

APRIL 2025 SALES LIST

As the country's leading specialist in supplying quality items to discerning collectors, investors, and shooters of antique and vintage arms we take pleasure in presenting our latest sales listing. On these pages you will find one of the best selections available. We are confident that this list offers the best value in the country, where you will find quality items, cheaper than encountered at arms fairs and with other dealers. We are full time professionals, not Arms Fair part timers who like to make a big profit at your cost. To survive we have to deal with people fairly and more than just once.

Many items come and go without even appearing on our website, some even vanish into our own collections without mention. So, if there are any particular items you are looking for please give us a call, maybe we can help.

Our regularly updated website now lists most of our stock, that you can view 24/7. You can look with pleasure; decide at leisure, no pressure, no crowd. We hope you enjoy this catalogue. If you have any queries or require further information on any item, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service now and in the future.

In the near future we are expecting an extensive collection from S. Africa, which will include a large selection of Martini-Henry's. We are just awaiting export licensing.

We would like to draw your attention to a new book we have recently published entitled A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930. Details Below.

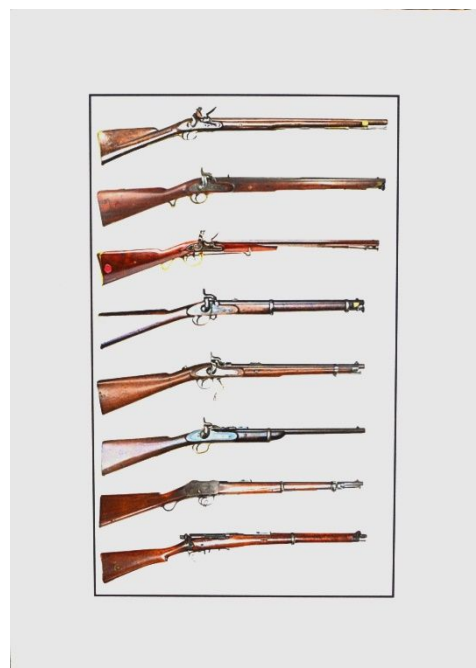
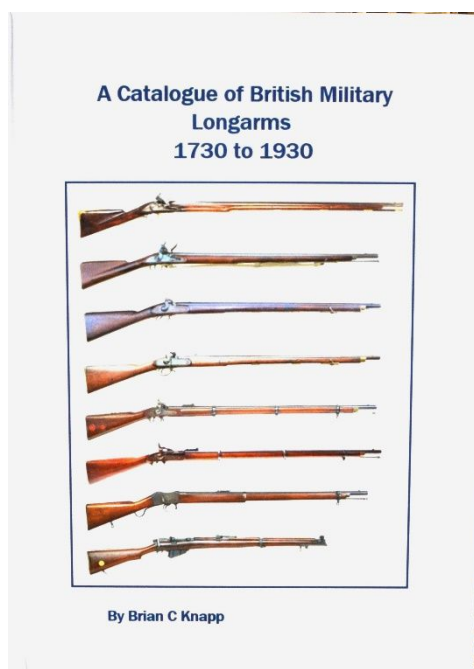
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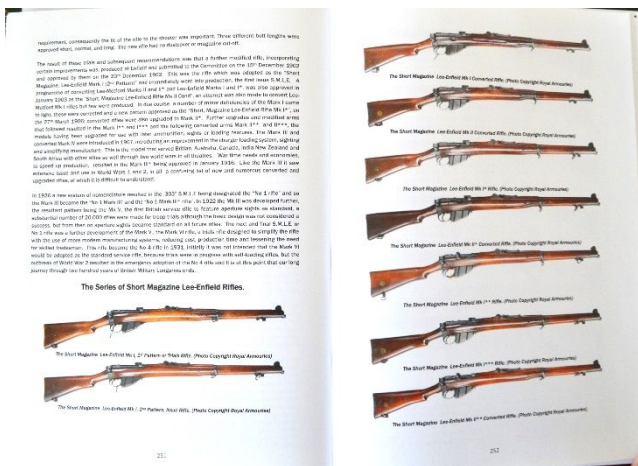
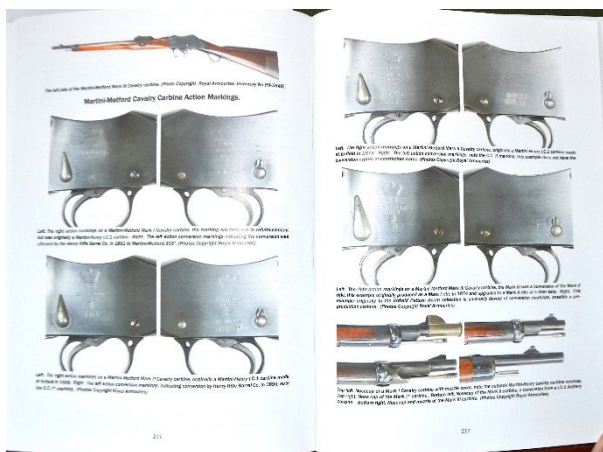
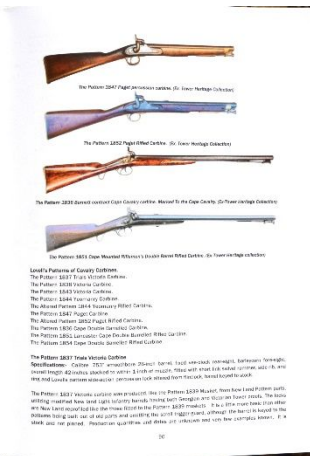
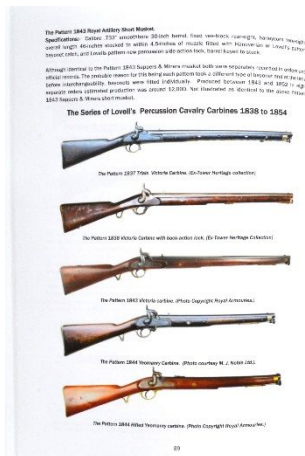
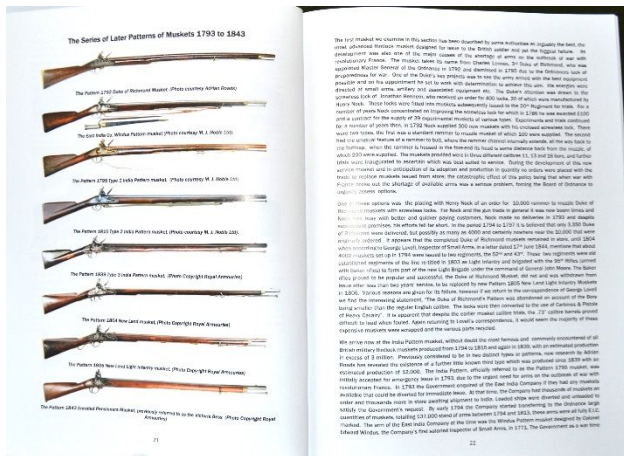
A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930.

