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Sales List



As one of the country's leading specialists in supplying quality antique and vintage arms to discerning collectors, investors and shooters, Michael J Noble Ltd is pleased to present our latest sales list.

Within these pages you will find a carefully selected range of interesting and desirable arms. We pride ourselves on offering quality pieces at realistic prices and believe this list represents some of the best value currently available.

We are full-time professional dealers and believe that successful business is built upon knowledge, fair dealing and long-term relationships with our customers.

Many interesting items come and go without ever appearing on our website — some even find their way into our own collections! If there is a particular item you are looking for, please give us a call; we may well be able to help.

Our regularly updated website displays most of our current stock and can be viewed at your leisure, 24 hours a day: **look with pleasure, decide at leisure — no pressure, no crowd.**

We hope you enjoy browsing this catalogue. If you have any questions or require further information about any item, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you and being of service, both now and in the future.

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Pistols & Revolvers

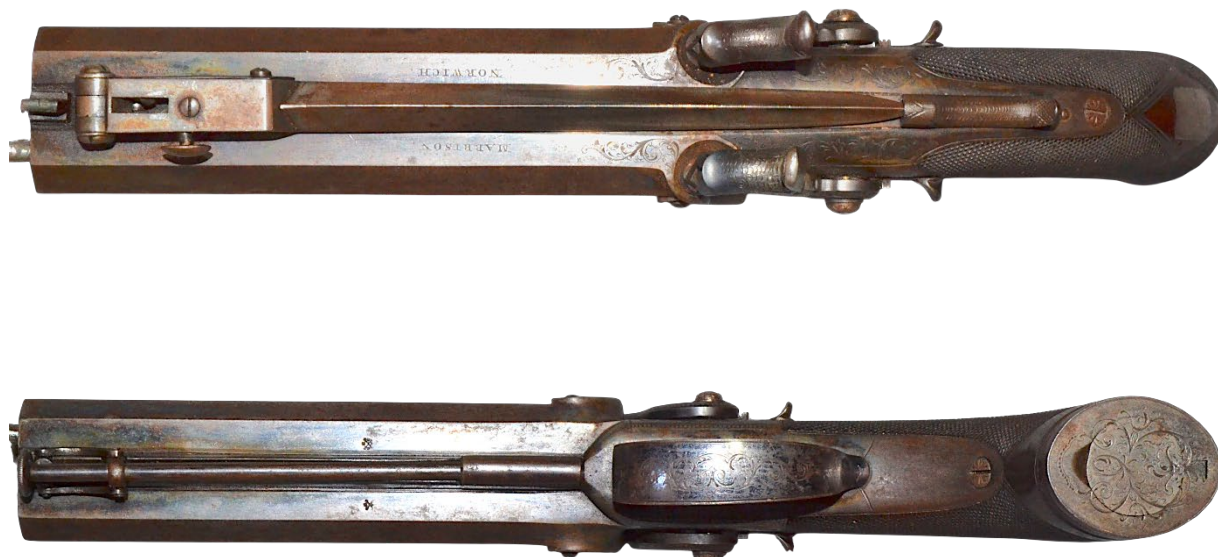
A GOOD .500" DOUBLE-BARREL PERCUSSION PISTOL WITH SPRING BAYONET, CIRCA 1845.

Heavy 5½" octagonal barrels, the top flats engraved "**Marrison / Norwich**", fitted with a top-mounted triangular 6½" spring bayonet; under-barrel rib with rotating swivel rammer allowing entry into either barrel; boxlock action with bolt safeties; one-piece finely chequered walnut grip; foliate-engraved buttcap with trap and foliate-engraved trigger guard.

The maker was Samuel Marrison, established in Norwich from 1821–1843 at St Benedict's and at 50 Great Orford Street from 1844–1853.

A big, heavy and impressive pistol in excellent untouched condition, slightly dirty overall, with excellent grip, case colours to the action, traces of finish to the barrels and most deep blue remaining to the trigger guard and rib. A superb collector's pistol and probably unused. **£995**





A RARE & GOOD .38" RIMFIRE REMINGTON RIDER DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1870.

