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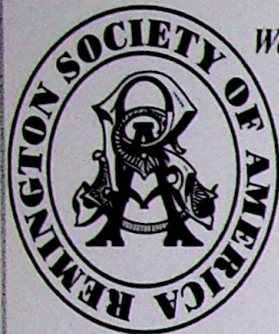
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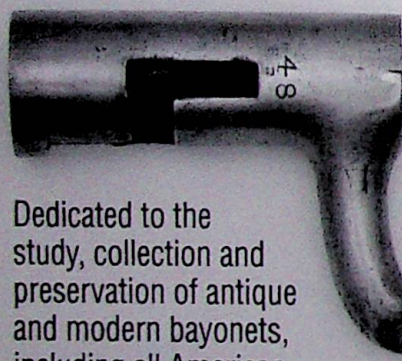
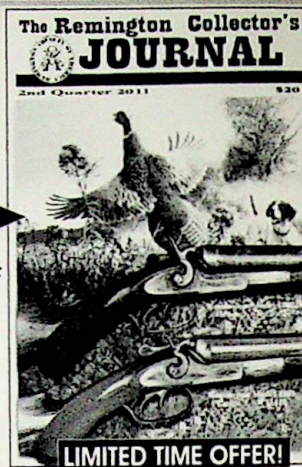
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SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH SERVICE and U.S. MARTIAL ARMS COLLECTOR MAGAZINE.MARKET FOR WEAPONS AND COLLECTIONS

This has been an exceedingly challenging time to produce our magazine. The Covid-19 virus has affected many of our operations, including losses in the U.S. mail of checks and other documents and returns of magazines due to incorrect addresses and no forwarding addresses.

The normal business practices have been slowed down or stopped.

This includes incoming delays of mail, long lines, longer lines to mail out magazines and deliverables, and similar problems at banks and supply facilities. We try to visit our mailbox each day to check on incoming mail.

Normal driving is very questionable in the Washington area with a record day long Route 95 stoppage and similar lengthy delays in all directions

We now adjust our travel to make meetings.

On the good side we have been able to answer most emails on serial number searches and complete our serial number letters. SRS has managed to save our sales data from Springfield Armory and loose-leaf documents required for detailed letters.

These efforts require more hours to complete and may require additional costs. The U.S. Archives is still closed, and there are now missing documents that cannot be recovered. Government personnel are still working on these problems.

AUCTION HOUSES

Auction houses are maintaining high-volume sales and record-breaking high dollar purchases. They all expect this trend to continue but they are also wary of their excessive costs for personnel and all business expenses.

More auction houses are displaying at large gun- shows and accepting items of all makes and manufactures at the shows.

Covid-19 is making businesses work harder and change operations. This is resulting in longer time to produce documents.

SPRINGFIELD RESEARCH SERVICE DATA BASE STATUS

The Covid-19 has limited the research that can be done at government facilities. SRS cannot visit the United States Archives. All buildings are closed because of Covid-19. We have not received exact dates for government openings.

Springfield Research Service (SRS) started as a newsletter is now a magazine. We continue to write letters based on serial number searches for our subscribers as time and travel permit. There is always a delay when US Martial Arms Collector Magazine is working on deadlines and publications. We need to meet deadlines before doing serial number searches and writing letters.

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We still rely on the U.S. Postal Office for all our products. Please email us if you have not received any order for a letter or other material. We continue our efforts to provide documentation letters but can only provide limited detailed letters. Standard letters and sales letters have a short delay but can be ordered. All letters are based on records that we have in our files, but records are in loose papers and require much more time to find and read.

The best way to request a serial number search is by email, (editor@usmartialarmscollector.com). Requests by cell phone are a major problem. There is only a 10% chance that they will be received in a usable form. Audio messages are impossible to receive.

The magazine will continue publication in March, June, September, and December of each year. We expect first class U.S. mail to be started on the first of each of the months listed.

Many of our readers use PAYPAL that includes an agreement between a subscriber and PAYPAL. If an incorrect box is checked with PAYPAL, there may be information not wanted by a subscriber. You must contact PAYPAL to correct any problem. We rely on PAYPAL notices for payment and addresses, and we can issue refunds to cancel a subscription.

We reserve extra copies of each printed issue but cannot keep an unlimited number needed for reserves. Lately, SRS ran out of many contemporary issues. We rely on our current mailing lists for our subscribers.

Please send any changes to SRS Box 126 Cabin John, MD 20818. We always need updated names and addresses. This is a continuing problem.

SRS will continue to show last issue numbers after each subscriber's name. This will be reviewed to use the best way to keep subscriptions up to date.

Direct email to editor@usmartialarmscollector.com is the only way to make sure that a message or photo is received.

CURRENT ISSUE

Issue 170 dated March 2022 is the current issue and is set to be mailed the 1st of March 2022.

We receive daily emails for serial number lookups and answer all as soon as possible. Our deliverables have been made but please email us if you have ordered a letter and it has not been received.

Issue ninety-six and other issues that have specific 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 as well as other older issues require special attention and may take an extended time to deliver. We will continue these efforts, including the storage of old issues dating back over fifty years. This will continue if possible.

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Cover

Brown Bess First Model used from Pre-Revolutionary War times, the 1759 Louisburg battle (Louisburg Square Boston, MA), through the American Revolution.

ADVERTISING

Our full- page advertising deadlines are usually the first day of the preceding month of delivery. The projected dates for magazine mailing 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 SRS sales documents.

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 and the need for armed guards. More time is spent to travel to government facilities and comply with their rules for searching, copying, and the actual handling of documents.

COMMENTS AND INPUTS

Please send to:
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An inquiry can be made by U.S. mail to SRS

Box 126, Cabin John, MD 20818. This will take an extended time.

All comments are welcome, and we received emails and letters from our subscribers with comments and suggestions about articles published with responses that are extremely helpful and give us data on interests from our readers.

LETTERS WRITTEN

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Rifle, U.S. Cal. .30, Model 1903, Sporting Model, Serial Number 1 343 105. Shipped to Lt. Commander, F. J. Bailey, Commander., Ninth Battalion, NY Militia Armory, 184 Connecticut Street, Buffalo, New York. ***No date is shown, and the Serial Number was handwritten on Springfield documents.*** Special attention and documentation were made. SRS finds issues that require extra time and other factors that slow down our research. This is a never-ending process.

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Source of this data was from the U. S. Springfield Armory Sales Records, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Pistol, Service Model Ace, serial number 1049, caliber.22. Serial number 1049. Shipped to USS Gansevoort (DD-608) (Lost). November 28, 1945 September 12, 1931. This data was found in U. S. Archives Records, Washington, D.C. Record Group 74.

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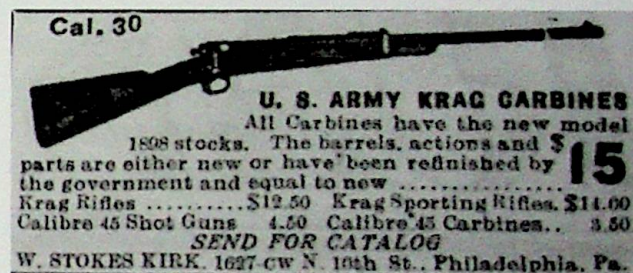
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Rifle, U.S. Cal. .22, Model 1922 M1, N.R.A. Serial Number 159. Sold to Roscoe Baldwin, Pasadena, California. May 28, 1926.

Pistol, U.S., Whitney, Number 26405. Issued to Washington Navy Yard and accepted and proofed for service in the Civil War. December 8, 1864. This data was found in U. S. Springfield Armory Records, U.S. Archives, Washington D.C. in Record Group 74.

