JULY 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 would like to draw your attention to a new book we have recently published entitled A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930. A book that is becoming the standard basic reference work on the subject. Details on page 42 and now available.

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Revolvers.

A Good 80 BORE (.38") DEANE ADAMS & DEANE MODEL 1851 PERCUSSION SELF COCKING REVOLVERS CIRCA 1854, 6 ¹/₂" octagonal London proofed barrel top flat engraved "Deane Adams & Deane, 30 King William St. London Bridge" five shot cylinder, border line engraved frame, bearing the usual Adams Patent legend the gun is numbered in the 12,8xxr serial range dating 1853/54, chequered walnut grips with flared pommel and iron buttcap. The Model 1851 Adams was the first practical and successful British revolver, produced circa 1851 to 55 with approx. 14000 to 15000 produced, with modification it became the Beaumont Adams revolver. Adams M51 revolvers are exceptionally rare in this calibre. In very good plus condition with excellent grips, sharp and untouched, the barrel and frame with much original deep blue finish, cylinder to a steel grey patina, good action and bore. A quality collectors piece and an essential item for the British revolver specialist.



A SUPERB .44" REMINGTON NEW MODEL ARMY PERCUSSION U.S. ARMY SERVICE REVOLVER CIRCA **1863**, 8" sighted octagonal barrel the top flat struck with crisp Remington legends, 'Patented Sept. 14, 1858, E. Remington & Sons. Ilion New York U.S.A. New-Model', underbarrel loading lever, solid onepiece frame, six shot cylinder, two-piece grips. The Remington "Army" .44 percussion revolver was the primary competitor to the Colt .44" Army Mod. 1860 revolver during the American Civil War era. Although Sam Colt was the better salesman and marketer, Remington eventually beat Colt out of their military contracts by delivering a comparable revolver, which some felt was actually superior, for less money. In 1864, after the US government had finally beat Colt's price down to \$14.00 per revolver from the \$20 per gun they had been paying during the early days of the war, Remington agreed to furnish their "Army" revolver for only \$12.00 per gun. That ended the reign of the Colt Army as the first choice for the Ordnance Department procurement officers for the rest of the American Civil War. In the field, even though the Colt revolver had the name and reputation many cavalry troopers preferred the much sturdier solid frame design of the Remington revolver. Approximately 106,000 Remington New Model Army percussion revolvers were purchased by US government during the American Civil War, Approximately 80,000 of these were purchased during the last two years of the war, between 1863 and 1865. According to the research published in Remington Army & Navy Revolvers 1861-1868 by Donald L. Ware, Remington revolvers through serial No 149,000 were accepted prior to the end of the Civil War. Guns below serial No 123,000 were accepted prior to the end of 1864. After the Civil War many Remington revolvers went west and saw further service during the Indian Wars until replaced with cartridge revolvers. This example dates 1863 and was probably never issued, it is in fine condition unused condition with excellent untouched grips and 95% original blue remaining to barrel, frame and cylinder. An above average specimen and a credit to any collection, this is a revolver that some dealers would be asking between £3500 and £4000. Our price. £2500





A GOOD & EARLY .31" COLT MODEL1849 POCKET PERCUSSION REVOLVER CIRCA 1851,with 5" octagonal barrel, top flat stamped with single line Colt one line address. Six shot cylinder with etched stagecoach scene, one piece walnut grips. All matching numbers and in the 23,7XX serial range dating 1851, making this a very early colt and possibly a gold fields gun. The Colt pocket was a smaller version of the M51 Navy and a successor to the Baby Dragoon, production began in 1850 and continued to 1873. The serial range continued from its predecessor beginning at about 12,000 and continuing to about 340,000 with a total production of approx. 325,000. More Model 1849 pocket revolvers were made than any other Colt percussion revolver. An essential collector's item for those with an interest in percussion revolver. In very good sharp condition with good grips, barrel and action with fading finish, good action and bore.



The Colt pocket was Colts most popular percussion revolver, widely carried by many from all walks of life, with the shorter barrel suitable as a concealed weapon for normal civilians. Or as a backup gun for lawmen and gunfighters, many were also carried by soldiers as a personal protection arm. Due to mass production in the 1850's many went south and carried by confederates as well as union men during the Civil War. They are also widely known to have been used to deadly affect in the Goldfields of California. The large numbers produced support the fact they were popular, practical and used, consequently important collectors' items.



Three confederate soldiers with Colt 49 pocket revolvers, the first two are brothers you can see the likeness.