6½" octagonal barrel, the top flat stamped with the Remington address and patent legends; typical Remington-style under-barrel loading lever; six-shot two-piece cylinder; plain solid frame and two-piece walnut grips.

The Remington Rider was produced from 1863 to 1873, with estimated production of between 3,000 and 5,000, and was numbered within the same serial range as the Remington New Model Belt Revolver, of which approximately 3,000 were produced. The Rider was the only American double-action revolver manufactured in quantity during the Civil War period.

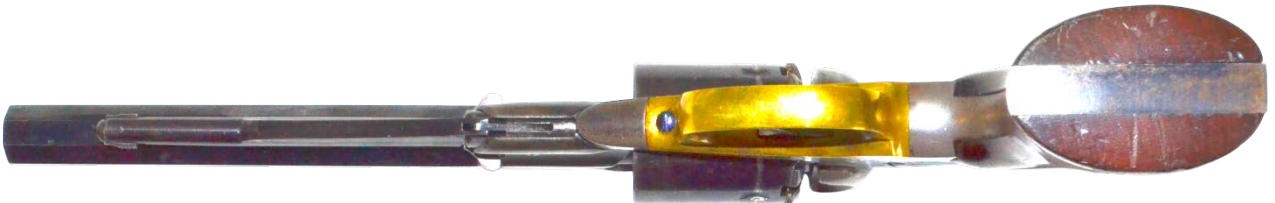
Initially introduced as a six-shot .36 percussion revolver, an alteration to metallic cartridge was available by the late 1860s. Conversion to .38 Rimfire was accomplished by an interesting two-piece cylinder incorporating a removable rear breech plate. This plate is indexed to the rear of the cylinder by a pin and engages with the hand mechanism to rotate the cylinder. Both cylinder and rear plate must be removed for loading and unloading.

An advantage of the system was that a percussion cylinder could also be fitted, making the arm a versatile **dual-purpose revolver**. It is believed that the final examples produced were manufactured as metallic-cartridge revolvers rather than converted from percussion.

This example is serial numbered **5547**, with conversion number **1098** stamped on the rear of the cylinder. It has been estimated that little more than a thousand of these conversions were manufactured.

In excellent, sharp condition, retaining most original blue finish to the barrel, loading lever and cylinder, with traces of blue to the frame and excellent untouched grips. A superb example of a very rare collector's revolver.

£1,495



A GOOD, INTERESTING & IMPRESSIVE .32" RIMFIRE WEBLEY-MADE VARIANT OF THE SMITH & WESSON No. 2 OLD MODEL SEVEN-SHOT REVOLVER.

6" Birmingham-proofed octagonal barrel; plain seven-shot cylinder; borderline-engraved solid one-piece frame, engraved on the left "**Patent No 39,329**"; spur trigger; two-piece walnut grips; the base of the frame with vacant hole for a lanyard ring.

This rare and interesting revolver is considerably larger and heavier than the standard Smith & Wesson .32" rimfire revolver and is not much smaller than a Colt Navy. Differences from the Smith & Wesson include a **solid one-piece frame**, into which the barrel is screwed, and the seven-shot cylinder. The action appears similar, as does the sprung top-mounted locking catch.

The number engraved on the frame does not relate to a patent but is the company's serial number for total revolver production of all types and is in the style normally encountered on Webley-Bentley, Wedge and solid-frame revolvers.

A rare, interesting and fine collector's item. In near-excellent condition, retaining most deep blue to the barrel and cylinder, faded case colours to the frame and excellent untouched grips. **£895**





A .36" MANHATTAN SERIES 1 PERCUSSION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1860.

6½" octagonal barrel, the top flat marked "MANHATTEN F.A. MFG. / NEW YORK"; under-barrel loading lever; five-shot cylinder with five roll-engraved decorative panels depicting naval and military scenes; open-top frame and one-piece walnut grips. Numbered in the 69X range, dating the revolver to 1860 and making this an early example.

The Manhattan .36 calibre revolver bears a striking resemblance to both the Colt Navy and Colt 1849 Pocket, but incorporated advantages of its own. Its success is reflected in a total production of approximately 78,000 revolvers between 1859 and 1868.