Rifle, U.S., Henry Rifle, Serial Number 2076. Issue to Company H, 3rd U.S. Veterans Volunteer Infantry to Thomas Tainer. July 15, 1865. U.S. Civil War. This data was found in U. S. Springfield Armory Records, U.S. Archives Record group 94, Washington D.C.



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Roy L. Bowlin, Ordnance Officer

By William R. Hansen

Question: *Dear Bill,*

I'm directing this to you personally by E-mail since you'll probably be responding anyway. I own a Remington M1903 with a "RLB" Ordnance cartouche. I've read and/or been told by others that Col. Roy Bowlin was the head of the Rochester Ordnance District (ROD), but I've also read from one of your articles that he was not Chief of the District. If so, why do his initials appear on the stock? Was he a transfer or on interim assignment? Also, he didn't seem to stay very long. Was he relieved of duty for some reason? If so, I'm curious about what happened to him?

Regards, Ed Larson

Forward: *Dear Ed,*

Good to hear from you again. Others have inquired about the life of Roy Bowlin also. First of all, at the time of Roy Lindsay Bowlin's career assignment as an Ordnance Officer at the Rochester Ordnance District (ROD), he was a Lt. Col., not a full Col. The Chief of the ROD prior to the Pearl Harbor debacle was a civilian by the name of Erwin R. Davenport. Mr. Davenport had been Chief since September 1940 and wouldn't be relieved of his peace-time role until July 1942 upon appointment of Col. Frank J. Atwood (FJA) as Chief of the ROD. So, until full militarization of all Ordnance Districts, Bowlin represented the military's presence at the ROD as its "Executive Officer" (Deputy Chief) on behalf of the Ordnance Dept. under General C. T. Harris, Chief of Industrial Relations Service. Peacetime operations of Ordnance Districts were largely managed by civilians due to the limited resources available to a part-time Army.

Pearl Harbor and the U.S. declaration of War changed all that! Thereafter, only military personnel were

authorized to engage contract procurement of goods and services. That's where Roy Bowlin came in. As **Deputy Chief** of the ROD, he was also its **Chief Inspector** even though he had little onsite presence at any vendor's manufacturing operation. By the way, in case you didn't realize it, Bowlin's cartouche **RLB** appears on numerous other weapons and equipment manufactured by Ithaca and Savage that came under ROD jurisdiction during his tenure. If you've never seen the enclosed photo before, it would be a great addition to your file. Col. Bowlin pictured in the foreground



Rear, Left to Right -- J. L. Moriarity, N. C. Peck, Lieut. Kendall Castle, Bertsche, Roy Bennett and Mayor Coleman. Front--Lieut. Col. Bowlin, and G. O. Clifford.

accepting the very first Remington made M1903 (SN 3,000,000) on December 10, 1941, on the 4th Floor of Bldg. 52 at the Ilion, NY plant from George O. Clifford, Remington's Plant Manager. In receiving the rifle, Col. Bowlin said "...the Springfield model has been the finest military weapon of the world for many years....and you people here in Ilion have outdone the original Springfield".

As far as what happened to Roy Bowlin is concerned, he was reassigned from the ROD to where it was believed his skills and knowledge could be better utilized in war-time. Bowlin had become a very experienced and well respected Ordnance Officer having served at Frankford Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Ground, and elsewhere. After graduation from **West Point** on April 20, 1917, he had initially chosen a career in the infantry and was assigned the 22nd Infantry at Fort Jay, New York. After graduating from the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in June 1918, he served in various assignments during the remainder of WWI, including a stint as a Provost Marshall. But, that all changed in July 1919 after his regiment was attached to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. He had been promoted to the permanent rank of Captain in September. Then, after graduating from the Ordnance School in June, 1920, he permanently transferred to the Ordnance Department becoming an Ordnance Officer with a strong engineering and technical focus. Indeed, in July, 1921 he graduated from the Ordnance School of Technology at the Watertown Arsenal in Maryland.

During his long tenure, he cultivated a wide and varied experience in serving most

everything the Ordnance Dept. had to offer. This included a stint in the Panama Canal Zone

and South America between 1923 and 1926. He was also assigned to Ordnance Headquarters in Washington D.C. for a short period. In June, 1932 he graduated from the Army Industrial College in Washington D.C., soon promoting to Lt. Colonel on December 1, 1932.



Bowlin was also a respected and accomplished marksman with the Springfield rifle, having competed individually and for the Army during the 1920s. So, it was not entirely surprising that he ended up as Chief Inspector at the Rochester Ordnance District (ROD) during the Remington startup of the WWII edition of the M1903 in 1941. Now, as to what happened after his ROD assignment?

If you have kept up with your military WWII history, you know the Japanese finally succeeded in closing the door to Burma in May 1942, thus cutting off the Allied supply route to China. That prompted immediate action for which Lt. Col. Roy Bowlin played a significant role. After a brief stint as Commanding Officer of the new St. Louis Ordnance Plant, he was reassigned by Headquarters to represent the Ordnance Department in the largely air-blitz campaign to keep the China-Burma-India (CBI) Theater of *Lend-Lease* operations supplied and managed. As Chief Ordnance Officer under Lt. General Joseph W. ("Vinegar Joe") Stilwell, he became embroiled in the horrendous logistical task during this period of the War to keep these supply lines open. It would essentially remain his assignment until War's end. It is noted that Bowlin was 49 years old at the time of this assignment change and the less than tenable conditions in this part of the world eventually

would take its toll on his health. At the age of 52 at Wars-end after being discharged from a hospital stay in England from a cardiac arrest, he returned home to Rochester, NY, having resigned his commission under disability retirement on August 31, 1945.

In closing, allow me to summarize his life as follows: Col. Bowlin was born on October 28, 1893 in New Albany, Kansas. He was the eldest of 2 children born to A. J. and Marie Bowlin.

After graduating from **West Point**, he married Mary (Marie) Louise Muecke from, Westchester, New York. They had 5 children, the eldest of which was named Roy Lindsay Bowlin, Jr. It is interesting that Bowlin, Jr. was also a West Point graduate, Class of 1943, and served his country as fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

After his retirement from the Army, Roy Bowlin remained at his residence in Rochester, NY for most of the 14 years remaining in his life. However, with his deteriorating health issues, he moved to

Jupiter/Tequesta vicinity (Palm Beach), Florida near where many of his children were living in 1956.

Bowlin died on November 21, 1959 at the age of 66. His burial place was at the **West Point Cemetery** family plot along with his wife and his WWII decorated son Charles...also an



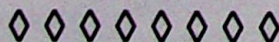
Army officer, who died shortly after the War and awarded the Purple Heart. His wife Marie passed away in 1978 at the age of 91. His son, Roy Bowlin, Jr. joined them both at the West Point Cemetery in 2012... having lived to age 92.