A GOOD & EARLY .36" COLT MODEL 1851 NAVY PERCUSSION REVOLVER COMPLETE WITH ITS ORIGINAL BLACK LEATHER HOLSTER, CIRCA 1853, with 7 ¹/₂" octagonal barrel stamped with Colt New York Address to top flat, and fitted with Colt style under barrel loading lever, six shot cylinder etched with the naval engagement scene that gave the revolver its famous nickname, open top frame, brass backstrap and trigger guard with traces of silvering, all matching numbers in the 24,9XX serial range, dating the gun to 1853, making this a very early Navy. The Colt Navy was produced from 1850 to 1873 with a total production in USA of 215,348 and a further 42,000 in Colt's London factory, it is arguably the most famous of all Colt percussion revolvers. This example is complete with its very rare black leather flap holster of Dennet-Pays design. The revolver is in exceptionally good sharp condition with excellent grips, barrel and action with much original finish starting to fade, tight action and good bore, the holster in very good plus condition, some age crazing, but the best original holster we have seen. Colt Navies as early as this and in this condition and with original holsters are exceptionally rare. A superior example and far cheaper than those of inferior condition offered by many dealers. £2250





A GOOD CRIMEAN WAR .36" COLT LONDON MODEL 1851 NAVY PERCUSSION REVOLVER WITH DETACABLE SHOULDER STOCK, CIRCA 1854 with 7" octagonal barrel the top flat stamped "ADDRESS COL. S. COLT LONDON", fitted with underbarrel loading lever, 6 shot cylinder with roll engraved Naval engagement scene, open to frame, iron backstrap cut for shoulder stock and trigger-guard, one piece walnut grips. The revolver is numbered in the 12,3XX serial range dating mid-1854. The pistol does not bear London proofs which is indicative of being urgently required by the W.D. and shipped straight from the factory to the docks and on to the army in Crimea. (See page 190 Colonel Colt London By Joseph Rosa The pistol was modified for a detachable shoulder stock (numbered to the gun) at a later period, other examples of London Navies adapted for shoulder stock are known but rare. The revolver is in very good condition with excellent grips, barrel and action to a blue grey patina some fading finish, tight action and good bore.





A RARE AND FINE 120 BORE (.32") DEANE HARDING DOUBLE ACTION PERCUSSION REVOLVER, with 4 1/2" octagonal barrel, top strap inscribed with the retailer's name 'Mitchell & Co. Manchester', border line engraved two-piece frame marked "Deane Harding Patent No 5,4XX L", five shot cylinder, one piece chequered walnut grips. The retailers Mitchell & Co were cutlers established at 80 Market St. Manchester. The Deane Harding revolver was patented in May 1858 by William Harding and taken up by Deane & Son, their partnership with Robert Adams had been dissolved a few years previously. Deane & Son arranged manufacture with makers in the Birmingham trade possibly on a license arrangement. Initial or promotional production weapons were in a low serial range, when production started in earnest a 5000 to 7000 serial range with an L prefix was used. It appears these arms were made by Tipping & Lawden, between 1859 & 62. In 1862 Deane made an agreement with Pryse & Redman to manufacture the Deane Harding revolver, thus ending the agreement with Tipping & Lawden. Revolvers made by P & R were numbered in a separate serial range starting at 15,000 with a P suffix. In 1863 another agreement was signed between Deane & Harding with the Birmingham firm of Calisher & Terry allowing them to manufacture revolvers to this design. Revolvers made by this firm can be identified by being in a 25, 000 serial range without a suffix. It is doubtful if more than 5000 were produced in total. The early production suffered from a weakness in the action that might have inspired Lord Robert's (who carried one) statement "It could always be depended upon to get out of order at the critical moment". This defect was remedied, and Captain Llewellyn Jewitt wrote regarding the mechanism as "So simplified as to place it in some respects no little in advance of some other makes", This gun dates approx. 1859/60 and amongst Pryse & Redman's early production. 120 Bore Deane Harding revolvers are exceptionally rare, most of the production being 54 Bore. It is in excellent condition with excellent untouched grips, with sharp checkering, the barrel and action with most original deep blue finish an excellent scare collectors' piece and even rarer in this condition. £995