This new book which will be available soon and will without doubt be the standard reference work on the subject, it totals 17 chapters, 267 pages with over 650 colour illustrations, the majority of them of items in the Royal Armouries collection. The work tells the story of the evolution of all British military longarms including muskets, rifles and carbines over that 200-year timespan, from Long Land to S.M.L.E. The book is divided into 3 sections, Part 1 details all flintlock muskets and carbines, including the 5 patterns of Long Land musket 1730 to 1756, the Short Land muskets 1744 to 1779 and the later patterns of flintlock muskets 1792 to 1843. Also included in this part are sections on Sea Service flintlock muskets 1730 to 1810 including the Nock volley gun. The series of flintlock fusils and carbines for infantry and other corps, 1730 to 1836, flintlock rifles 1776 to 1838. The part on flintlock cavalry carbines is divided into three sections covering carbines for light cavalry, carbines for heavy cavalry and finally, special production and rifled carbines.

Part 2. Details the entire range of Lovell's percussion muskets, carbines and rifles 1836 to 1851. The Pattern 1851 and Pattern 1853 series of rifles and carbines, percussion firearms of the East India Government, and finally the service capping breech-loaders. Part 3 covers all the cartridge breech loading arms, including the Snider family of rifles and carbines and other early cartridge rifles and carbines issued to British forces, Spencer's and Starr carbines. There are chapters on the Martini-Henry, Martini Metford, Martini-Enfield, the Lee series of Metford and Enfield and finally the good old Short Magazine Lee Enfield, all variations are detailed and illustrated.

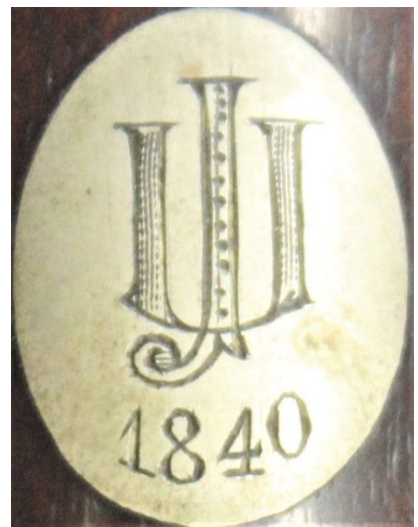
There is no other work that covers the subject and entire period, it contains the results of a life time's involvement in the subject, it contains the results of the very recent research, consequently, provides the reader with much previously unknown information and even brings to light previously unknown patterns. It also corrects inaccuracies and misconceptions in previous works. For those interested in the subject of the evolution of British military longarms 1730 to 1930, collectors, military historians and museums etc. this is an essential work. Soon to be available at £50 + £5 P & P. Orders being taken.