Bowlin at his ROD office in 1941

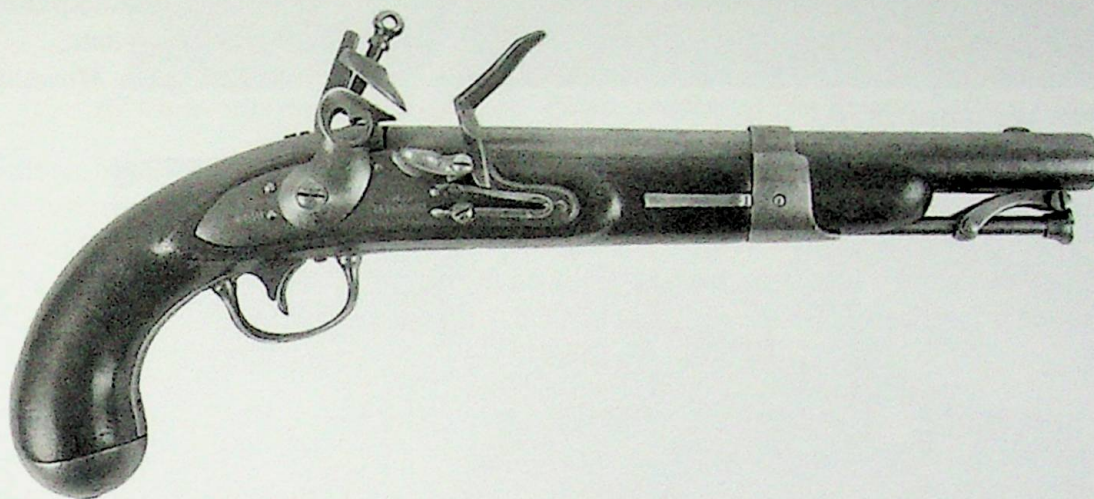


Bowlin at his desk upon retirement 1945



SIMEON NORTH US MODEL 1826 NAVY PISTOL

By Marc Gorelick



Simeon North 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. North had a genius for mechanical invention and was a pioneer of the concept of manufacturing products with interchangeable parts. Until the 20th century the US Government never really produced handguns at the various National Armories. While Harper’s Ferry produced the graceful Model 1805 flintlock pistols early in its production history, and Springfield Armory produced about 1,000 large Model 1807/1817 flintlock pistols and the US M-1855 pistol carbine, neither armory ever truly attempted to fill the nation’s need for martial pistols. Instead, the US government relied almost exclusively on private gunmakers to supply handguns during the 19th century and from 1799 until 1828, a period of about 30 years, Simeon North was the primary contractor of martial pistols to the United States government.

The US Model 1826 Naval Pistol has the distinction of being the last martial pistol that North produced under contract. This pistol is similar to North’s US Model 1819 Army pistol, but with reduced dimensions. The barrel was shortened from the M1819’s 10 inches to 8 5/8 inches. There is also a sharper curve to the stock at the grip, which reduced the overall length to 13 1/4 inches. It is 6 inches high and 2 1/4 inches wide and weighs about 2 1/4 pounds. The smoothbore barrel is .54 caliber and, like the M1819, it has a button-head captive swivel ramrod. The large “U” shaped rear sight and the narrow brass front sight of the M1819 were retained, however the M1819’s lock safety catch was eliminated. A three inch long belt hook was fastened to the left side of the stock by a screw and stud. The iron barrel and furniture were acid browned. The single barrel band is 1/2 inch wide on top and 1 1/8 inch on the bottom and is held in place by a stud spring.

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The lockplate is 4 5/8 inches long with beveled edges forward of the cock and convex behind, terminating in a point. The convex, reinforced cock has a heart-shaped jaw screw aperture and the detachable brass pan is set at an angle on the lockplate and is without a fence. The lockplate forward of the cock is stamped in two lines: **U.S. / S.NORTH**. Behind the cock is the date, either 1827 or 1828. (NOTE: The one known exception is a pair of pistols in the Tojhus Museum in Copenhagen that are dated 1826.)



Lockplate with date and S. North stamp. Photo courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal

The breech of the barrel is stamped in three lines: **US / AH / (circle) P**. (Note: A North Model 1826 in the Smithsonian collection has an **ET** stamp on the breech instead of the **AH**.) The **P** proof mark is in a depressed rosette. The inspector initials **AH** are those of Asabel Hubbard who was a Springfield Armory armorer and contract arms inspector. The 11 3/4 inch long black walnut stock is marked on the left side with the cartouche of **ET** in an oval, "ET" being inspector Elisha Tobey, an Armory Sub-Inspector...



Breech with US / AH / P stamps. Photo courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal

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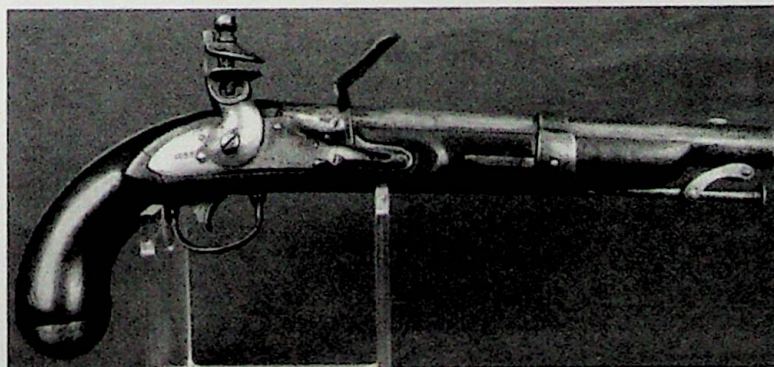
ET Cartouche on left side of stock. Photo courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal.

Simeon North entered into three contracts with the US Navy Department to provide 500 pairs (per contract) of M-1826 Navy pistols for a total of 3,000 pistols. The first contract was on November 16 (or 17), 1826, the second on December 12, 1827, and the third on August 18, 1828. The pistols were priced at \$7.00 each (or \$14 per pair) and were to be delivered to the US Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York. All 3000 pistols were delivered over a seven-month period between June 30, 1828 and February 18, 1829.

The Navy converted most of their M1826 flintlock pistols to percussion and they are rarely found in original flintlock. According to Smith and Bitter*, almost all the conversions are the cone-on-top-of-barrel method used by the US Navy in the 1840's and 1850's. Fredrick Winter** estimated that only about 150 North M1826 Navy pistols survive today with only 45 in unaltered state.

The Model 1826 was the last pistol produced by Simeon North for the US Government. With the completion of the contract and the final delivery in 1829, North concentrated on the production of carbines and rifles based on the breech-loading Hall patent.

However, North's exit from manufacturing pistols is not the end of the Model 1826 Navy Pistol story. In 1830 and 1831 the Navy signed three contracts with William L. Evans to manufacture 2,000 Model 1826 pistols. These were all delivered by January 1832. These pistols are almost identical to the North pistols. Indeed, because many of the parts are interchangeable, it is possible that Evans purchased North's pistol making machinery after North stopped making pistols.



** Smith, Samuel E. and Bitter, Edwin W., Historic Pistols: The American Martial Flintlock, 1760-1845, Scalamandre Publications, New York, NY*

