mail and travel activity and controlled Indian activity. The 10th scouted 34,420 miles of uncharted terrain and 200 miles of telegraph lines. This also included activity hostile Mexicans.

The western Indian Wars of 1860-1890 and the location of moving tribes took the troops through some of the harshest and most desolate terrain in the nation.

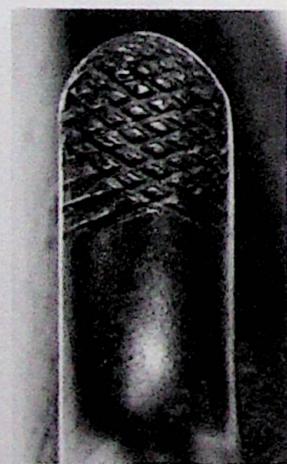
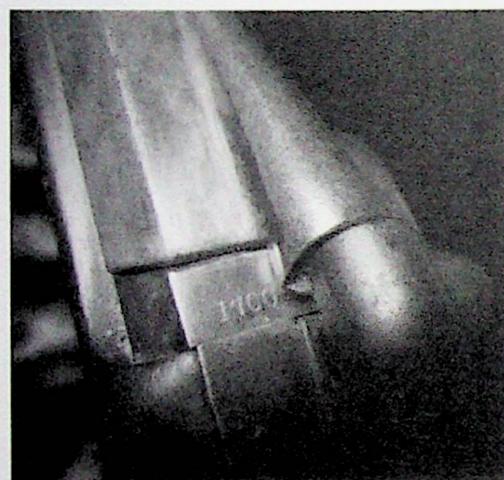
In 1877 four soldiers of the 10th commanded by Captain Nicolas Merritt Nolan lost men in the "Staked Plains Horror". Military operations also included Victorio's War with a band of Apaches. The largest activity was in the Trans-Pecos area where the 10th Cavalry was to patrol the area from the Van Horn Mountains west

to the Quitman Mountains. These encounters included a water hole south of Sierra Blanca and Rattlesnake Springs.

Below: Right side Model 1873 Serial number 1700.



Below: Serial number 1700 on receiver.



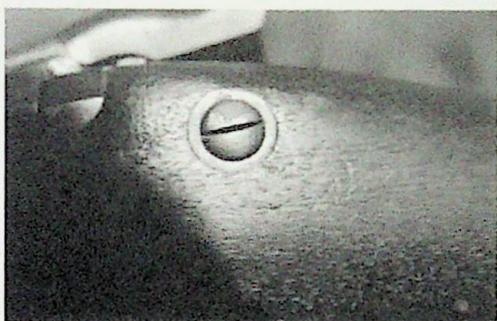
Left: Early 1873 hammer spur.



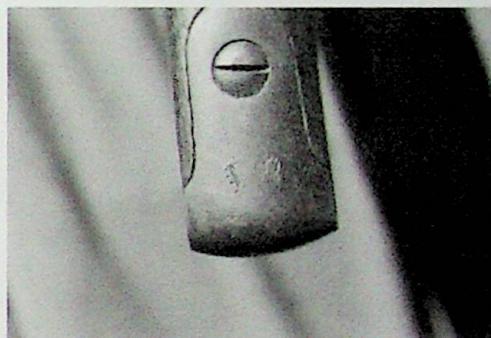
Above: Block markings 1873 Crossed arrows U.S.



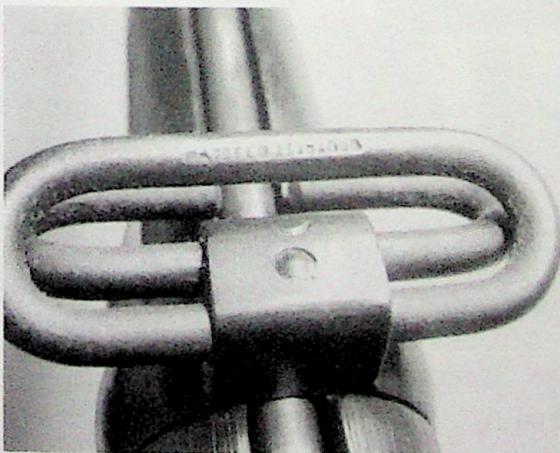
Above: Model 1873 rifle trigger guard.