Pistols

A SUPERB 28-BORE PERCUSSION TARGET PISTOL BY THOMAS LEE, CIRCA 1840, with 8" browned twist octagonal sighted barrel engraved 'LONDON', along the top flat and 'WIRE TWISTED' along the bottom flat, foliate engraved breech with inset white platinum lines and plug to bolster, borderline engraved tang with vee back-sight and decorated with foliate scrollwork. Borderline engraved curved detented back-action lock decorated with foliate engraved scrollwork and signed with makers name 'THOM'S LEE / LONDON', dolphin headed hammer engraved en suite. Figured half-stock with chequered rounded butt, blued trigger-guard engraved to match the lock and with pineapple finial, diamond shaped white metal butt-cap, the wrist with white metal escutcheon engraved with owners' monogram 'J.U.' and dated 1840, white metal barrel bolt escutcheons and nose-cap, blued adjustable set trigger, and original steel tipped ebony loading rod. In very good plus condition, good stock, some wear to chequering, fading finish to barrel. An attractive and well above average specimen and difficult to better. £795



A GOOD .65" EAST INDIA COMPANY PATTERN 1843 PERCUSSION TROOPERS PISTOL having a 9" barrel, with swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline engraved side-action lock engraved with the E.I.C. rampant lion cypher to the centre, full brass mounted walnut stock, heavy flat butt-cap with lanyard ring, This big solid proof and practical pistol was made for issue to E.I.C cavalry and horse artillery in the 1840's seeing action and use in all major campaigns into the 1860's, including the Sikh wars, Indian Mutiny and the numerous minor campaigns. As well as being issued to E.I.C. Cavalry and Horse Artillery some were also issued to Imperial regiments that served in India. Approximately 18,145 were produced between 1843 and 1852, the majority were issued to the Bengal army with a smaller quantity issued to the Bombay Presidency army, none were issued in Madras. **In very good condition with good sharp stock, barrel to a blue / grey patina, a good and above average specimen of a very historic pistol.**

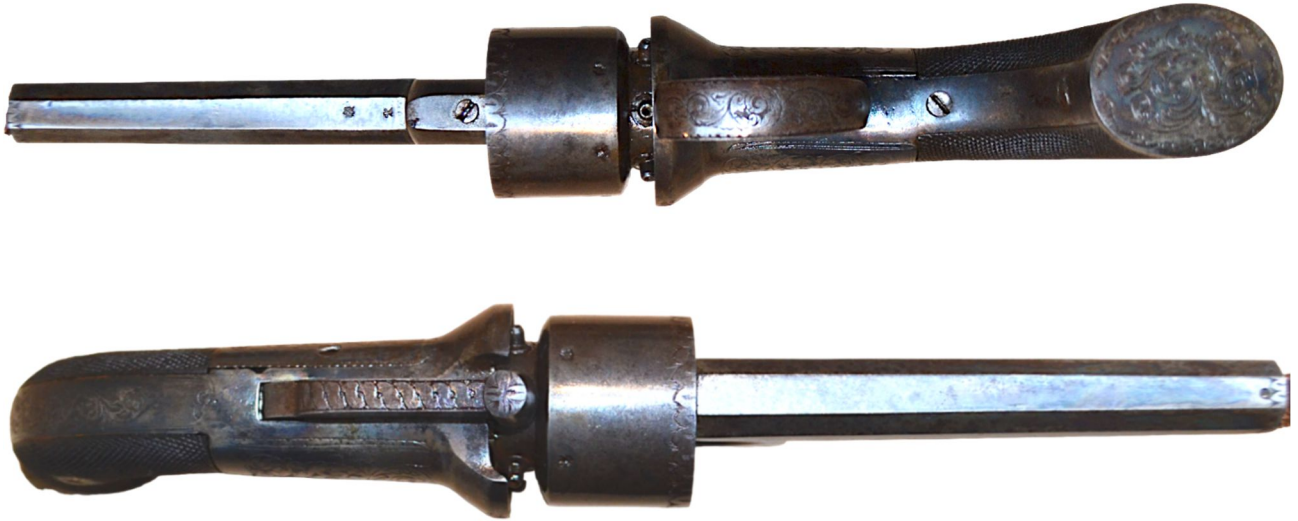
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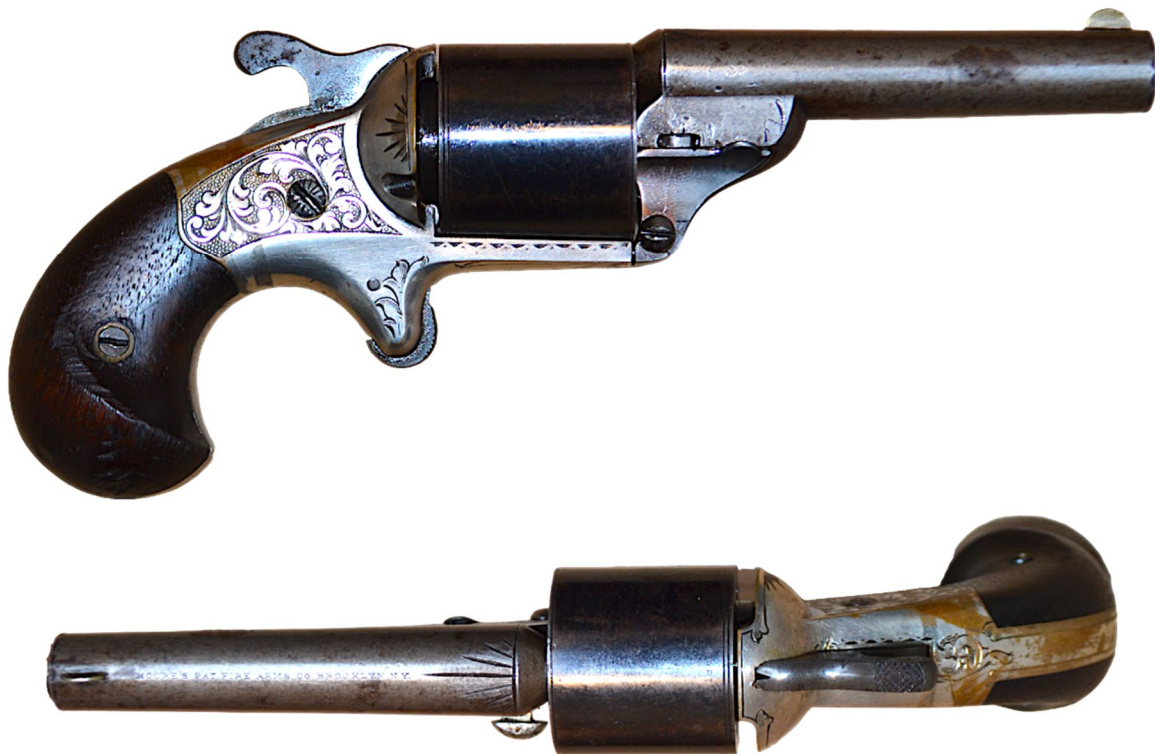
A GOOD CASED .36" TRANSITIONAL BAR HAMMER PERCUSSION REVOLVER, 5" Birmingham proofed octagonal barrel, six shot cylinder with decorated leading edge and radial nipples, foliate engraved iron frame, bar hammer engraved to match, two piece finely chequered walnut grips with foliate engraved buttcap. The pistol is contained in its original red velvet lined and partitioned oak case, accessories include nipple key, pincer mould with loading rammer, replacement flask and pewter oil bottle. The revolver in very good plus condition with large amounts of case colours remaining, the case with good lining and solid partitions, a good well above average cased transitional revolver.