A .28" COLT 1855 (ROOT) SIDE HAMMER PERCUSSION POCKET REVOLVER, 3 ¹/₂" octagonal barrel with underbarrel loading lever, plain five shot cylinder, one piece frame with distinctive side hammer. figured one-piece walnut grips. The pistol is numbered in the 25,7xx serial range dating 1860 and one of the last made. This model takes its name from Elisa K Root the noted Colt designer and engineer, although Colt himself was the inventor. It entered production in 1855; the early production was in .28" Cal. discontinued in 1861 when production changed to .31". Each model had its own serial range, the .28" ran from 1 to approx. 26,000 a limited run making it rare by Colt standards. The Model 1855 revolver did not gain public acceptance; it was found the action was not reliable failing to operate and the cylinder tended to seize on its axis pin. In very good condition quite sharp overall and with excellent grips, the barrel, frame and cylinder have been refurbished and nickel plates at some time in the very distant past with loss of barrel legend and cylinder scene. £695



A .36" COLT MODEL 1862 POLICE PERCUSSION REVOLVER CIRCA 1863, with 6" round barrel top stamped with clear Colt New York Address, frame stamped "Colts Patent". Two-piece replacement walnut grips, 5 shot rebated cylinder. The gun is numbered in the 25,000 serial range dating 1863. It is interesting that the pistol is fitted with a plain rather than a fluted cylinder, this feature is rare but can be encountered. The only Colt revolver to be made with a .36" plain rebated cylinder was the Model 1862 Pocket Navy, which shares the same serial range. The gun is in good condition, quite sharp O/A metalwork with 30% nickel finish, , tight action fully operational. The nickel finish indicates it was refurbished by the trade in the 1870's which is probably when the plain cylinder was fitted but it could be original to the gun.



A GOOD FRENCH LEFAUCHEUX PATENT 54 BORE (12MM) PIN-FIRE MODEL 1854 SIX-SHOT OFFICER'S REVOLVER SIGNED FQUE DUE LE PAGE FRES A LIEGE MSON A PARIS 12 RUE D'ENGLISHIEN, NO. 39236, CIRCA 1860. With 6" round blued sighted rifled barrel incised and punched with vine leaves at the muzzle and signed in full in etched letters between punched borders along the top, blued part octagonal breech decorated en suite with the muzzle, the open top frame stamped 'Inv. E. LeFaucheux' forming an arch on the left beneath the cylinder, and stamped LF39236 on the right, blued action with hinged loading-gate, blued spur trigger-guard and butt, the latter with faceted cap and suspension swivel, cartridge-extracting rod, hammer grooved for sighting, two piece figured walnut grips, ovoid faceted butt cap with lanyard ring. The makers were brothers Charles and Alphonse Lepage who are recorded at 12 Rue d'Englishien, Paris 1857 to 1868 but also had premises in Liege. This is a superior example of an important model in the evolution of firearms, effectively the first metallic cartridge revolver and very much underrated. It is in excellent well above average condition, sharp and untouched overall with fine grips and much original deep blue remaining, good action and bore. Revolvers of this type are rarely encountered in this condition and probably unused, superb example and difficult to better. £895





A Rare & Good .32" R/F Remington New Model Pocket Cartridge Conversion Revolver, 4 ¹/₂" octagonal barrel, top flat stamped with clear Remington legend, solid frame, spur trigger, two-piece walnut grips, 5 shot two-piece cylinder. Made circa 1863-73 in percussion and subsequently as metallic cartridge conversions, total production of both types is estimated at 25,000. Examples of this revolver with a 4 ¹/₂" barrel are exceptionally rare. A nice sharp collectors gun with much original finish, good grips, good bore and action. A good and rare collectors piece.





Longarms

A VERY RARE 13 BORE FLINTLOCK TAKEDOWN OFFICERS CARBINE BY WILLIAM NEWTON OF GRANTHAM, CIRCA 1770, with 26" two-stage octagonal to round barrel with tuned girdle, swamped muzzle fitted with silver fore-sight, the breech signed with the makers name "William Newton", together with proof and barrelsmiths marks, gold lined touchhole, grooved border and foliate engraved tang. Flat bevelled lock with safety-catch, signed with makers name 'NEWTON' to centre. Figured full walnut stock with takedown fore-end, skeleton butt, carved with a shell motif behind the barrel tang, borderline engraved iron mounts comprising a shaped sideplate decorated with a trophy of arms, vacant wrist escutcheon. The maker, William Newton was nephew and successor of Edward Newton of Grantham who lived with and was apprenticed to his uncle. On Edwards death in 1764 William inherited the business. Edward Newton was an exceptionally accomplished maker, Robert Wogdon, John Twigg and Joseph Manton were all apprenticed to Edward, however firearms by William are almost unheard-of W. Keith Neal and D.H.L. Back in Great British Gunmakers 1740-1790, page 85 cite 'when Edward Newton died, he left his business to his nephew, William, whose signature we have located on only one gun.' This carbine was undoubtedly made for a member of the gentry, possibly an officer, being a takedown it could easily be disassembled and easily by packed for shipping or travel. In good condition, the stock fairly sharp and with original finish, some age cracks and old minor repairs, the barrel and mounts speckled overall and the a grey / brown patina. With the price of gold currently at over £2400 per ounce the amount of gold in the touch hole would go some way to paying for this gun. Guns of this type are £995 exceptionally rare.