Above: Faint early cartouche.



Above: Butt plate crude markings of 10.



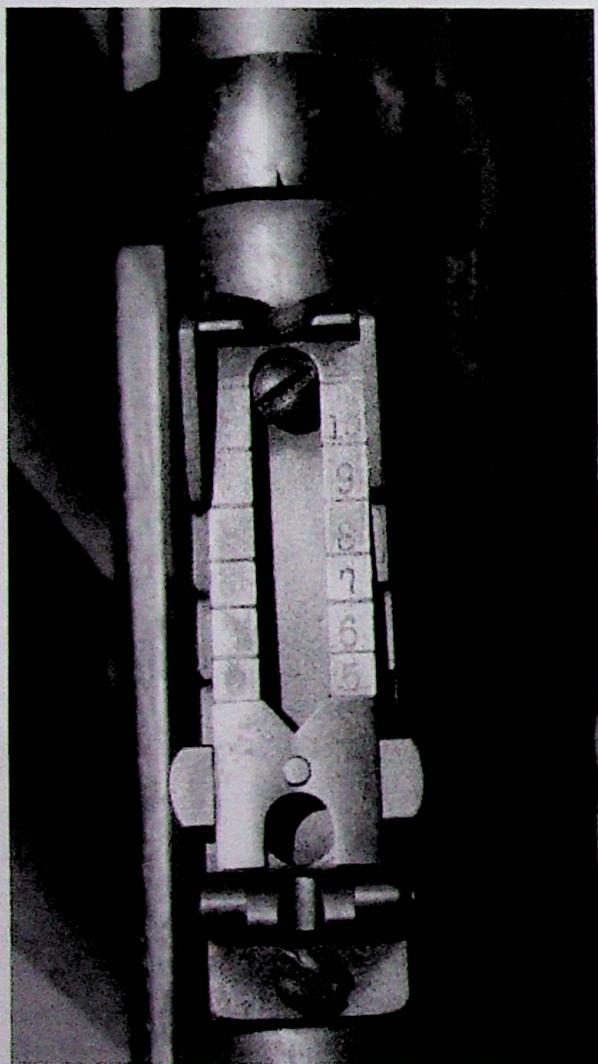
Above: Upper Ryder barrel band.



Above: Lock plate with early 1873 markings.

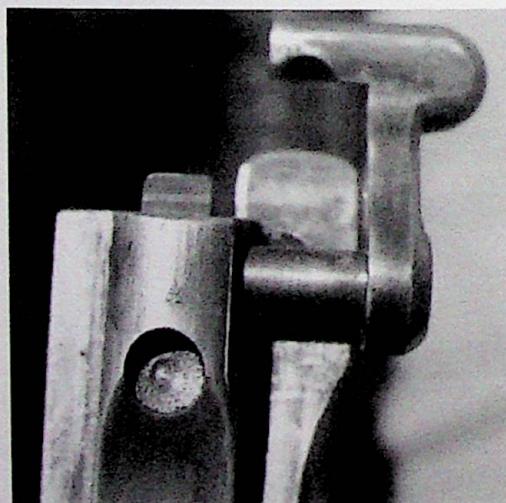


Above: Stock cracked near forend.



Above: Model 1873 rear sight with replaced slotted screws.

Above: Replaced cadet barrel with Eagle, V and P.



Above: Bottom of high arched block marked A.

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KRAG RIFLE SERIAL NUMBER 10814

The 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps was formed by Lt. James A. Moss in 1896. Moss was a West Point graduate, a physician, and avid cyclist. He outlined a test for twenty black enlisted men (Buffalo Soldiers), to train for a trial for the Bicycle Corps to travel from Fort Missoula to St. Louis, Missouri, 1,900 miles. The Bicycle Corps departed from Ft. Missoula, on June 14, 1897.