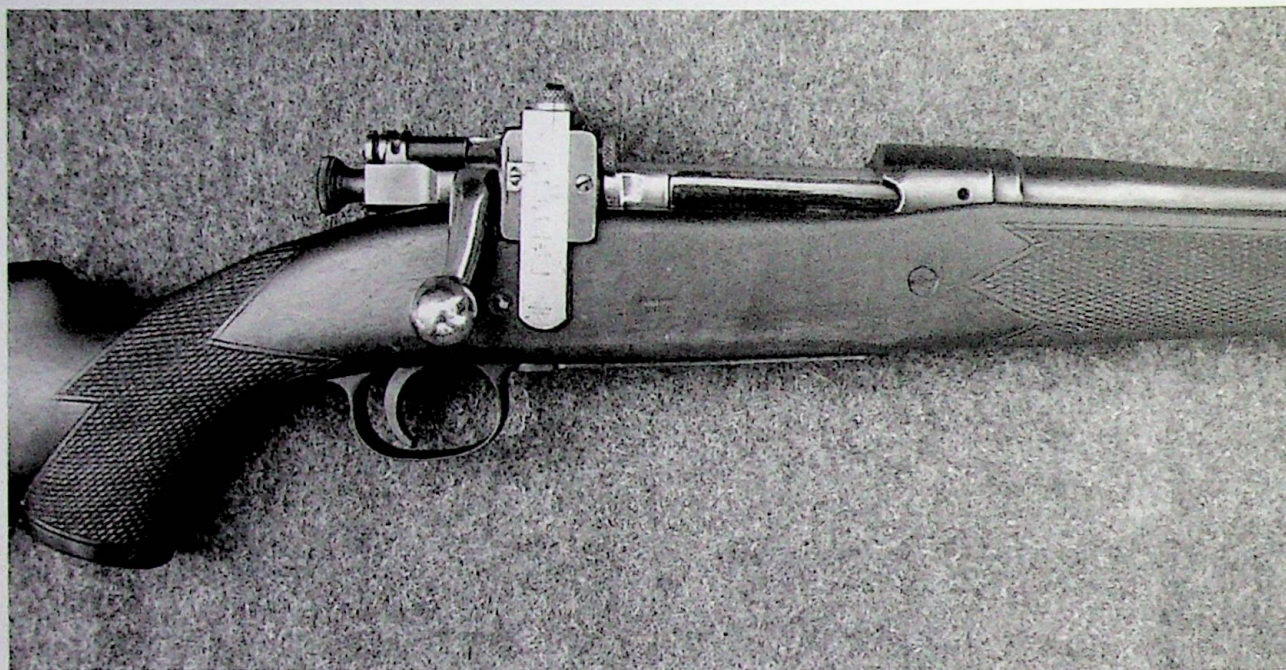
*** Winter, Fredrick R., U.S. Naval Handguns 1808-1911, Andrew Mowbray Publishers, Lincoln, RI*

North M1826 Pistol. Photo courtesy of Tim Prince, College Hill Arsenal

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SPRINGFIELD WINCHESTER CARBINE

The following data and images are of a model 1903 Springfield with Winchester features, stock, and fittings. It has comparison images of a Springfield NRA sporter.



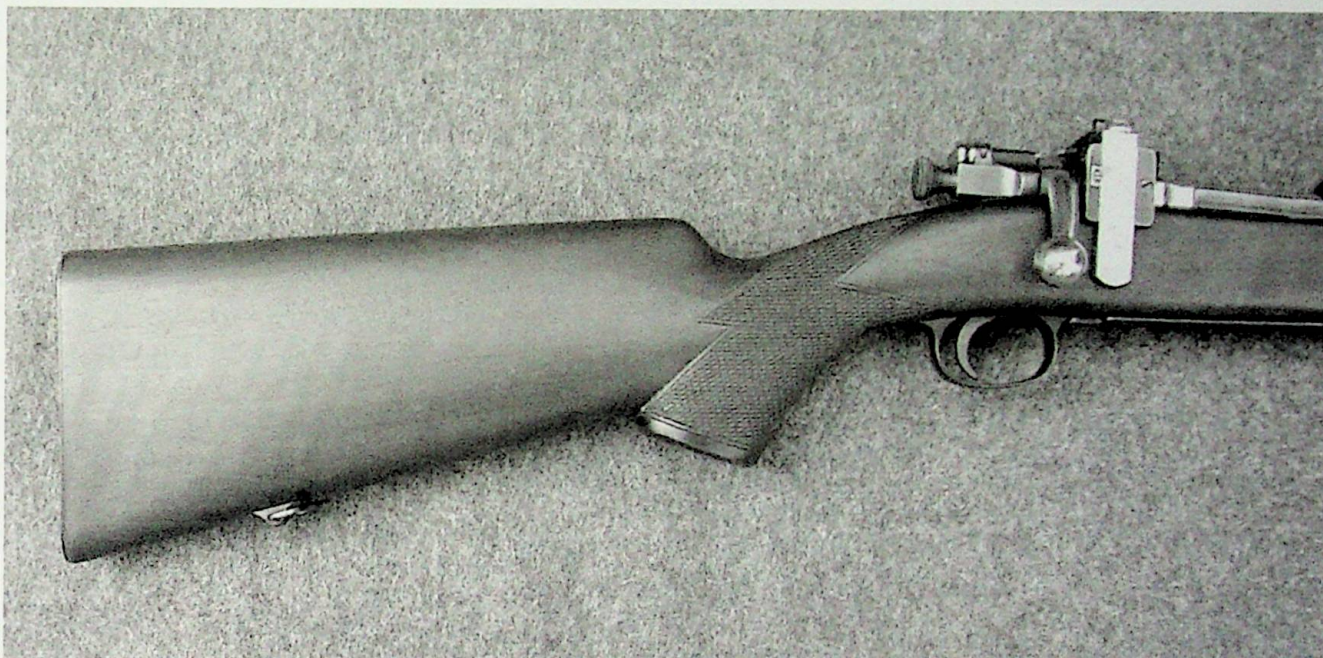
Above: Winchester custom work on a Model 1903 Springfield action, bolt, long slide rear sight, trigger guard, stock with two reinforcing bolts, and trigger.



Above: Right side showing Springfield type checkering, 1903 model front sight, custom barrel band and swivel with a twenty-four-inch barrel and custom stock forend.

Below:

Right side of stock with custom buttplate, grip area, and standard butt swivel. The stock is custom cherected similare to Springfield custom models and the rear sight is shown withe the long elevation slide.



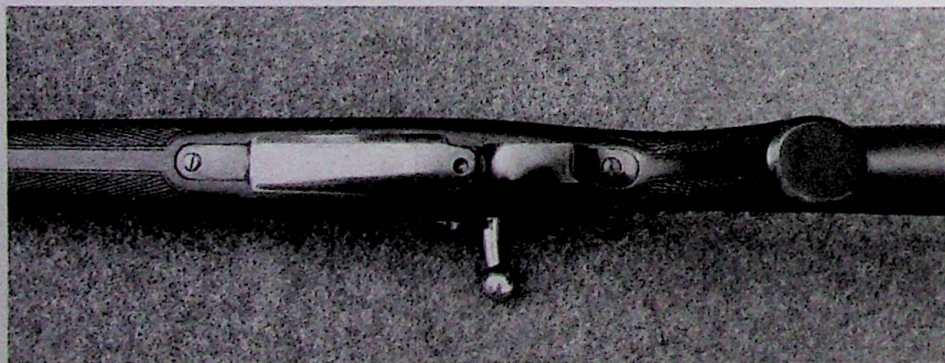
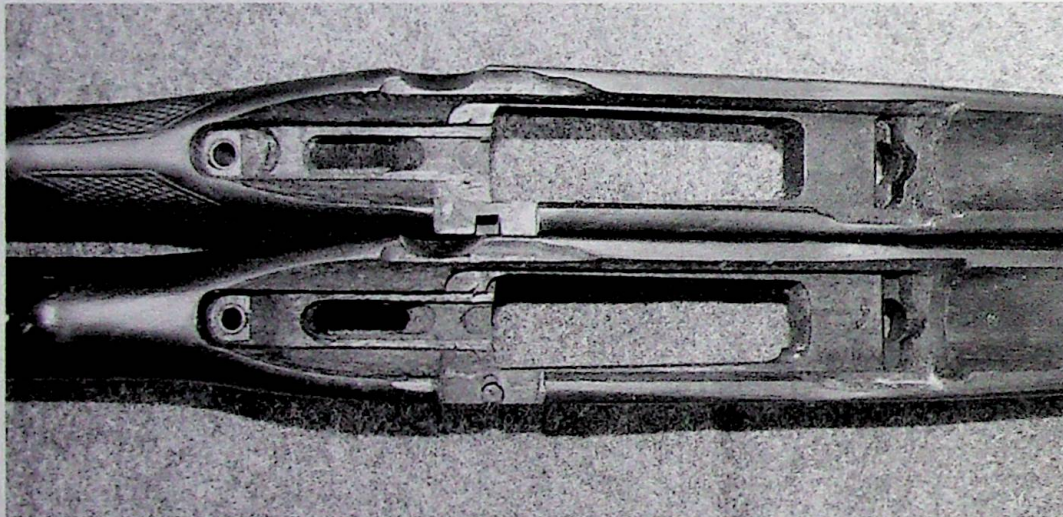
Above: Left side of carbine is shown with custom features and modified front sight that fit on the end of the barrel the same as the military front sight. The front swivel assembly is custom made with a barrel band fitted around the barrel and a special swivel machined to screw into the barrel band. The stock shows the forward stock bolt in the same position as the model 1903.