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.



A .69" AMERICAN SERVICE PERCUSSION CONVERSION OF A MODEL 1816 FLINTLOCK MUSKET, with 42" barrel, the nipple fitted to the top of the barrel, referred to as the type 2 or Belgian conversion system which was used in the late 1840's early 1850's and superseded by the 'bolster type'. The lock stamped with the American eagle motif between 'U.S.' and ' Johnson', to the centre and '1830 / MIDDN / CONN' on the tail. Regulation iron mounted full walnut stock with three spring retained barrel bands. The original makers were R & J. D. Johnson of Middletown Connecticut, who it is estimated produced just 600 muskets of this type between 1829-34, conversion to percussion would have been carried out at one of the government arsenals Springfield or Harper Ferry. Muskets of this type were used by both sides during early stages of the Civil War. In very good condition with excellent stock, barrel and lock to a pleasing grey patina, a good collector's specimen of the type that was used by both sides during the early stages of the American Civil War.



A .69" RUSSIAN MODEL 1828/44 PERCUSSION MUSKET OF THE CRIMEAN WAR, with 41" sighted barrel, the lock of flintlock form and bearing the markings of Izhevsk arsenal, full stocked in arctic birch and fitted with regulation brass mounts, the butt cap impressed with the double headed eagle of Tsar Nicholas I, the right butt stamped with two arsenal roundels. Originally made as a Russian Model 1828 flintlock musket in 1838 and converted to percussion and becoming a Model 1828/44 musket. The system of conversion is somewhat odd by British standards; no bolster was used but the nipple fitted into a lump brazed on the top of the barrel. The touch hole was plugged, the iron plug with rounded head was supported in the recess on the brass pan, which had been cut back flush with the lockplate and fitted with a heavy style hammer. Russian arms are exceptionally rare in the west, most having been recycled during WWII, those that are encountered such as this example were brought home as trophies from the Crimea. It is converted flintlock muskets such as this that were issued in bulk to the Russian army during the Crimean War, with the later adopted rifled muskets reserved for elite the rifle and Cossack regts. And Skirmishers. In very good plus condition for one of these with excellent stock, barrel to a grey patina. A good example, if you have an interest in the Crimean War then this musket was there. £895

As author Robert Thomas notes in *The Russian Army in the Crimean War,* 1854-1856 that it was not uncommon for Russian soldiers who had spent 25 years in the army to have never fired their weapons!

Rarely was powder or lead available for target practice or training, and Thomas notes that when the soldiers did train to fire their weapons it was often simply to get them to fire in unison (to provide an impressive volley), and more often than not clay balls were used instead of lead ones for the projectiles. The musket in Russian service during the early and mid-19th Century was really nothing more than a glorified pike, with the basic Russian infantry tactic being an overwhelming bayonet charge that would force the enemy from the field. In fact the credo known as Suvorov's Apophthegm was "The bullet is a fool " The bayonet is a hero!"



A GOOD & RARE .55" BRITISH SERVICE GREENE'S PATENT CAPPING BREECH LOADING CARBINE, with heavy 18" barrel rifled with three grooves, having a sixteen-sided hand grasp central section. Block and blade front-sight and carbine ladder-sight to 600 yards, the barrel bears the crowned "A / 2" inspection stamp for the War Departments American inspectorate and the opposed arrow and "S" sold out of service mark. The carbine is fitted with a back-action lock with Maynard tape primer, marked with the Crown V.R. cypher to the centre and "Mass. Arms Co. Chicopee Falls, USA 1856" on the tail, the primer cover marked "Maynard's Patent", iron mounted one piece walnut stock with butt-plate and patchbox, This interesting carbine is one of 2000 purchased in America after extensive trials by the British W.D. Legend has it that due to problems with the ammunition they were never issued, new research has revealed that a quantity were issued in 1865 to select yeomanry regiments until replaced by Westley Richards carbines around 1870. The Green carbines were then returned to store at Weedon where they remained until 1919 when a large quantity were sold off as surplus or scrap to Greener's. See "The Capping Breech Loader in British & Colonial Service by Brian C. Knapp", details the full story of these Greene's carbines and all other C.B.L. in British service. In excellent condition with fine untouched stock and much finish to barrel and action. A fine collector's piece with provenance. £1895