In very good condition, with excellent grips; barrel and action with an attractive grey patina; good action and bore. Contained in a later, well-made oak case. **£995**





A RARE & GOOD 54-BORE TRANTER 1ST MODEL DOUBLE-TRIGGER PERCUSSION REVOLVER, RETAILED BY W. & J. RIGBY, DUBLIN, CIRCA 1853.

6½" octagonal barrel, the top strap inscribed with the retailer's name "**W & J RIGBY DUBLIN**"; five-shot cylinder with engraved decoration to the leading edge; foliate-engraved frame marked on the lower right "**ADAMS PATENT No 20,189Y**", with anchor peg for the detachable rammer on the left; one-piece chequered walnut grip with stepped ovoid buttcap.

This interesting revolver is one of the earliest Tranter double-trigger revolvers. Tranter was licensed to manufacture the Adams frame and barrel assembly before perfecting his own system, and early double-trigger revolvers such as this example were constructed on the Adams patent frame and serial numbered within the licensed **20,000Y Adams Patent series**.

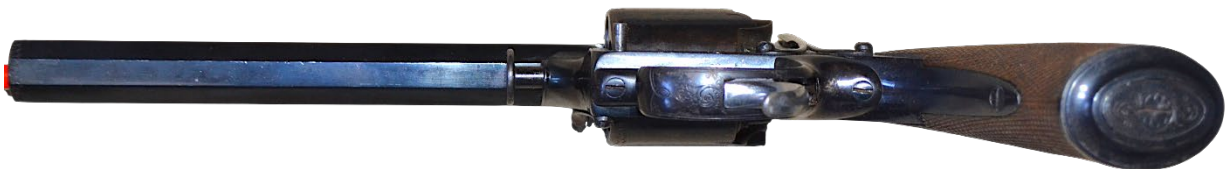
It has been estimated that approximately 2,000 revolvers were produced with the Y suffix, circa 1853–55, after which the T suffix was used.

The 1st Model differs from subsequent Tranters not only in the form of its frame and cylinder but, importantly, in having a rammer which was not attached to the revolver and was carried separately. Principal production of the 1st Model took place during 1853 and early 1854 before it was superseded by the 2nd Model, although some special-order 1st Models were subsequently produced.

This is a very early example, possibly the **189th made**, and certainly dating from 1853 — exactly the right period for the Crimean War — with the additional interest of Irish provenance.

In superb condition, with excellent grip; barrel and action retaining most deep charcoal-blue finish; good action and a near-mint, mirror-like bore.

£1,495



A GOOD 80-BORE TRANTER 4TH MODEL DOUBLE-ACTION PERCUSSION REVOLVER, RETAILED BY CHARLES LANCASTER.

4½" sighted octagonal barrel, the top strap engraved "CHAS. LANCASTER 151 NEW BOND St. LONDON"; Tranter's patent loading lever fitted to the left; borderline and foliate-engraved frame stamped "TRANTER'S / PATENT" within an oval on the left and "No 8351 T" on the right, dating the revolver to circa 1858/59.

Fitted with pivoting hook safety catch and S-shaped spring arbour-retaining pin; five-shot cylinder with the usual roped-band decoration to its leading edge; one-piece chequered walnut grip with domed, scroll-engraved buttcap.

An above-average specimen retaining most of its original deep blue finish and with excellent grip. **£995**





A GOOD .32" RIMFIRE SMITH & WESSON MODEL No. 1½ FIRST ISSUE REVOLVER, CIRCA 1866.

3½" octagonal barrel, the top flat stamped with the usual Smith & Wesson address and patent legends; plain five-shot cylinder; frame with sheath trigger and two-piece rosewood grips.

This model was manufactured from 1865–1868, with a total production of approximately 26,300. This example falls within the **12,000 serial range**.

In very good-plus condition, with excellent untouched grips; barrel and action retaining some original blue finish, the balance having aged to a pleasing brown patina; good action and bore. **£795**





A GOOD 12mm (.48") PINFIRE BELGIAN MILITARY-TYPE DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVER, CIRCA 1860s.