Major General Nelson A. Miles, as Army Commander-in-Chief, proposed one full regiment be equipped with bicycles in 1892, and expressed interest in using bicycles for many military operations. The operation took 41 days through the Rocky Mountains in rain and snow.

A local reporter, Edward Boos, accompanied the Corps. The bicycles were supplied by the Spalding Bicycle Company of Springfield, Massachusetts.

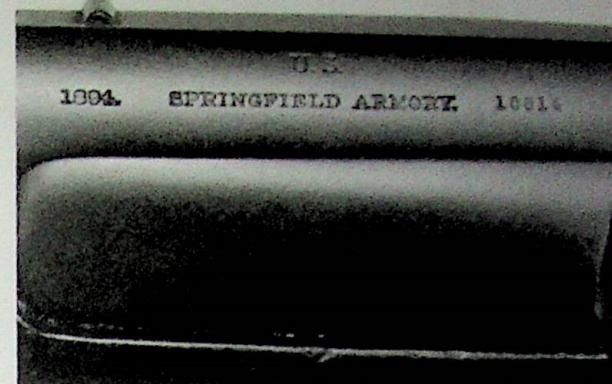
The bicycles were returned to the Spalding Company, and the soldiers returned to Montana by rail. The 25th Infantry was deployed to Cuba in the Spanish-American War.

Krag Serial number 10814 was originally a model 1894 rifle. The rifle was issued to the 25th Infantry in 1897.

It was upgraded by Springfield Armory to an 1896 model. The following pictures are in the current configuration of model 1896.

The pictures show the extent of the Arsenal modifications and restoration of this historic U.S. Springfield Krag.

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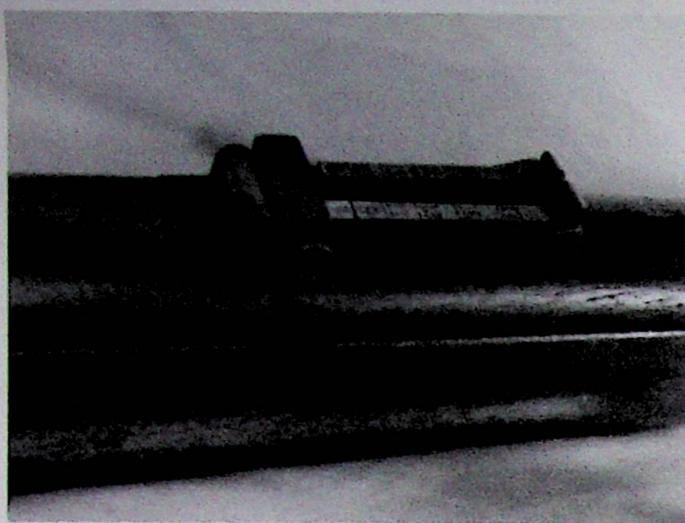
Above: Krag receiver markings with 1894, Springfield Armory and serial number 10814.



Above: Model 1894 stock modified from original and converted to 1896.



Above: Serial number 10814 right side with magazine box.



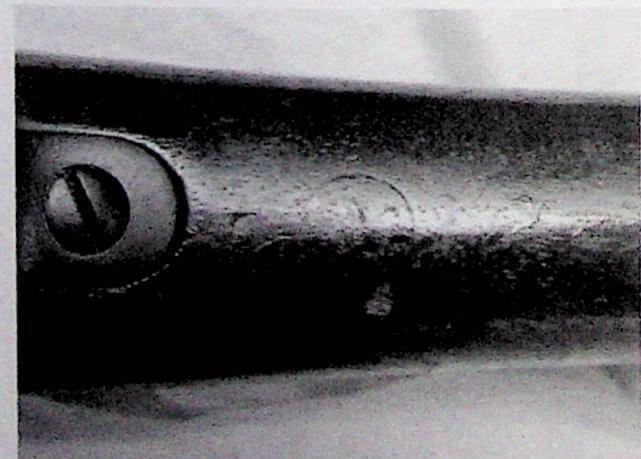
Above: Model 1896 Rear sight.