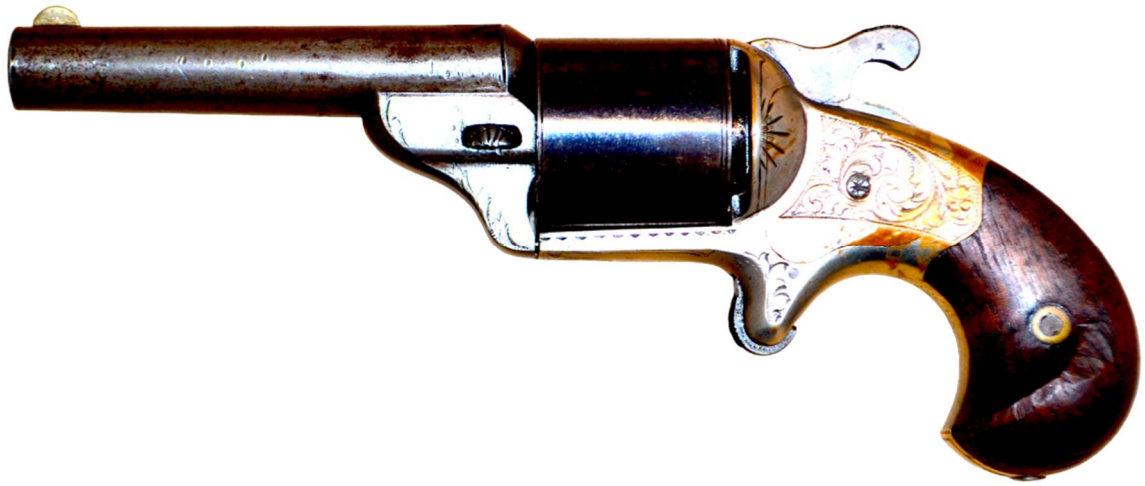
£850





A GOOD CASED .32" TEAT FIRE MOORE'S PATENT FRONT LOADING REVOLVER, CIRCA 1865, 3 1/4" round sighted barrel, marked 'MOORE'S PAT. FIRE-ARMS CO, BROOKLYN N.Y.', plain six shot cylinder marked 'D. WILLIAMSON'S PATENT / JAN. 5, 1864', foliate engraved silver-plated brass frame, spur trigger, two-piece walnut grips. The Moore teat-fire revolver was produced 1864 to 1870 with a total quantity of 30,000, the system was an attempt to circumvent the Rollin White patent for the through bored cylinder, the rights of which were owned by Smith & Wesson. The Moore was one of the most successful competitors to Smith & Wesson, it is believed that their strong sales with a range of products was one of the reasons for Colt's purchase of the National Arms Company (Moore's successor). At least six distinct variations of the Moore revolver are known, this is an early example numbered in the 30XX serial it is contained in its original red velvet lined and partitioned mahogany case with cartridge tray for 21 rounds. The revolver is in very good condition, the barrel to a blue / grey patina, much deep blue to cylinder and a large percentage of silver plating to frame, the case and lining in good condition, action slightly A/F. Cased Moore's revolvers are exceptionally scarce. £650