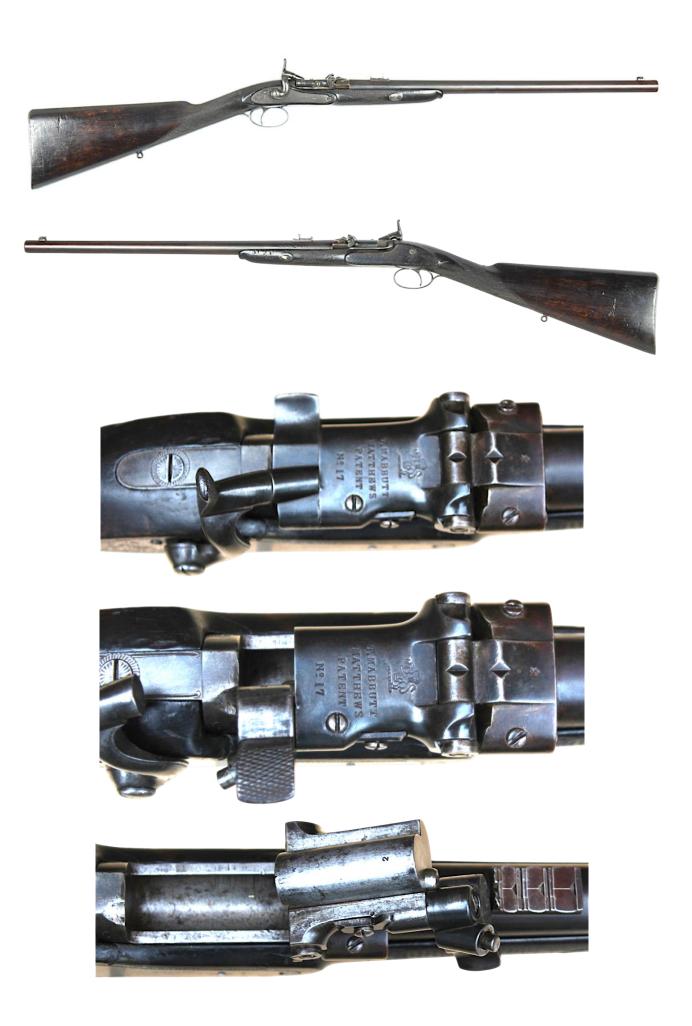


A GOOD .58" AMERICAN .58" SPECIAL MODEL 1861 MILITARY PERCUSSION RIFLE DATED 1864, with 40" barrel rifled with 3 grooves, dated 1864 at breech and stamped with US proofs of V/P and eagles head, and the nipple bolster stamped with the American eagle motif. Flat style lock with bevelled edge, dated 1864 on the tails and with the eagle, U.S. Bridesburg cypher to the centre, indicating manufacture by Alfred Jenks & Son of Bridesburg, who were one of the main contractors to the Government during the Civil War. Regulation iron mounted full walnut stock, the butt stamped with the unit marking 'L.D. / 518'. A better than average example of an American rifle of the Civil War, with excellent sharp stock, barrel to arsenal bright finish, good bore. A great collectors piece for the Civil War collector, and superior condition.