Above: Front band and front sight assembly.



Above: Krag rear barrel band and stock repair on forend.

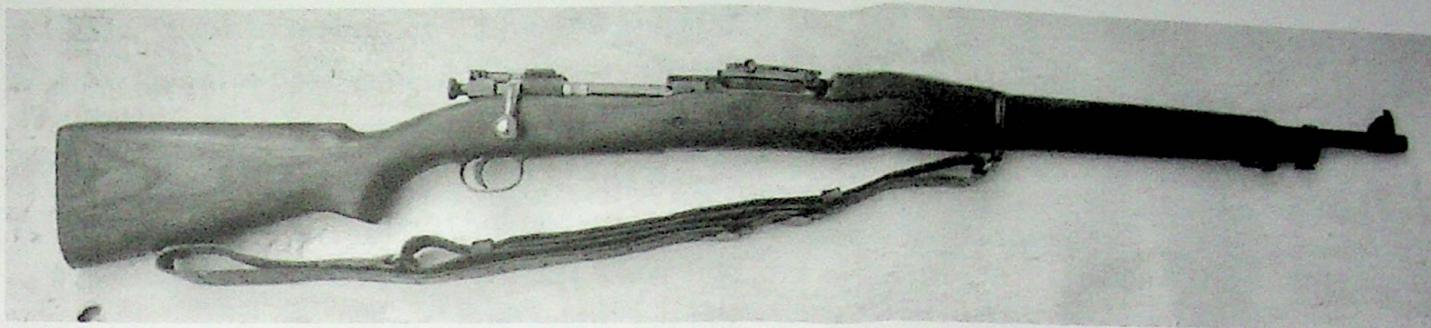


Above: Stock with circle P.

The picture above right shows the ramrod channel filled with a wood section using two wood pins. This was a major conversion from the original rifle that had a steel ramrod and early barrel band made with a provision for the ramrod.

Model 1903 Springfield National Match Number 1372839

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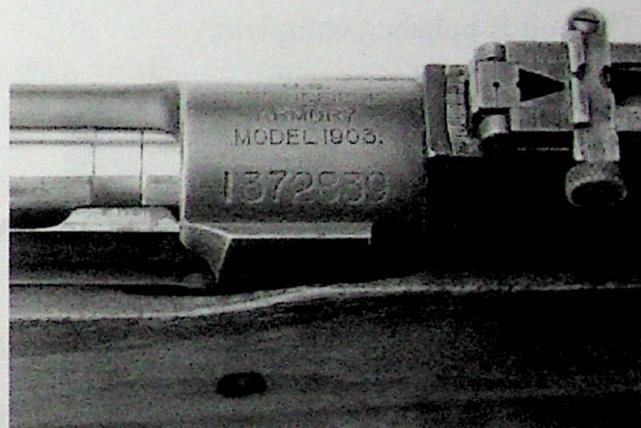
Above: Right side of National Match rifle with full pistol grip stock. All match parts in excellent condition.

Below: Left side of NM rifle with NM rear sight.