Left: Custom buttplate for Winchester stock with custom checkering v shaped design and custom tang Springfield 1903 style screws.

Below:

Winchester custom sporter and Springfield Sporter stocks showing inside inletting for custom Winchester sporter with checkering with wood cut for Lyman receiver sight and model 1903 cut-off.



Above: Bottom view of the custom Winchester.

Winchester custom sporter stock is shown with Springfield 1903 triggerguard and floor-plate, grip cap and custom checkering, with a view of the polished 1903 bolt. There have been variations of custom and special order specifications from both Springfield Arsenal and Winchester Arms Company.

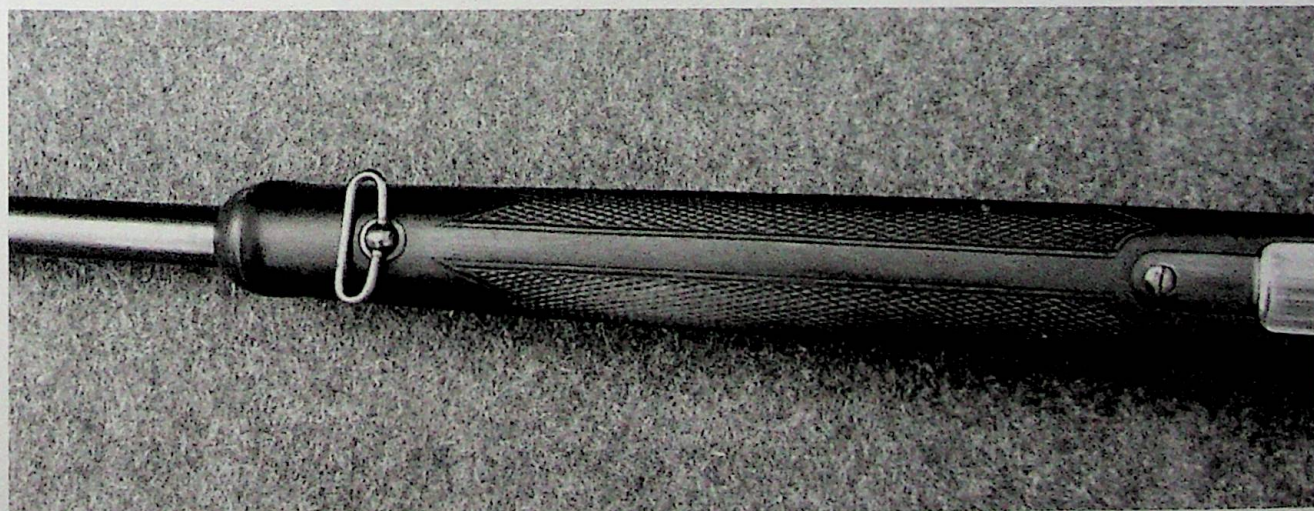
Winchester also sold custom barrels with Wincheste markings for the Model 1903 Springfield. The Winchester Sniper was a commercially made product that was sold as a kit that included a barreled action and unfinished stock. Examples exist that are in homemade condition and special gunsmith finished conditions. Winchester bought quite a few model 1903 actions to compete with the Springfield models in the commercial market.

There have been instances that custom rifle and parts specialists worked at both the Springfield Arsenal and the Winchestr Arms Company. It seems that there are quite a few variations that were made by Griffin and Howe an other gun makers There were also barreled actions and other parts that were sold by Springfield Arsenal.

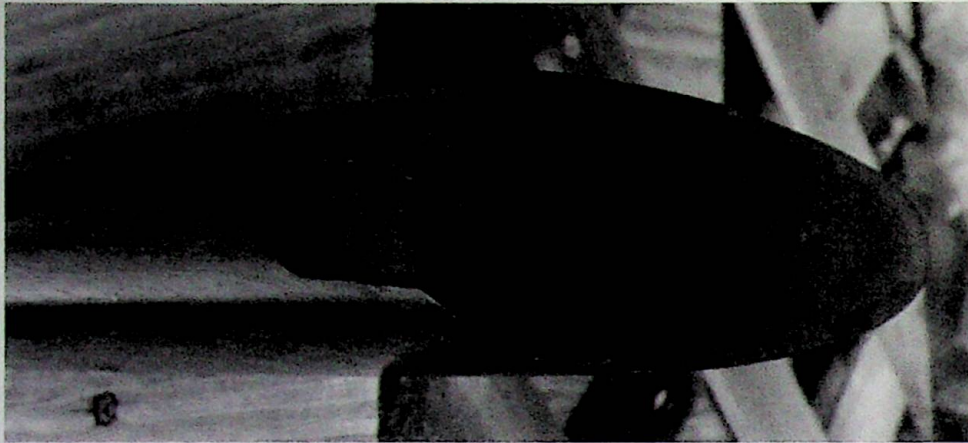
Springfield Research Service has found references to Special Test receivers with markings completely different than standard 1903 receiver markings with U.S.Springfield Armory Model 1903 with serial number. The receivers were marked on the left side and a known sample was marked number cx 0011. Additional references show that the U. S. Congress inspected all production or rifles and parts for accountability of funds down to the last penny. The records have been very difficult to find in any government documentation.

Below:

Winchester custom sporter with custom front sling swivel and custom screw assembly.



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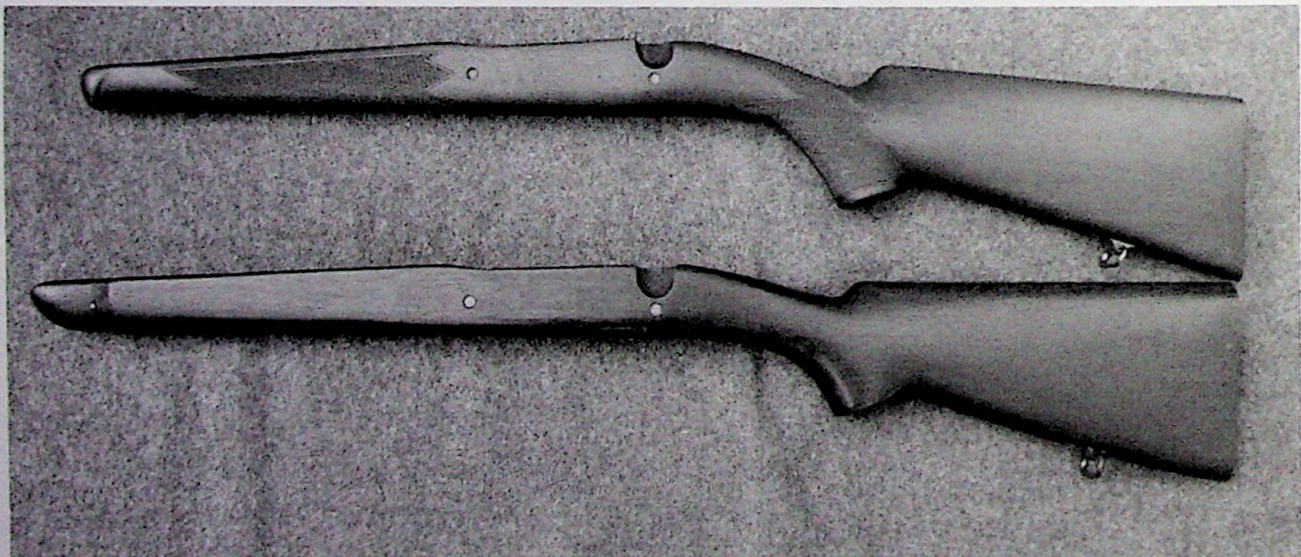