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. £995

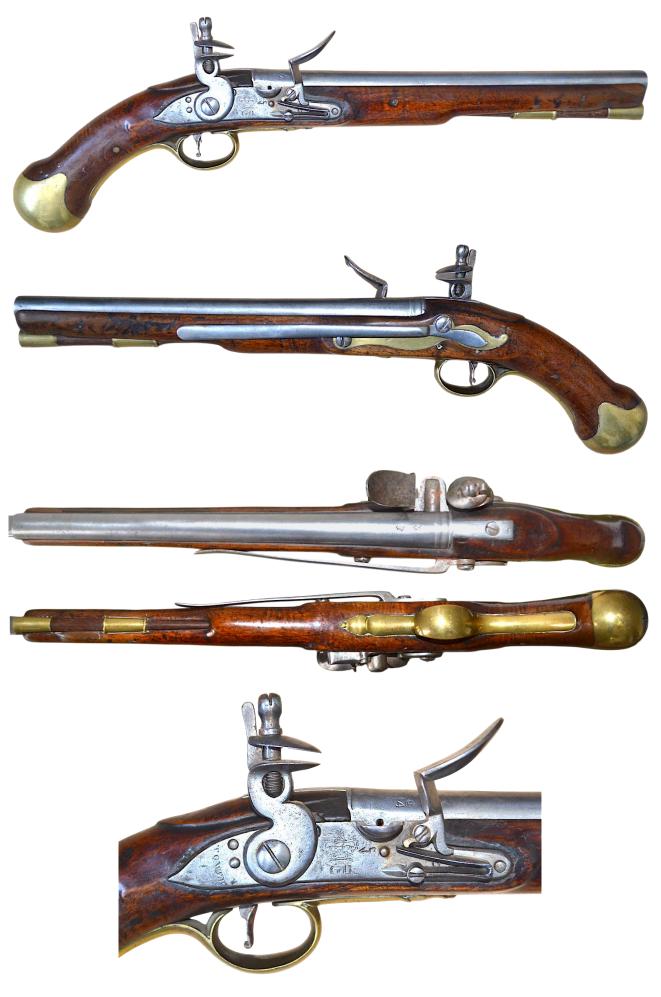


A .600" INDIAN TORADAR MATCHLOCK RAMPART MUSKET FROM JAIPUR, 55" sighted barrel with etched decoration along its length, swamped muzzle, marked at breech "JPR/ EXR / 21476" indicating that it was once in the armoury at the Jaipur Royal Palace, Rajasthan. Full stocked in Indian rosewood with 4 copper 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. Collection Only. £250



Pistols

A GOOD & RARE .56" PATTERN 1716/1777 LONG SEA SERVICE FLINTLOCK PISTOL, with 12" barrel stamped with the Kings proofs at breech, flat style bevelled lock stamped with the Crown G.R. cypher to centre and Tower on the tail and fitted with a ring neck cock, a distinctive feature of this pattern of pistol is the lack of a bridge between the frizzen and pan and also the lack of borderline engraving on the lock. The pistol is fitted with the distinctive sea service long belt hook. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock with carved apron around barrel tang and fitted with heavy skull crusher butt, the grip with faint G.R. storekeepers mark. The Pattern 1716/77 was an upgrade of the Pattern 1716/56 Sea Service pistol, the only difference being to the lock mechanism. The Pattern was produced too late to see much service during the American War of Independence but was extensively used during the war with revolutionary France, examples are quite scarce today. This example in very good plus condition, good stock quite sharp, barrel to a steel grey patina.



A GOOD .56" PATTERN 1801 LONG SEA SERVICE FLINTLOCK PISTOL OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS, EX-KEITH NEAL COLLECTION, with 12" barrel stamped with the Kings proofs at breech, borderline engraved flat style lock bearing the standard Tower, Crown G.R, cypher, borderline engraved flat style ring-neck cock. Figured full walnut stock with raised apron around the barrel tang stamped 'B.O' and with indistinct storekeepers stamp, fitted with regulation brass mounts including short lobed skull crusher buttcap, engraved '5th GUN / 2'. Indicating it was issued and aboard ship and the 5th gun in a rack, the 2 possibly indicating 2nd chest or in some cases I believe the main deck was referred to as the 2nd deck. Sea Service pistols with such markings are quite rare. This pistol was in the famed Keith Neal collection and bears his inventory tag, identifying it as pistol no 109, it was sold in the Keith Neal Collection sale at Christies in November 2000 Lot No 183. It was probably obtained by Keith Neal from one of the Tower sales. It is in very good condition with nice age darkened stock some minor bruising commensurate with use, this gun was issued and did see service in Nelsons navy during the Napoleonic Wars, the barrel to a steel grey patina. A good example from the collection of one of the world's most famous private collections and authority on the subject.





A GOOD 17.5MM FRENCH YEAR 13 FLINTLOCK CAVALRY PISTOL OF THE NAPOLEONIC WARS AND DATED FOR 1808. With 8" barrel stamped at the breech 'LD 1807' at breech, the stepped and bevelled lock engraved 'MANUF. IMPLE DE TULLe'. Regulation brass mounted stock, stamped with a good French ordnance roundel dated 1808 and with the unusual fitment of a belt hook. This is an important collector's pistol for those with an interest in the Napoleonic Wars, it is termed the year 13 pistol as it was adopted 13 years after the establishment of the republic, the French revolutionaries decided that life started from that date (1792) which was year one. The pistol is also known as the Model 1805 Cavalry Pistol the year of its introduction with over 300,000 being made between 1806 and 1814. It was the most used French cavalry pistol during the Napoleonic Wars from the Peninsular to Waterloo, apparently during that final battle the French Cuirassiers rode close to the British infantry squares and fired pistols of this type into the massed troops. If any of you wonder about the reason for the half stock it allows the troopers gloved hand an easier grip of the rammer. Pistols of this type remained in use for many years, it was also the pistol used during the Revolution of 1830 (Les Misérables). This example dated 1808 just right for issue during the Peninsular campaign and Waterloo, in above average condition for one of these, good stock, sharp overall, barrel and lock to a bright finish. £895