5¾" sighted round barrel, fitted with cartridge ejector rod to the right side; plain Liège-proofed six-shot cylinder; open-top frame with hinged loading gate; two-piece, broom-handle-style chequered walnut grips with lanyard ring to the butt.

A large-calibre officer's revolver. Many revolvers of this type were sold in America during the Civil War, and it has been estimated that **1.7 million 12mm pinfire cartridges** were manufactured in the United States during the conflict, giving some indication of their widespread use.

Pinfire revolvers were sold in large numbers throughout the world during the 1850s, '60s and '70s and later, with pinfire cartridges remaining in production into the 1930s. At the time they offered a considerable practical advantage over percussion muzzle-loaders.

In very good-plus condition, with excellent grips; sharp and untouched, with barrel and action displaying an attractive blue/grey patina. A big and impressive officer's/military revolver. **£550**



A GOOD AND ATTRACTIVE 9mm PINFIRE REVOLVER.

5" sighted octagonal barrel, fitted with side-mounted ejector rod; plain Liège-proofed six-shot cylinder; open-top frame with hinged loading gate and two-piece attractively embossed ebonised grips.

In very good-plus condition, the grips excellent, sharp and untouched; frame, barrel and cylinder retaining much original fading nickel finish. A good and attractive collector's item. **£375**



A .65" EAST INDIA COMPANY PATTERN 1843 PERCUSSION TROOPER'S PISTOL

9" barrel with swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; borderline-engraved side-action lock bearing the **E.I.C. rampant-lion cypher** to the centre; full brass-mounted walnut stock; heavy flat buttcap with lanyard ring.

This big, soldier-proof and practical pistol was manufactured for issue to East India Company cavalry and horse artillery units during the 1840s, seeing use in the major campaigns of the period and into the 1860s, including the Sikh Wars, Indian Mutiny and numerous smaller campaigns. In addition to E.I.C. forces, examples were also issued to Imperial regiments serving in India.

Approximately **18,145** were produced between 1843 and 1852. The majority were issued to the Bengal Army, with a smaller quantity going to the Bombay Presidency Army; none were issued to Madras.

In very good condition, the stock showing wear commensurate with service use and the barrel aged to a grey patina. A good collector's example of a very historic pistol. **£525**



A .65" PATTERN 1858 EAST INDIA GOVERNMENT PERCUSSION TROOPER'S PISTOL

8" smoothbore barrel struck with military proofs at the breech; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; lock bearing the **Crown E.I.G. cypher** on the tail and "**1867 / Birmingham**" to the centre; full walnut stock with regulation brass mounts; ovoid buttcap with lanyard ring; very faint E.I.G. Birmingham roundel and maker's name stamped to the left flat.

In 1858 the East India Company adopted a five-groove rifled version of this pistol in .577" calibre. Following the Indian Mutiny and the decision to downgrade arms issued to native troops, this smoothbore version was produced and issued to cavalry of the newly established East India Government.

Pistols of this type were produced during the 1860s and '70s and remained in service into the 1880s. Many were subsequently transferred to the forces of the Native States.

In very good condition, the stock showing wear commensurate with use and the barrel retaining fading blue finish. **£695**



Longarms

A GOOD .65" FLINTLOCK OFFICER'S CARBINE BY RICHARDS, CIRCA 1815.

24" Birmingham-proofed barrel, baluster-turned breech and foliate-engraved breech tang, the barrel secured to the forend by two keys. Foliate-engraved bevelled lock with stepped tail and bolt safety, waterproof pan, roller to frizzen spring and flat-style swan-neck cock engraved to match. Full walnut stock with foliate-engraved iron mounts, including scroll trigger-guard and flat-style nose-cap. In very good, sharp overall condition, with excellent untouched stock; barrel with a blue-brown patina.

£1,100.



A RARE .704" PATTERN 1864, OR 4TH TYPE, EAST INDIA GOVT. BRUNSWICK RIFLE OF THE PUNJAB FRONTIER FORCE.