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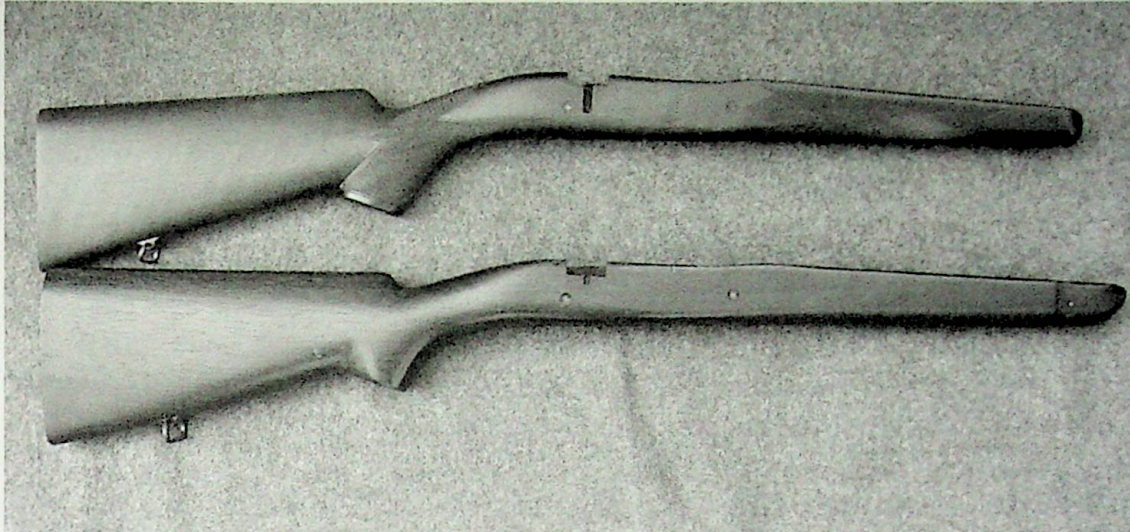
Winchester custom sporter stock made for custom buttplate with no cut for Springfield type buttplate.

Below:

Left side of Winchester custom sporter stock on the top with two reinforcing bolts checkering and forend. Standard 1903 type rear sling swivel was used. Bottom is a standard NRA Sporter for comparison.



Left side of Winchester custom sporter stock a standard NRA Sporter for comparison.



It appears that there are many variations of stocks for these rifles. The ones shown above are two samples of the custom Winchester and below it a standard NRA Sporter stock. We have also found some differences in the inletting for barrels on some stocks. The transfer of NRA spotters from the FBI to the US Marines has found differences in the barrel inletting as well as the 1942 rebuild program that used special barrels.

Custom stocks from Springfield Arsenal show different lengths as well as special buttplates. There were many inquiries concerning the length of pull for short or long armed customers and requests for custom sies. This also included special sling swivels. We have found custom swivel fittings with special barrel bans.

The two stocks shown have very different curves in the grip area as well as custom checkering.

Custom work done by Springfield superb workmen was \$.25 per hour. A cost for entire custom gun was about \$ 8.

We have never found the costs for Winchester employees, but we have found records that show the am names of both inspectors and skilled employees for both Winchester and Springfield.

SRS would welcome any comments, data, or photos of other similar rifles show on the previous pages

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FIRST MODEL BROWN BESS MUSKET WITH EXTENSIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

The first model saw service as early as 1722. This was also the model used by the British in the Revolutionary War. This very weapon is featured on the cover of the June 2016 US Martial Arms Collector magazine along with pictures included in an article about the Battle OF Louisburg, Nova Scotia which the British defeated the French giving them access to the St. Lawrence River. There are four additional photos of this musket within that article. The barrel measures 49" and is .75 bore. Lock is stamped Tower along with GR and crown. Furniture is brass with iron hardware. There are only three pipes. Variations exist in Continental US reworks using British parts for service in Continental Army during the revolution. Condition is good, as is with all early first models that saw years of service and battles. It is complete but there are wood repairs small hole in stock, small cracks, Metal has patina but legends on lock still readable. Barrel breech has double bands and is proof stamped but does not have the typical Crown. The original metal cleaning rod is fitted to the long barrel.



Above: Tower flintlock with all original early features with engraving, crown, hammer, pan, springs, markings, and engravings.

The statue shown commemorates the Battle of 1759 and is in Boston Commons in Boston, Massachusetts.

The United States of America's oldest public park, Boston Common was purchased by its citizens in 1634 for 30 Pounds and officially set aside as public or "common" land by a vote in 1640. The park's original purpose was for military training grounds and a place for grazing cattle.

Just prior to the Revolution, "Sons of Liberty" or early dissenters of British rule, were said to have adorned the "Great Elm" with lanterns to symbolize unity. The Great Elm, known as Boston's "oldest inhabitant" for many years, was destroyed during a huge storm in 1876.



Boston Common has its place in military history. British troops gathered there in 1758 before the 2nd Battle of Louisburg, Nova Scotia, during the French and Indian War. Soldiers were recruited there in 1759, just before the decisive second Siege of Quebec.

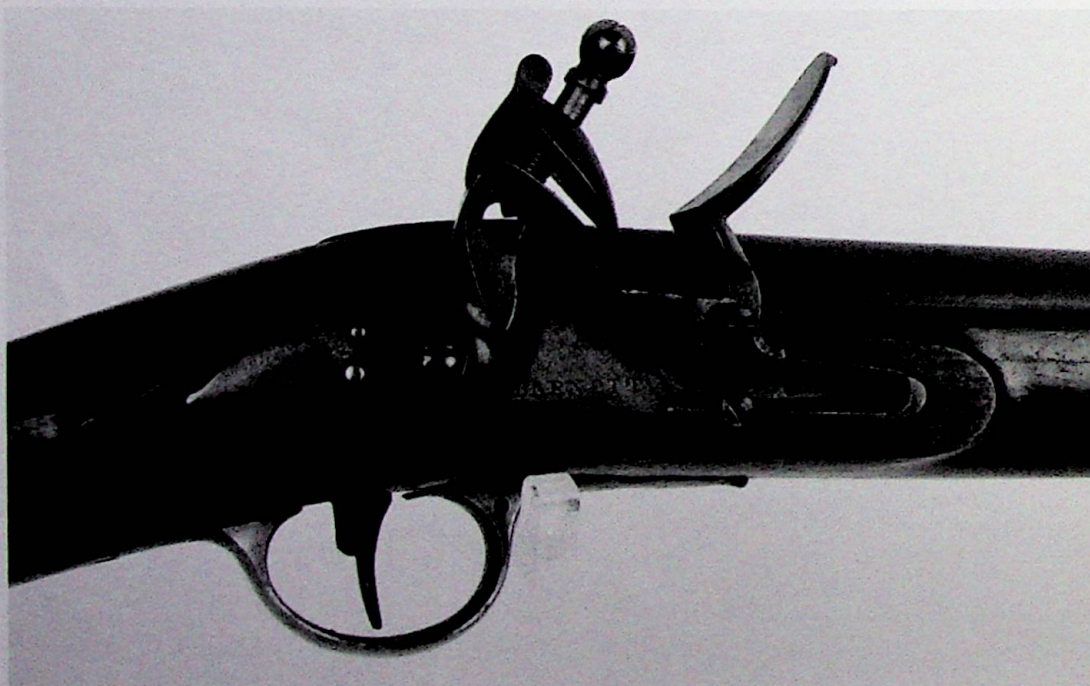
In the American Revolution, Boston Common had trenches, artillery, and a powder house. British forces assembled there before the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775, and before the Battle of Bunker Hill. About 1,700 "Red Coats" spent the winter of 1775-76 at the Common in preparation for a possible attack by George Washington.