A .65" EAST INDIA COMPANY NEW LAND PATTER 1811-18 FLINTLOCK PISTOL, with 9" barrel struck with London proofs and EIC inspection stamps at breech, swivel rammer with EIC pattern long stirrup linked loading lever, hinged at muzzle. Borderline engraved flat style lock, the centre stamped with the rampant lion EIC cypher together with a small crown over 2 inspection stamp, dated 1815 on the tail, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock. This pattern of pistol was produced 1811 to 1818, the early models were fitted with lock with the standard pan like this and those made later than 1815 had raised or semi-waterproof pans. The pattern is an upgrade of the earlier 1808 pistol by the fitting of a swivel rammer with an unusual style of long Y shaped stirrup (apparently designed by Ezekiel Baker). It closely followed the British service New Land pistol except for the style of rammer. Examples will be found dated 1812 to 1818. The Ordnance purchased approx. 5000 of this pattern from the E.I.C. between 1812 and 1813 for urgent issue during the Napoleonic Wars. In India Pistols of this pattern were issued to all E.I.C regular cavalry some irregular cavalry regiments and artillery units and some Royal Service cavalry regiments serving in India. They remained in use for many years after they were superseded by the Bakers pattern pistol in 1819 and would have seen service and action in all campaigns from 1813 to the 1830's and possibly even later. In very good condition with good stock barrel to a steel grey patina. £895





A Good & Very Rare William 4th.65" New Land Light Dragoon Flintlock Pistol, 9" barrel stamped Kings proof at breech, swivel rammer hinged to muzzle. Flat style borderline engraved lock with rounded and stepped tail, fitted with bolt safety and stamped with Crown Wm. 4th cypher, to the centre, raised semi-waterproof pan, borderline engraved ring-neck cock. Regulation brass mounted full walnut stock, William 4th reigned from 1830 to 1837, a relatively short period, arms bearing his cypher are exceptionally rare. In very good condition with good stock, hole drilled to butt, indicating this was part of a wall display at one time, possibly at the Tower, the barrel with most of its original blued finish. A rare and good collector's gun.





A GOOD .650 CALIBRE FLINTLOCK OFFICER'S PISTOL BY THOMAS HENSHALL CIRCA 1812, with 9" sighted browned Damascus octagonal barrel, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, borderline engraved stepped lock signed with makers name "HENSHALL" to centre, bevelled and engraved swan-neck cock, fast acting frizzen, rain proof pan. Iron mounted figured full walnut stock with chequered wooden butt, border and foliate engraved steel mounts, the trigger guard with pineapple finial. The maker Thomas Henshall was established in business between 1802 to 1837 at various Birmingham addresses. A classic and good quality officers pistol of the later Napoleonic wars. In exceptionally good well above average condition with excellent stock having sharp chequing, the barrel with original fading brown. A Good collector's item.





A 25 BORE CLASSIC STYLE FLINTLOCK DUELLING PISTOL BY JOHN KNUBLEY CIRCA 1790, with 9 7/8" London proofed and sighted octagonal barrel, borderline engraved lock with stepped tail and engraved with makers name 'KNUBLEY' to centre and fitted with an attractive French style cock, iron mounted full walnut stock, plain bag shaped grip, decorated iron trigger-guard with pineapple finial, horn tipped wooden ramrod. A classic duelling pistol of the 1790's by the famous John Knubley originally of Otley, Yorkshire, later at 11 Charing Cross, 1786-94, Gunmaker to Prince of Wales, Duke of Clarence and Prince Edward and also contractor to the Ordnance. The business was taken over by an employee Samuel Brunn on the death of John Knubley in 1794. In very good condition, with good sharp stock, barrel to a grey, brown patina.





A Fine Boxed .500" Boxlock Percussion Pocket Pistol With it Barrel Key & Mould, 3" turn off barrel; foliate engraved boxlock action with centre hammer, folding trigger, and sliding safety. Slab-sided walnut grip with chequered top. Contained in an attractive The gun is in excellent Condition with fine untouched woodwork, barrel and action with much fading finish, difficult to better and complete with combination barrel key, nipple wrench and mould in a later green baize lined box. £295





A .54" US Model 1842 Percussion Pistol By H. Aston, 8 ¹/₂" round barrel, US proofs to breech, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, walnut half-stocked and fitted with brass mounts, flat bevelled lock engraved US over H. Aston. Middtn. Conn 1847. Aston made and supplied the US Ordnance with 24,000 of these pistols 1846/50. In very good condition. With nice stock, sharp cartouches, barrel to grey patina. A rare collectors gun here in UK, an item for those with an interest in American arms and military history. A bargain at.