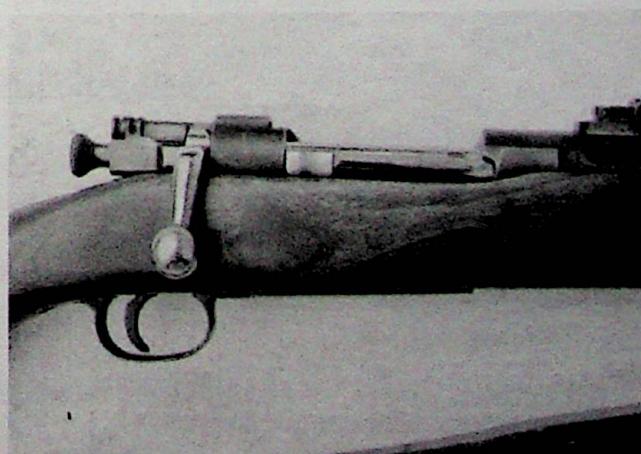
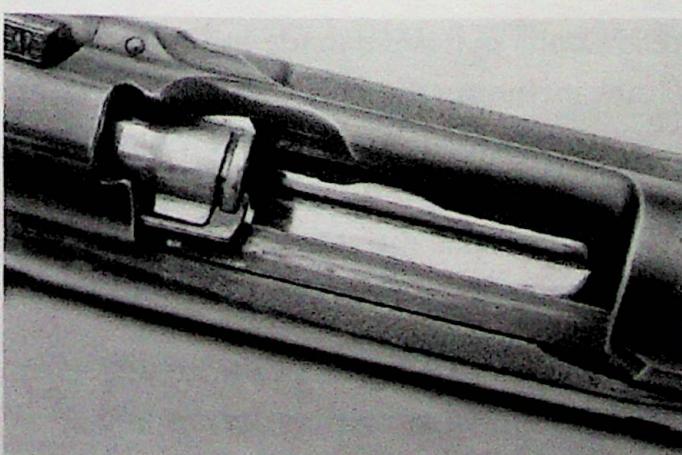
Below: Receiver marked number 1372839.



Below: Polished bolt, rails, and follower.



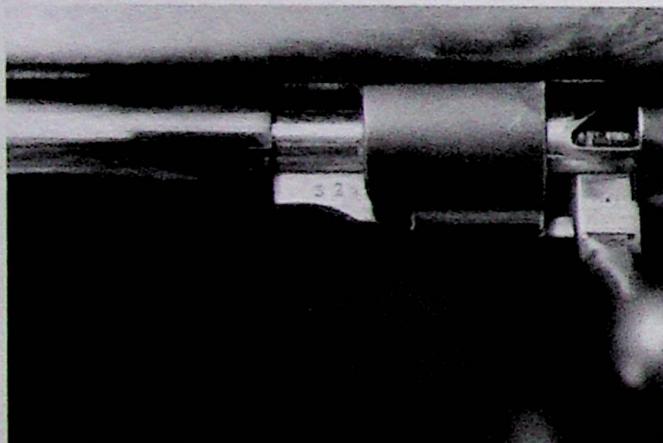
Below: Right side of NM rifle.



Below: Star marking on muzzle of barrel.



Below: Springfield marking S 29. This mark indicates the arsenal marking for steel and date of 1929. It is very rare and seldom seen on the bottom of the root of the safety lug. The bolt is polished completely.



We were very interested in this particular National Match rifle. The serial number is in an area of National Match production and approaching the Great Depression years of the United States.

Springfield Armory was caught in budget cuts as well as many companies. This rifle is a little unique in the number on the bolt and no sales documentation. The rifle has

all of the correct parts, finish, polished bolt, stock quality, and quality.

SRS has searched every place that we are able and know of a great deal of serial numbers that are missing from military records. One area that has been described to us is a U.S. Army depot that had many records that ended up on a floor of a building. The loose papers were gathered up and put in the trash.

We have tried unsuccessfully to ask, borrow, and offer to sort and copy documents. We have never been totally successful. Budgets are always a problem and excess documents and no capability to save data that is not of a current or critical need is put at the bottom of a list.

National Match rifle have a list of features including: special stock with quality bedding, star gaged barrels marked at the muzzle and on the barrel under the handguard, bolts polished and marked with a NS or other makings such as WL 2 and the rare S29, special parts marked NS or CV, and unique quality rear sights.

There are bolts that were made in limited quantities including the bolt handle with an X. It was made for 1940 National Match rifles and cannot be confused with Smith Corona bolt that has different machining and design, but also has an X.

We feel that this rifle is one of the quality National Match rifle made by Springfield Armory.