30" barrel rifled with two grooves, leaf rearsight to 300 yards and bayonet bar at muzzle. The Pattern 1853-style lock is stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher and dated 1864. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, with the usual Brunswick refinements of scroll trigger-guard and large rectangular patchbox.

This pattern of Brunswick was modelled on the E.I.C. 3rd Type Pattern 1848 rifle, which was essentially the British Army's 2nd Type of 1844, the principal difference being the fitting of the improved Pattern 1853 lock in place of the earlier Lovell's Pattern 1842 lock.

These late-pattern Brunswicks were required for issue principally to Sikh regiments of the Punjab Irregular Frontier Force—the "Piffers"—of which the famous Corps of Guides formed part. They were raised and stationed for the defence of the turbulent North-West Frontier, a tough environment and an area of almost constant conflict, where experience had demonstrated the importance of rifles. During the Indian Mutiny, Sikh regiments proved their loyalty and it was felt that they could be trusted with rifles when other Indian regiments were issued the series of Pattern 1858/59 muskets.

There is evidence to suggest that these late Brunswicks, as well as firing the belted ball, also used an expanding Minié bullet, giving greater range and accuracy.

This example is in above-average condition for its type, with good stock and barrel retaining a fading blue finish. A true piece of British history for those with an interest in British India and the North-West Frontier. (See p.138, *A Catalogue of British Military Longarms.*) **£1,895.**





A SUPERB & RARE .577" (SNIDER) SOUTH AUSTRALIAN-ISSUE BRAENDLIN-ALBINI 3-BAND SERVICE RIFLE.

36½" London-proofed barrel rifled with three grooves and fitted with ladder rear sight. The top of the breech is stamped "H. HOLLAND, 98 NEW BOND St.", together with a small crown over W.T. for William Tranter. The breech block is marked "BRAENDLIN ALBINI PATENT NO. 2551", with a W.T. stamp on the underside. The lock is also struck with a small crown over W.T. and dated 1867. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, the buttcap tang marked with a crown over S.A. / 121.

The system was trialled by the W.D. but passed over in favour of the Martini-Henry. It was adopted by Belgium in 1867, and 500 were purchased by South Australia, of which this example is one.

The South Australian authorities requested a supply of Snider rifles from the W.D. but were informed that priority was being given to arming British regiments with the new Snider. Following trials, the South Australian authorities decided to purchase 500 Braendlin-Albini rifles, the order being placed by their Agent-General in London with H. Holland, who had supplied the trials rifle. The order was then forwarded to the Braendlin Armoury, Birmingham, and appears to have been subcontracted to William Tranter.

The rifles arrived in Adelaide aboard the *Caranjah* on 23 June 1868 but were considered of inferior quality and were never issued.

This example is in superb, unissued condition, with excellent untouched stock, barrel retaining its full blue finish and case colours to lock and action. A superb unused piece and difficult to better. **£1,995.**



A GOOD .577/.450 MARTINI-HENRY Mk IV, B-PATTERN SERVICE RIFLE.

33" fully Enfield-proofed and inspected barrel, stamped "N.S. NEP" for Native State Nepal and fitted with ramp foresight. The action is stamped with the Crowned V.R. Enfield cypher, dated 1886 and marked Mk IV, First Class.

Two-piece iron-mounted walnut stock, the butt bearing Rawalpindi markings including "R.P. / 1908", indicating refurbishment at Rawalpindi Arsenal in 1908 before being supplied to Nepal.

This pattern was approved in September 1887 and was primarily a conversion of the .402" Enfield-Martini Mk I, 2nd Pattern. Records indicate that approximately 42,902 were assembled, the vast majority being issued in India. When obsolete they were supplied to Nepal in 1908 for issue to the Gurkha Army, and this example bears their issue markings.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and action retaining much fading original finish. Good bore and tight action. A good example. **£1,100.**



A .50/70 U.S. SPRINGFIELD MODEL 1868/70 TRAPDOOR RIFLE.

32½" barrel bearing U.S. Ordnance proofs at the breech and fitted with elevating rearsight. Iron-mounted full walnut stock; lockplate struck with the U.S. Eagle cypher and dated 1864, the breech block marked **"MODEL 1870"**.