A GOOD 32-BORE PERCUSSION TRAVELLING PISTOL BY WATERHOUSE & HORTON CIRCA 1830, with 6.75" sighted octagonal browned Damascus barrel, the tang and breech decorated with foliate scroll engraving, the lock with attractively decorated with quality borderline and scroll engraving and signed "WATERHOUSE & HORTON", to the centre, flat style dolphin head cock engraved to match. full walnut stock with chequered wooden grip, border and scroll engraved steel mounts, horn-topped wooden ramrod. The makers Waterhouse & Horton were established at 32 Edmund St, Birmingham 1820 to 1832 making this a very early percussion pistol. An excellent piece with fine untouched stock, the barrel with a fine browned finish.





A GOOD 56-BORE PERCUSSION TRAVELLING PISTOL WITH SPRING BAYONET BY H. MORRIS, with 5.25" sighted browned Damascus barrel the top flat signed with makers name H. MORRIS and fitted with a top mounted 5 ¹/₂" triangular sprung bayonet, swivel ramrod hinged to muzzle with a stirrup link, curved back action lock attractively engraved with borderlines and foliate scroll engraving, walnut full stocked, chequered grip, inset at top with a vacant white metal oval escutcheon, iron trigger-guard decorated with borderlines and scrolls, pineapple finial. Percussion travelling pistols of this type are rarely encountered with a sprung bayonet. An attractive pistol in very good condition, with excellent stock, barrel with fading browned finish.





A 16mm SWEDISH MODEL 1820/49 PERCUSSION CAVALRY PISTOL / CARBINE, with 10" sighted barrel, the lock of flintlock form and stamped with various inspection stamps, fitted with a hook safety and numbered 1104 on the tail, full stocked in arctic birch and fitted with regulation brass mounts, the backstrap with fitting for a detachable shoulder stock. Originally a Pattern 1820 flintlock pistol carbine with detachable stock later converted to percussion. In good condition. £395





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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 in the style of Louis D. Nimschke silverplated 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.



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) £795



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 sideaction 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.



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 solider 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.



A GOOD .65" FLINTLOCK NEW LAND 2ND TYPE SERVICE PISTOL CIRCA 1808, 9" barrel with baluster turned breech and stamped with the kings proofs, swivel rammer hinged at muzzle, fitted with improved New Land style lock with raised semi-waterproof pan, sprig decorated stepped tail the centre stamped with the Crown G.R. cypher, regulation brass mounted full walnut stock the grips struck with 1809 dated storekeepers stamp. The New Land pistol was one of the new series of weapons being developed for army issue from about 1802, the series includes the New Land Infantry musket, the New Land Light Infantry musket and the New Land Sergeants fusil or carbine and the Light Cavalry New Land pistol. At least 10 variations of the New Land pistol can be encountered the main difference being to the type of lock fitted, other minor differences include aprons around the barrel tang and pinned not keyed barrels which might be indicative of conversion from the earlier Pattern 1799 pistol. The New Land appears to have been first issued to Light Cavalry regiments serving in the Peninsula and also to those who fought at Waterloo. Versions of the New Land remained in production into the reign of William IV (1830-37).

It remained in service until the introduction of percussion arms and some were converted but their issue at this time restricted to Yeomanry units. In very good condition with excellent sharp and crisp stock, as typical of this pattern there is a small, repaired crack to top of fore-end, barrel and lock to a steel grey patina, butt drilled for a lanyard, tending to suggest it was issued and used. The storekeeper's stamp dates this pistol to the Peninsular campaign when these pistols were first issued. An above average example at a fair price, we notice that many dealers price similar pistols at £1500 to over £2000. Our price.



A Catalogue of British Military Longarms 1730 to 1930

By Brian C. Knapp



This new book is sponsored by the Royal Armouries who supplied most of the illustrations and it will without doubt be the standard reference work on the subject, it totals 17 chapters, 267 pages with over 650 colour illustrations. The work tells the story of the evolution of all British military longarms including muskets, rifles and carbines over that 200-year timespan, from the Long Land to the 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 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, heavy cavalry and finally, special production and rifled carbines.

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There is no other work that covers the subject and the entire period, it contains the results of a lifetime's involvement in the subject, and the findings of the very latest research, consequently, provides the reader with previously unknown information and even brings to light previously unrecognised 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.





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