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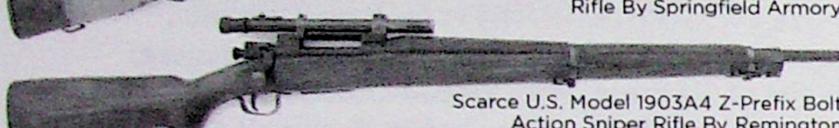
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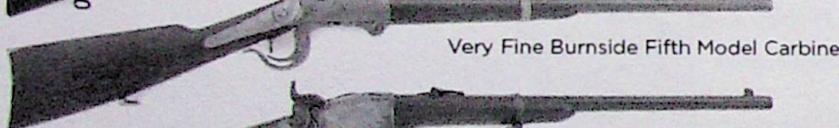
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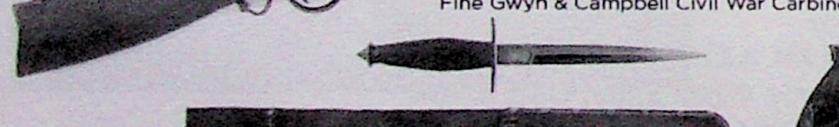
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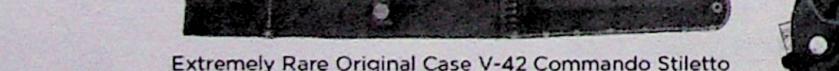
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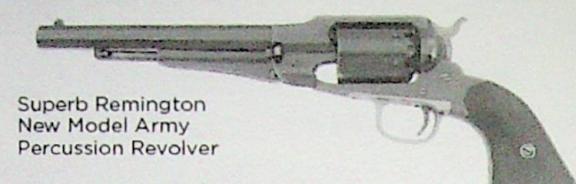
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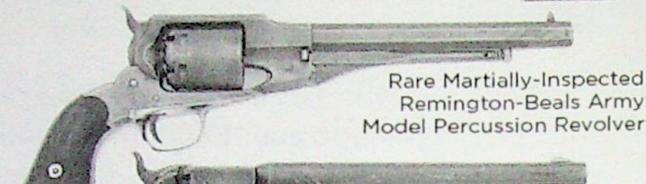