A RARE .65" FLINTLOCK CONSTABULARY OR SERVICE TYPE PISTOL BY BRANDER & POTTS CIRCA 1812, with 6" barrel the top engraved '70 MINORIES LONDON', swivel rammer hinged to muzzle, bevelled lock with stepped tail, bolt safety and raised semi-waterproof pan, stamped with makers name 'BRANDER / & POTTS / 70 MINORIES / LONDON', and fitted with ringneck cock, full stocked with Rigby style fish tail butt, regulation brass mounts and steel ramrod. The makers Brander & Potts established 1802 to 1827 were contractors to the Ordnance and the East India company and producers of quasi military arms such as this which could have been acquired by Constabulary, Postal or Port services. In exceptionally good condition, with excellent untouched stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing grey / brown patina. A better than most specimen. £995



Longarms

A .750" PATTERN 1839 2nd TYPE OR PATTERN 1845 EXTRA SERVICE PERCUSSION MUSKET FOR MILITIA, 39" fully Ordnance proofed barrel with block foresight / bayonet lug, the lock of flintlock form and stamped with the TOWER Crown V.R. cypher. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock and fitted with Lovell's pattern spring bayonet catch, B.O. stamp to right butt. This variation of the Pattern 1839 musket has only recently been identified and termed a Pattern 1845 Extra Service Musket, previously this pattern had been misidentified as a Pattern 1839 musket. (See British Percussion Muskets of the 1830's & 1840's. George Lovell's Legacy. By Adrian Roads). The introduction of the percussion system in to British Military service brought about the obsolescence of the entire reserve of flintlock arms, large quantities of which were on issue to the militia. The militia were usually armed with weapons of cheaper manufacture and the new musket chosen for them was a cheaper version of the Pattern 1839. The difference between them is so minor that in the past there has been no distinction between them, the Pattern 1845 is the more basic of the two. The majority of these Pattern 1845's have no rearsight and they utilize pins to retain the barrel instead of keys and generally the locks are undated, variations can be found in stock furniture. Initial production used up the final reserves of flintlock parts, these included both New Land and India Pattern locks, suitably modified and the tails rounded, old India Pattern barrels and mounts, later production was new made. The first order was placed in October 1844 and the last as late as 1855, with a total production of 205,000. They were not on issue for long and soon replaced with the Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle, like most obsolete service arms at the end of their useful life most were scrapped, the metal parts being recycled and the stocks sold off as firewood. In very good condition with good stock some minor bruising commensurate with use, barrel to a blue / brown patina. A basic item for the British Military collector. (Ex-Museum Collection) £850



A RARE .577" SNIDER MK II PRISON GUARD CARBINE**, with 21.5" smoothbored barrel with muzzle swaged to form a choke, bayonet lug at muzzle the carbine is still fitted with its original ladder sight to 600 yards. The lock bears the usual Enfield, Crown V.R. cypher and is dated 1868, together with B.R. stamps for Birmingham repair. This rare carbine was originally a standard Mk II** artillery carbine and is one of a small quantity modified in the 1890's for prison guard issue, the conversions consisted of smooth boring the barrel and swaging the muzzle to form a choke. A special buckshot cartridge was produced for use in these prison or convict guard Sniders. **In very good plus overall condition, with good sharp stock, barrel to a blue / grey patina, A very rare collector's item.**



A .656" PATTERN 1859 ENFIELD NATIVE INFANTRY THREE BAND PERCUSSION MUSKET, 39" barrel of .656" calibre with full Enfield proof and inspection stamps, fixed vee rear sight, standard Enfield style lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher dated 1864. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, butt with faint Enfield roundel to butt. This is one of only 14,000 Pattern 1859 Native Infantry Muskets made at the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield. Approved by the Ordnance authorities on 7th May 1859 as an improvement on the Pattern 1858 musket. The main difference being the P59 has a slightly thicker and heavier barrel; it was found that the thinner and weaker barrel of the P58 was liable to bend with

bayonet use. Although approved in 1858 no appreciable quantities were produced at the Enfield factory until 1864 and only 14,000 were manufactured.