MUSKETOON MADE IN ENGLAND CALIBER .75

Photos below show the short three pipe flintlock made by Barnett of London, intended for militia sales, this is a short barreled (28") .75 bore flintlock Musketoon. Browned barrel has three English proof marks. Lock is stamped Barnett, there is a rack number 6 stamped on top of butt plate. All furniture is brass to include three pipes, fore-end tip, trigger guard, butt plate and side plate. Shown is a metal ramrod and a period bayonet. These Musketoons were sold to militia units in England in the early 19th century. This is in outstanding condition. All original and would rate at least fine or better.



Above: Right side with original flintlock, short spaced three pipes with brass fittings, steel ramrod, and period bayonet.



Above: Right side of Barnett original flintlock with brass trigger guard and original sharp walnut contours on stock. Barnett was proofed in London with the three London proof-marks. SRS feels that the rarity and excellent condition warrants a great interest in London, and U.S. history, and is of interest to our readers.



Above: The left side of the musket is shown with very sharp original walnut stock with brass two screw side plate, brass trigger guard, three proofs

KETLAND BROWN BESS FLINTLOCK MUSKET.

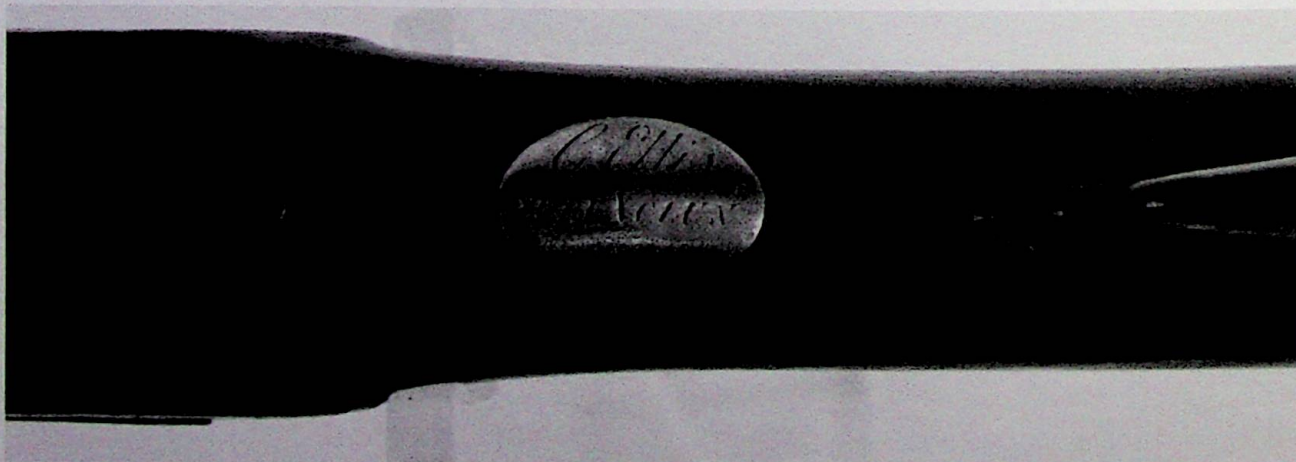
Brown Bess marked Ketland & Company Pattern 1777 Short Land Pattern Brown Bess Flintlock Musket is dated 1794. This pattern of the Brown Bess Musket was devised during the American Revolutionary War and saw service in the colonies, the Napoleonic Wars, as well as the British invasion during the War of 1812. The left side of stock is stamped Y+C 186. This is a York Militia inventory stamp. The brass thumb plaque is stamped G. Ellis York VOLEN^{tr} 1794. The lock is stamped Ketland & Co. Serial number on barrel is 150. Barrel measures 42" and is a .75 musket bore. Other features include four brass pipes, metal rod, sling swivels, brass fore-end tip. All hardware is steel finished in the white. This early dated and identified Brown Bess remains in superb condition.



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The Short Land Pattern Musket is shown with the right side of the musket with original walnut stock with original flintlock complete with excellent hammer frizzen and other parts. The touchhole is excellent with perfectly operating flintlock system. The trigger guard is shown with original swivel and screw. The lock plate is marked Ketland and Co. Ketland was a famous family name in muskets and parts over an extended period.

Below: York Military stamp with brass buttplate.





Above: Right side showing two screw side plate, trigger guard swivel, and stock.

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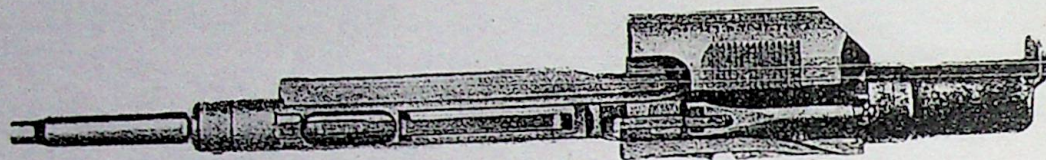
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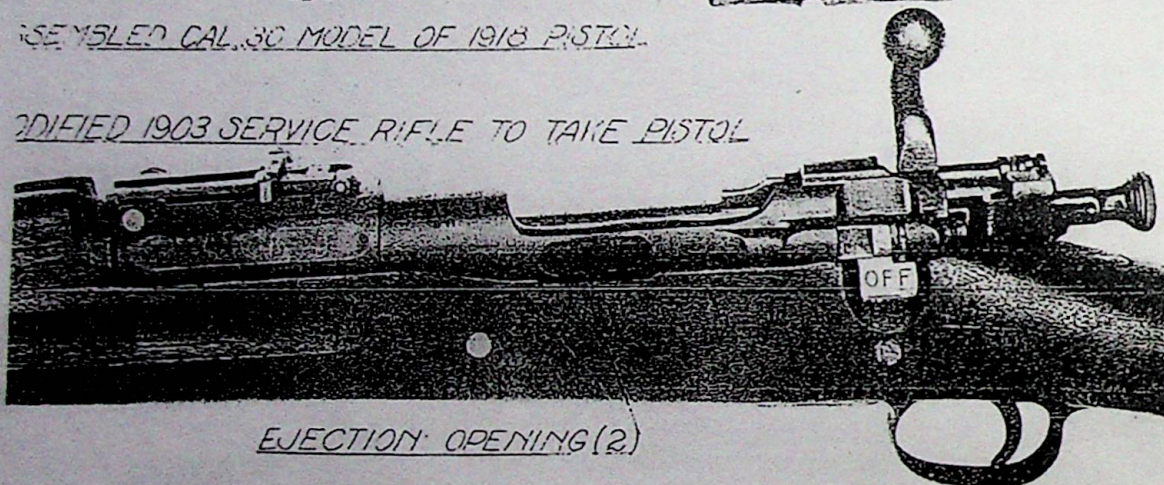
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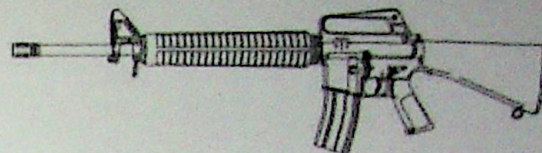