The Model 1868 was essentially an improvement, based on experience with the Model 1866. A shorter rifle was now considered more practical and was adopted with this model, while the Allin action was strengthened and improved. Approximately 51,389 were made at Springfield between 1868 and 1870; those produced in 1868 were marked Model 1868, those of 1869 "Model 1869", and subsequently "Model 1870". Many leftover parts from Civil War muskets were utilised in the production of these arms. They were soon superseded by the Model 1873 but were extensively issued, many going west with Regular troops and others being issued to State Volunteers. It is known that Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Montana received quantities.

The rifle is in very good condition, with fine stock, barrel retaining a fading blue finish, good action and bore. **£1,200.**



A .577/.450 MARTINI-HENRY Mk II SERVICE RIFLE BY B.S.A. 1889.

33" fully Birmingham Ordnance-proofed barrel, stamped **"N.S. NEP"** for Native State Nepal, indicating that it was one of a quantity supplied to Nepal in 1908, and fitted with ladder rearsight. The action is stamped with the Crowned V.R. cypher, dated 1889 and marked Mk II, together with **"2"** for Second Class, indicating refurbishment prior to supply to Nepal. Iron-mounted two-piece walnut stock.

In very good overall condition, with fairly sharp stock; barrel and action retaining fading blue finish. Good bore. **£1,100.**





A PATTERN 1856 PERCUSSION CAVALRY CARBINE.

21" barrel rifled with three grooves, fully Birmingham Ordnance-marked at the breech, fitted with leaf sights to 300 yards and having a swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle. The lock is engraved with the Tower Crown V.R. cypher, dated 1858, together with the small Government Crown inspection stamp. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, with faint W.D. stamp to the right butt and fitted with side rib.

The Pattern 1856 Cavalry Carbine was approved in August 1856, initially for issue to cavalry of the East India Company. It was later adopted by the War Department as a stop-gap arm until a suitable breech-loading carbine was accepted.

The first orders were not placed until June 1857, when 12,000 were ordered from the Birmingham trade; by the following March, 10,323 had been received into store. During 1858 two further orders were placed with the Birmingham trade—the first in April for 900 and another in December for 5,000. In August 1860 there was yet another order, although the quantity is not known.

This example was probably one of the 12,000 ordered in June 1857 but not completed until 1858. Due to the Mutiny, this pattern saw very limited issue to East India Company cavalry but became the standard carbine of British line cavalry, many of which saw service in India during the Mutiny.

In very good condition, with good, well-refinished stock; barrel retaining much fading blue finish. Good bore. **£1,100.**





A GOOD .577" PATTERN 1858 BAR-ON-BAND SERVICE SHORT RIFLE.

33" Ordnance-proofed barrel rifled with three grooves and fitted with ladder rearsight. The lock is stamped with the Crown V.R. Tower cypher and dated 1860. Regulation iron-mounted full walnut stock, the top barrel band fitted with a bayonet lug.

The butt is stamped with a Birmingham Ordnance inspection roundel, with later opposed-arrows sale stamp to the centre, together with a First Class mark dated 1862, possibly an issue date or store stamp. The stock is also marked with regimental issue markings "K.O.R.? / 287", possibly King's Own Rifles.

This pattern of rifle was made for rifle regiments and sergeants of infantry, superseding the Pattern 1856 Short Rifle, as it was believed that brazing the bayonet lug directly to the barrel caused a weakness. In 1860 this rifle was superseded by the Pattern 1860 Short Rifle, which had a heavier barrel and five-groove rifling.

In very good condition, with good, quite sharp stock and good markings; barrel retaining a fading blue finish. Good bore.

£995.



A .577" PATTERN 1853 2ND TYPE ENFIELD 3-BAND PERCUSSION RIFLE MARKED TO THE 17TH LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

39" fully Ordnance-marked barrel, rifled with three grooves and fitted with ladder rearsight. Borderline-engraved lock stamped with the Crown V.R. cypher on the tail and **"TOWER 1856"** to the centre. Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock, the butt stamped with the W.D. arrow and the buttcap tang engraved **"1/17/131"**—1st Company, 17th Regiment, gun number 131.