The P59 was one of a family of smoothbore Enfield's produced for issue to Sepoy regiments in the East India Government's army. After the mutiny of 1857 it was decided that native regiments be armed with inferior weapons to the P53 of the British regulars. This musket made at Enfield in 1864 was shipped to India and issued to a sepoy regiment in the Bengal army. It is one of approx. 200 acquired by Walter Clode of Westley Richards from the family of the Maharajah of Faridkot in 1992. The Maharajah had a large armoury of weapons left over from the days when his family had its own private army allowed by and in support of the British East India Government. Walter Clode was an old friend of the Maharaja and in previous years had purchased large quantities of various arms from the family armoury, the 1992 batch was the last. In the heyday of the Raj, the then Maharajah of Faridkot who was a Sikh ruled his domain in the Punjab under the control of the East India Government. He was allowed a small army to maintain order and provide employment. This P59 was undoubtedly one of a quantity supplied to him from E.I.G store when obsolete from Government service. This musket and all the others I have seen from the same source show signs of having been refurbished in the distant past, I suspect this was carried out at the Maharajahs armouries. The last Maharaja was a personal friend of Walter Clode the then owner of Westley Richards & Co. the Maharaja died in 1989. Following his death there followed a long battle over his estate from 1993 to 2013 and I believe it is still on going. **This is a rare gun and in very good plus condition with much deep blue, good bore, good stock with some minor loss of sharpness. Serious black powder shooters consider the P59 to be the most accurate of all percussion muskets due to its reduced calibre and its high quality of manufacture, barrel boring and finishing. (Ex-Museum Collection)** **£950**



A .600" INDIAN TORADAR MATCHLOCK RAMPART MUSKET FROM JAIPUR, 55" sighted barrel with etched decoration along its length, swamped muzzle, marked at breech "JPR/ EXR / 21476" indicating that it was once in the armoury at the Jaipur Royal Palace, Rajasthan. Full stocked in Indian rosewood with 4 copper bands. . The Toradar is a uniquely Indian style of matchlock musket which dates back to the 16th century, it was the preferred arm in India until the mid-19th century due mainly to its simple and cost-effective design. Arms of this style are mostly found in the Mughal influenced regions of Northern and Central India, due to their smaller calibre and long heavy barrels they were surprisingly accurate and out ranged the standard British military smoothbore muskets. This example with the extra long barrel was made for shooting from ramparts and behind fortifications. In very good condition with excellent stock, barrel to a grey patina, pan cover missing, an interesting collector's item from the time of the British in India and an attractive wall display piece.

£250



A .600" INDIAN TORADAR MATCHLOCK MUSKET FROM JAIPUR, 42" sighted barrel with swamped muzzle, marked at the breech 'JPR/ EXR/ 6832 indicating that it was once in the armoury at the Jaipur Royal Palace, Rajasthan, full stocked in rosewood with three copper barrel bands. The Toradar is a uniquely Indian style of matchlock musket which dates back to the 16th century, it was the preferred arm in India until the mid-19th century due mainly to its simple and cost-effective design. Arms of this style are mostly found in the Mughal influenced regions of Northern and Central India, due to their smaller calibre and long heavy barrels they were surprisingly In very good condition, very good stock, barrel to a grey, brown patina, pan cover missing, an interesting collector's item from the time of the British in India and an attractive wall display piece.

£195



A .65" PATTERN 1837 STYLE YEOMANRY OR VOLUNTEER CAVALRY PERCUSSION CARBINE BY DICKENSON OF LONDON CIRCA 1840, with 21" London proofed barrel fitted with a swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, the lock of flintlock form and signed to the centre with the makers name "DICKENSON LONDON", regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. An interesting carbine possibly part of a private purchase by a yeomanry or volunteer cavalry unit, **in very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, the barrel to a blue / grey patina. A good, genuine and attractive collectors carbine.** £650



A .65" LOVELL'S PATTERN 1844 PERCUSSION YEOMANRY CARBINE, with 20" fully Ordnance marked and proofed barrel, fixed vee sight, and swivel rammer hinged to muzzle, Lovell's Pattern 1842 side-action lock engraved with the Tower Crown V.R. cypher dated 1847. Full walnut stock with regulation brass mounts, scroll trigger guard, side rib and ring, the butt with broad arrow 'B.O.' ownership stamp. This pattern of carbine was designed by George Lovell for issue to Britain's volunteer county Yeomanry Cavalry regiments, who in 1844 numbered approx. 14,000, records are a little confusing as to how many were made and indeed what arms were issued to the various Yeomanry regiments. At least 5000 of these carbines were produced possibly more, most encountered tend to be dated 1844 but some specimens such as this example are dated 1847. It seems that production stopped in that year and attention given to the manufacture and issue of Percussion Paget carbines. **The Pattern 1844 Yeomanry carbine is basically a reduced version of the 2nd Model Victoria and certainly a more manageable and practical arm for a mounted man.** In very good condition with good sharp stock, barrel to blue/grey patina, a good example. £695