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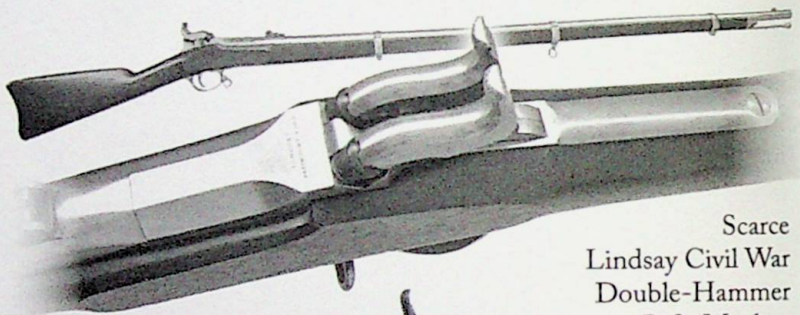
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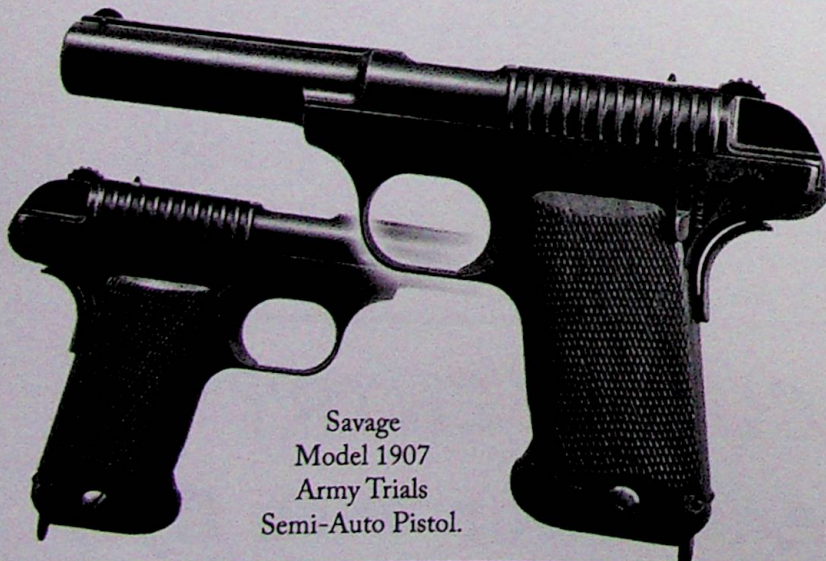


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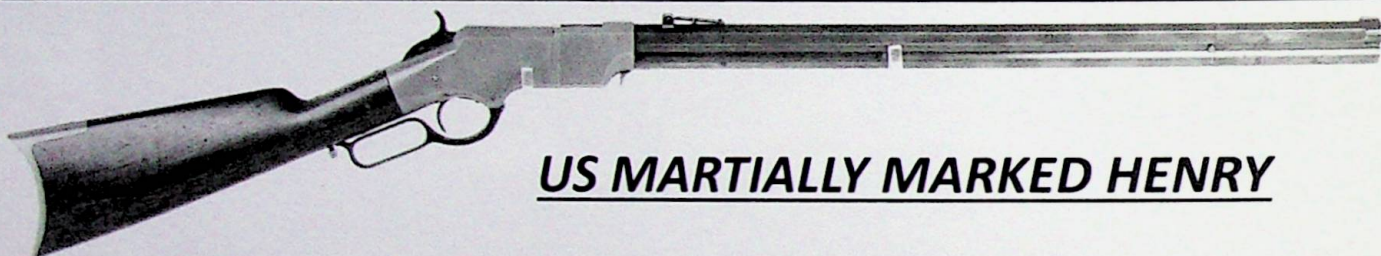
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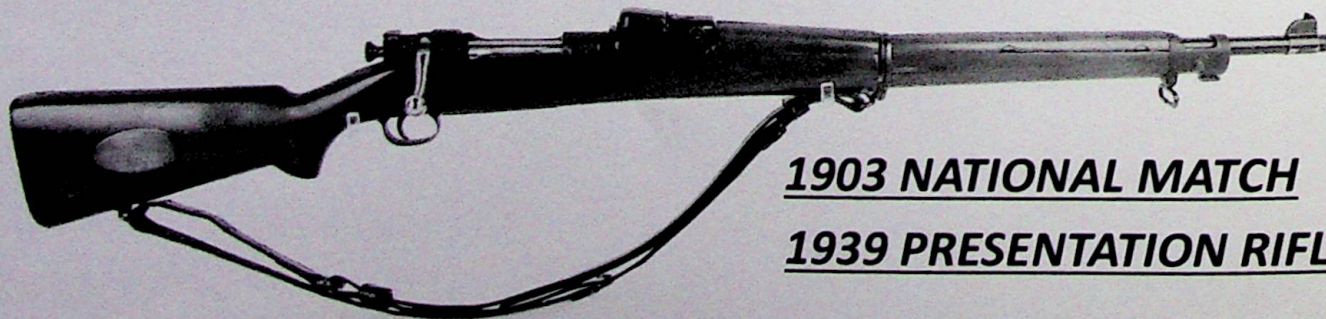
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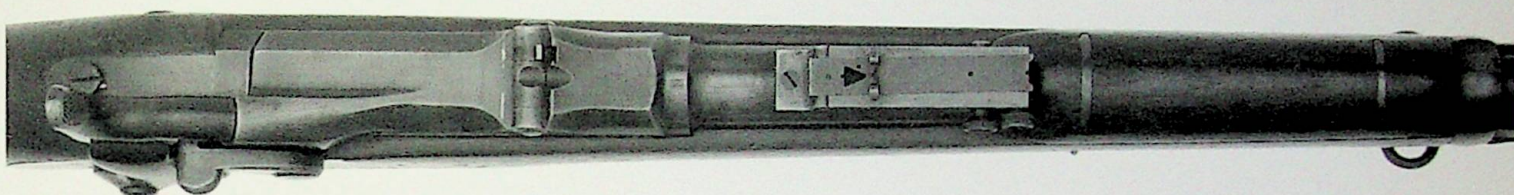
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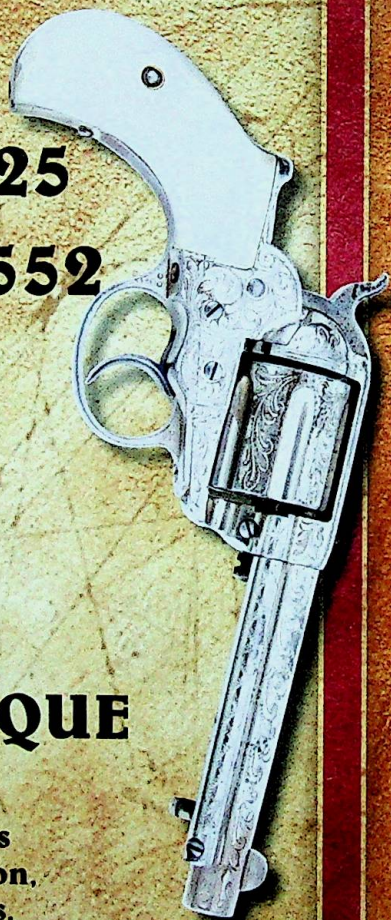
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