The 17th Regiment was the Leicestershire Regiment and served in the Crimea in 1854–55, after which it briefly returned to the United Kingdom before being posted to Canada, where this rifle was issued. The regiment remained in Canada for nine years.

The rifle is in very good condition, with very good stock; barrel with a pleasing blue-grey patina. Good bore.

£1,295.



AN 11mm MODEL 1867 AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN WERNDL INFANTRY RIFLE.

33" barrel rifled with six grooves, fitted with ladder rearsight and bayonet lug at the muzzle. Back-action lock and iron-mounted full walnut stock.

The Werndl featured a rotary drum-style breech block and was designed by Joseph Werndl, head of the technical department of the Steyr factory. Although a strong action, it was not without its problems. The principal fault was that the drum breech proved very susceptible to fouling, becoming increasingly difficult to operate until it jammed; the system was subsequently modified.

The rifle is in very good condition, with good stock; barrel and action with a pleasing blue-grey patina. Good action and bore. **£750.**





AN 11mm MAUSER MODEL 1871/84 BOLT-ACTION SERVICE RIFLE.

33" barrel, ladder rearsight and full-length tubular magazine for eight rounds. Iron-mounted full walnut stock, the buttcap bearing the regimental marking "B16.R / 6. / 75"—16th Bavarian Infantry Regiment, 6th Company, rifle No. 75.

The 71/84 was the first Mauser and German-issue repeating rifle. Many were not issued, or saw very little use, due to the introduction of the Model 1888 Commission Rifle; some were subsequently issued to reserve units during the First World War.

This example was made at Spandau in 1888 and is fully Ordnance-marked. In very good condition, with good, sharp stock; barrel retaining much original fading blue finish. Good bore and action; one extractor claw missing. **£695.**



A .310" MARTINI 2ND PATTERN AUSTRALIAN CADET RIFLE BY B.S.A.

25" barrel fitted with micro-adjustable rearsight and Francotte detachable action. The right side is stamped "COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA", with the maker's name B.S.A. and piled-arms trademark on the left. Two-piece walnut stock, the butt bearing N.S.W. issue stamps.

In early 20th-century Australia, moves were made towards the military training of men and boys in a similar fashion to Switzerland. A Defence Bill was introduced which was to make training compulsory for youths aged 12–14 as Junior Cadets, 14–18 as Senior Cadets and young adults aged 18–20. Before the Bill came into force, Lord Kitchener visited Australia at the request of the Australian Government to make recommendations. Many thousands of these cadet rifles were ordered and began arriving in the country by 1908.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and action retaining much original blue finish. Good action and bore. **£795.**



Reduced To Clear

AN 80-BORE (.38") TRANTER FOURTH MODEL SINGLE-TRIGGER DOUBLE-ACTION REVOLVER RETAILED BY JOHN HAYTON OF GRAHAM'S TOWN, EASTERN CAPE

4½" octagonal barrel, the top strap engraved with the retailer's name "JOHN HAYTON GRAHAM'S TOWN"; foliate-engraved frame bearing Tranter serial No. **15,687**, dating the revolver to circa 1859; pivoting hook safety and S-shaped spring-and-stud cylinder-arbour release (stud replaced); five-shot cylinder with rope-band decoration to the leading edge; one-piece chequered walnut grip.

In very good condition, with good grip and some minor wear commensurate with use. Barrel and action retain some original fading blue finish; good action and bore. Tranter revolvers in 80-bore are quite rare, and this is a good collector's specimen. **£695**





A RARE .740" PATTERN 1843 EAST INDIA COMPANY TYPE 3 PERCUSSION VICTORIA CARBINE.

26" sighted and London-proofed barrel bearing an inspection mark with date-coded letter **P** for **1849–50**; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; borderline-engraved side-action lock, the centre of the lockplate stamped with the E.I.C. rampant-lion cypher; regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock with Brunswick-style scroll trigger-guard.