A .75" INDIA PATTERN BROWN BESS VOLUNTEER CARBINE BY SAMUEL GALTON, 22" sighted barrel stamped at the breech with S. Galton private proofs, borderline engraved rounded lock engraved with the Crown G.R. cypher to the centre and Galton on the tail. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock bearing the rack No 2 on the butt. The maker was Samuel Galton who was the last of the Galton family involved in the gun trade he took over the family business in 1799 and traded until 1818 at 84 Steelhouse Lane. This carbine is one that was made for a volunteer or private militia unit modified for cavalry use. In very good plus condition with excellent untouched stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing and genuine steel grey patina, a good collector's items by one of the Brimingham trades notable makers of the last half of the 18th century. £1795





A GOOD .650" PATTERN 1817 NEW LAND OFFICER'S CADET FLINTLOCK CARBINE BY BRANDER & POTTS, with 34" sighted barrel stamped with London proofs at breech, flat style New Land pattern lock signed to the centre with the makers name "BRANDER & POTTS", with raised pan and flat ring-neck cock, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, the buttcap tang engraved with the rack No '5', the stock stamped in various places with the original owners name "H. C. ALGAR". This Pattern was originally approved in 1812 for Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, but no orders were placed until 1817 when 200 were ordered. The same pattern was apparently also adopted for cadets of the Royal Naval College, Portsmouth and the Marine Society. It is a smaller version of the New Land musket with a barrel of 34", there is also a slight variation in furniture, it is the only gun in the New Land series to have a tail pipe and the barrel is pinned to the stock and not secured by flat keys. **In very good plus condition with excellent stock, barrel with a fading brown finish. A good collector's item at a bargain price.** **£895**





A FINE .451" PERCUSSION SPORTING / TARGET RIFLE BY ROBERTSON, with 33.5" heavy browned octagonal Birmingham proofed barrel, fitted with Lewes type target sights with element formed by the gap between two opposed baffles, screw adjustable ladder rearsight, hook breech, the nipple bolster with gold vent plug. Borderline engraved detented lock with some scroll decoration, signed to the centre 'ROBERTSON', iron mounted figured walnut half-stocked with chequered wrist and forend, horn noscap, trigger guard with chequered finger scroll and pineapple finial, brass tipped wooden ram rod with concealed worm. **A quality and superb rifle in excellent condition fine stock with some minor bruises commensurate with use, barrel with much brown from old refinish and looking good. A credit to any collection. (Ex-Museum Collection)** **£1995**



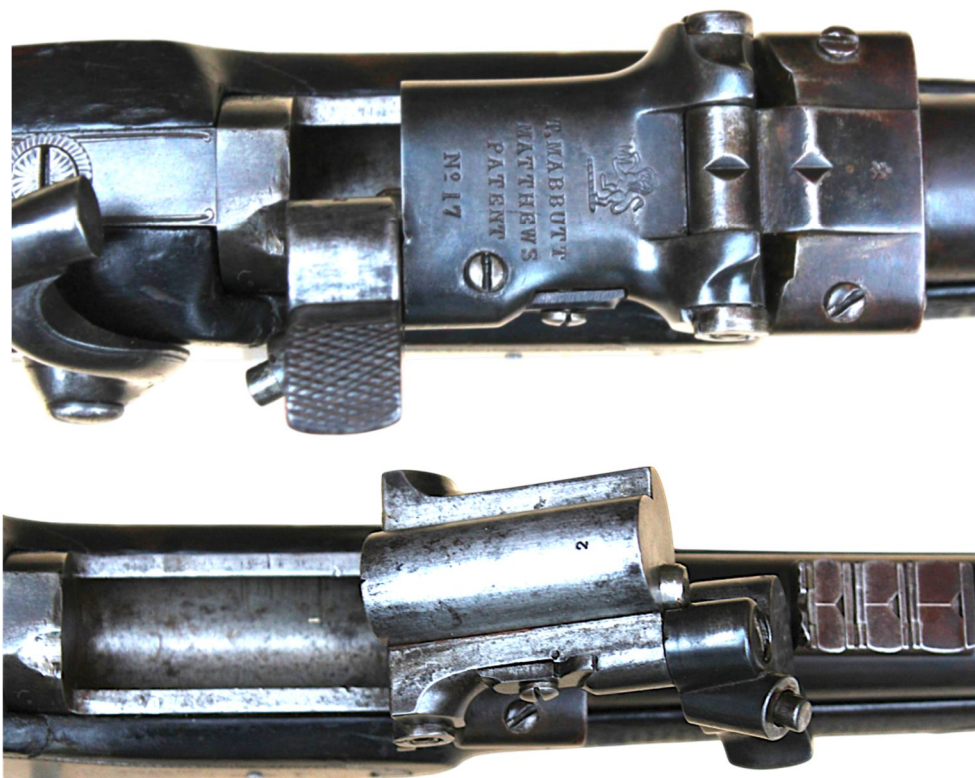
A 12 BORE PERCUSSION SPORTING GUN BY W. BRADY, 28" two stage octagonal to round barrel, foliate engraved backaction lock inscribed with retailers name 'W. BRADY', iron mounted walnut half stock with chequered wrist and white metal nose cap, complete with wooden loading rod. In very good condition, good stock, barrel with fading brown finish. £295