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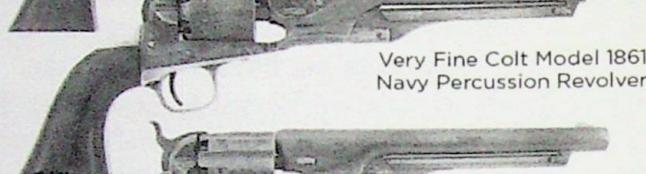
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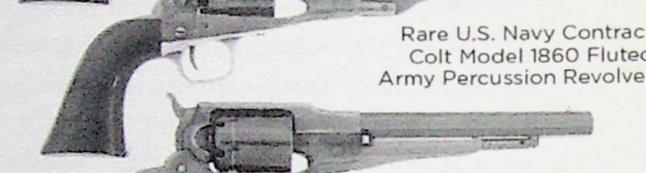
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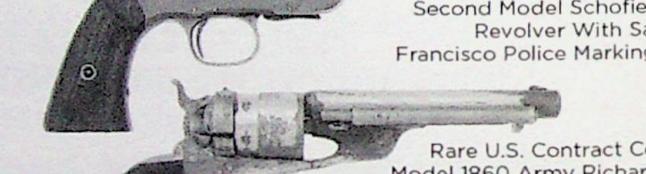
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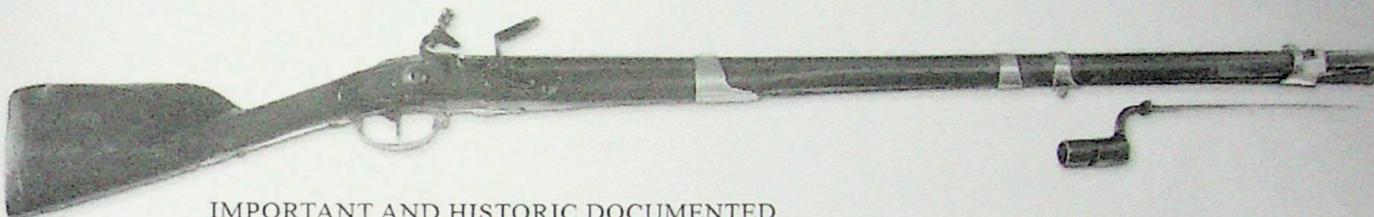
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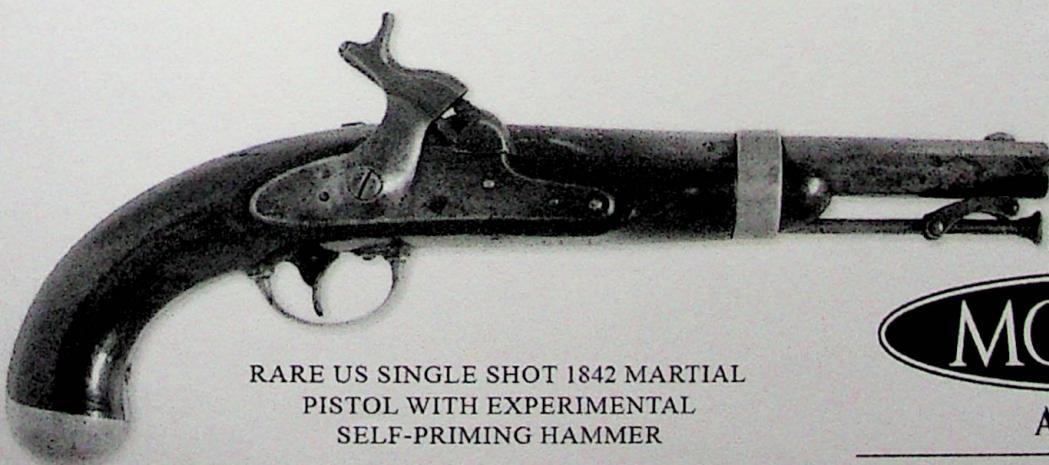
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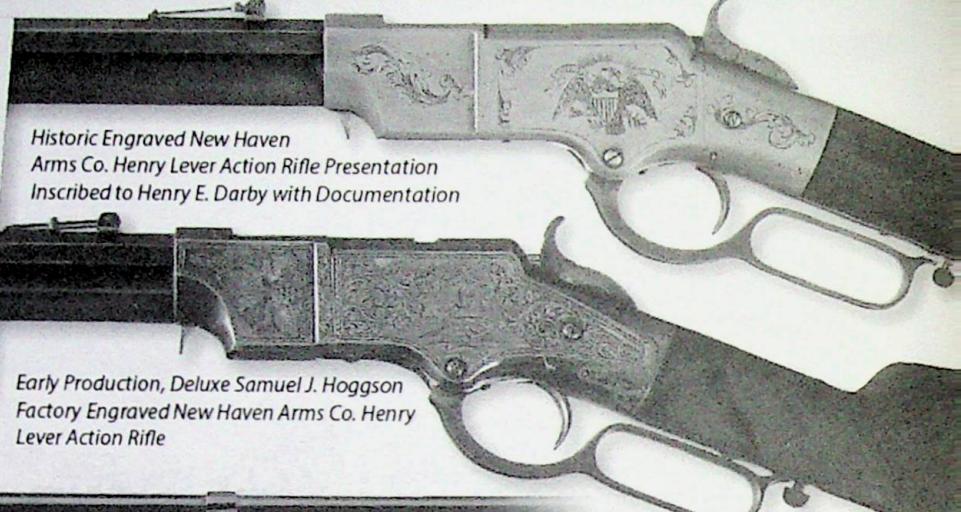
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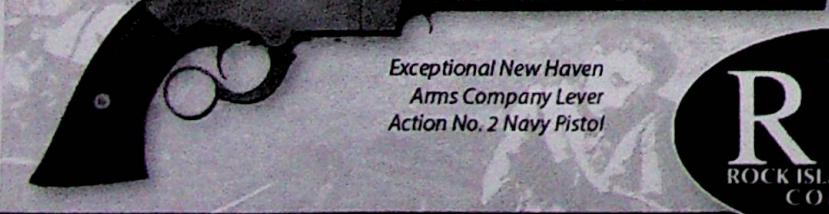
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