A RARE .577" MABBUTT & MATTHEW PATENT BREECH LOADING SPORTING RIFLE, 21" Birmingham proofed barrel, bead foresight set in a dovetailed block, leaf backsights, the breech block inscribed, 'T. MABBUT MATHEWS PATENT NO 17', and with a crest of a lion rampant holding an 'MM' monogram between its paws the breech shoe stamped 'H.B. 2' within an oval. Foliate engraved lock signed with the retailers name 'HEWSON' to the centre. Iron mounted figured walnut half stock with chequered wrist and forend. The action features a hinged breech block that pivots over the top of the barrel, opening the breech for loading and activating the extractors claws for ejecting a spent case, when closed down it is locked in place by a second block hinged on a longitudinal pin at the back of the breech block. On firing an ordinary external hammer strikes an inclined pin running through the breech block, similar to the Snider. The system was designed by W. J. Matthews and patented by him in August 1867 Patent No 2477, the manufacturer was Thomas Mabbutt (1867-1872) of Shadwell St. Birmingham, who advertised as the sole manufacturer of the Mabbutt-Matthews Breech Loading action which could be supplied to the trade for conversions of muzzle loading arms. **The original retailer of the rifle was George Hewson of Exeter (1843-1870). In 1872 Thomas Mabbutt became managing director of the Abingdon Gun Works. Bearing the low serial number 17 this example of the Mabbutt & Mathews breech loading system is amongst the first made and in 1867. In very good condition with good stock, barrel and action with fading finish.**

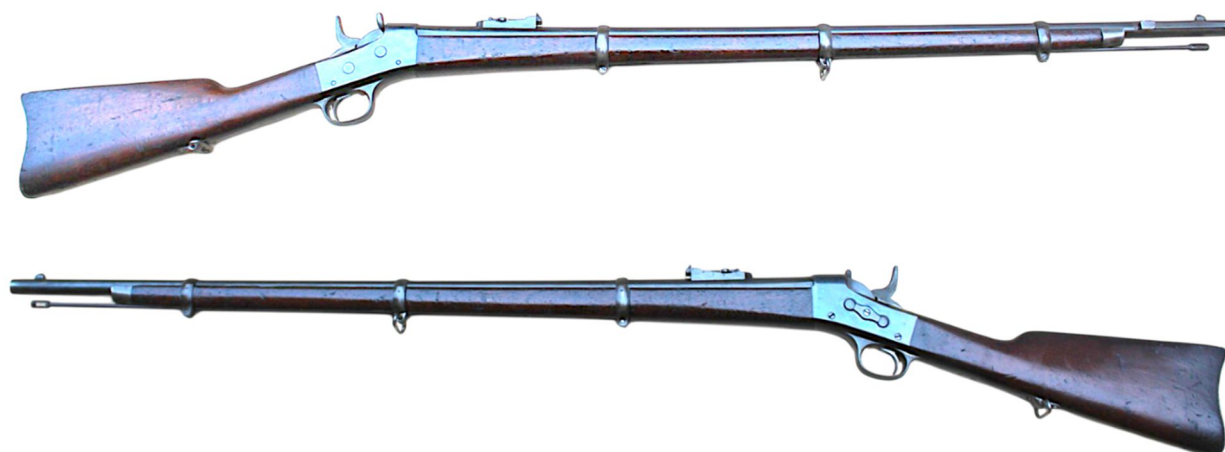
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A .43" EGYPTIAN CONTARCT MODEL 1867 REMINGTON ROLLING BLOCK RIFLE, 33" barrel with bayonet bar at muzzle, ladder sight, numerous Farsi markings at breech. Two-piece iron mounted walnut stock, forend secured with 3-barrel bands. Egypt ordered Rolling Block rifles and carbines in 1868 after Sam Remington demonstrated the system to the Khedive. Deliveries were not made until 1873, as the first shipments were diverted to France who found itself short of arms on the outbreak of the Franco Prussian War. These Egyptian Rolling Block rifles certainly enjoyed a colourful history, cutting a path to glory over the Middle East. Egyptian contingents assisted Turkey during the Russo-Turkish war; the Remington's were used to great success during the Abyssinian campaigns of the late 1870's. It was also the weapon of the army of Hicks Pasha whose force was wiped out by fanatical Sudanese Dervishes followers of the Mahdi. The captured Remington's then used at Khartoum in 1885 against General Gordon. In very good condition, better than most as these guns had a hard life. Good stock, some bruising commensurate with use, metal work to grey patina, tight action, good bore. A piece of history.

£895



A 7.5 X 53.5 (SWISS) MODEL 1889 SCHMIDT-RUBIN' STRAIGHT PULL SERVICE RIFLE 86949, for with 30 1/2in. barrel fitted with Swiss style quadrant rearsight graduated to 2000 meters and block and blade fore-sight, fluted receiver, straight-pull action with ring safety to rear and box magazine, iron mounted full walnut stock with two-barrel bands. **The rifle is in excellent condition with fine stock much original blue. A superb piece of Swiss engineering and a bargain at just. £495**



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