This is one of only **300 of its type made**. It differs from the Type 2 in having a heavier stock, Brunswick-style trigger-guard, standard musket-pattern rammer pipes and nose-cap; indeed, the stock proportions and mounts are those of the Company's F-Type musket.

The carbine was never fitted with a side rib, suggesting that it was intended for issue to the Bengal Artillery.

This particular carbine is also **one of the three I sold to David Harding** and is illustrated in *Small Arms of the East India Company*, Vol. 2.

In very good condition, with good stock showing some wear commensurate with service use. An arm that saw service during the period of the Indian Mutiny and a genuine piece of history. **£695**



AN 11mm FRENCH MODEL 1874 GRAS BOLT-ACTION RIFLE WITH BOXER REBELLION PROVENANCE, CIRCA 1900.

33" barrel, the breech stamped "**MANUFACTURE D'ARMS TULLE / MLE 1874**"; iron-mounted full walnut stock, the right butt decorated with a carved Chinese dragon, typical of Boxer Rebellion arms.

The barrel bears both French and Liège proofs, indicating that the rifle was sold out of French service, subsequently purchased by a dealer and supplied either to the Qing Army or to Boxer insurgents, who purchased obsolete weapons from foreign merchants. The dragon carved into the butt is the emblem of the Qing Army.

In very good condition, with good stock and quite sharp overall. Barrel and action with a pleasing grey-brown patina; good action and bore. An interesting witness to history.

£795



A RARE .75" MUSKET-BORE NEW LAND-STYLE OFFICER'S/YEOMANRY FLINTLOCK PISTOL

9" Ordnance private-proofed barrel with foliate-decorated tang; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; bevelled, borderline-engraved flat-style lock with stepped tail and bolt safety, the centre engraved with the maker's name "**OSBORN GUNBY & CO**"; frizzen spring with roller and swan-neck cock. Iron-mounted full walnut stock with bag-shaped grip; foliate-engraved trigger-guard bow with pineapple finial.

The pistol dates to circa **1811/12** and was probably made for an officer or Yeomanry unit. The musket-bore calibre tends to suggest that it was intended for a heavy cavalry regiment.

In very good condition, with good stock retaining sharp profiles; barrel and lock with a pleasing steel-grey patina. A good collector's item.

£795





A RARE .65" HANOVERIAN PATTERN 1806/43, OR 1ST TYPE NEW LAND PATTERN PISTOL, CONVERTED TO PERCUSSION.

9" barrel fitted with swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; flat-style lock stamped **"TOWER"** on the tail and with Crown G.R. to the centre, fitted with a heavy Germanic-style percussion hammer and having an interesting form of cross-bolt safety.

Regulation brass-mounted full walnut stock with carved apron around the barrel tang; sideplate engraved with the regimental markings **"C.C.B. 1136"**; forend fitted with a brass strengthener.

This pistol was originally a 1st Type New Land pistol, made around 1806 and probably issued to the King's German Legion. King George III was also Elector of Hanover. Following the French invasion of Hanover in 1803, many Hanoverians fled to Britain and the King's German Legion was formed. It became one of the best-known and most highly regarded fighting forces under British command during the Napoleonic Wars.

Following the cessation of hostilities and liberation of Hanover, the Hanoverian Army was re-formed and included many former members of the K.G.L. Their arms, together with other arms supplied from British stores, were incorporated into the new force.

Pistols of this type were converted to percussion in the early 1840s and declared obsolete in 1866.

The British monarchs continued to rule Hanover until 1837, when Victoria came to the throne. Under Salic Law, a woman could not succeed to the Hanoverian throne, which therefore passed to her uncle, the Duke of Cumberland. The Kingdom of Hanover came to an end in 1866 when it was annexed by Prussia.

In very good, dirty and untouched condition, with good stock; barrel covered with old preservative lacquer. An interesting collector's item, **possibly from the display at Marienburg Castle**, the contents of which were sold by Sotheby's in 2005. **£495**





A .44" PERCUSSION PARK RIFLE BY CALVERT OF LEEDS, CIRCA 1850.

30" multi-groove-rifled octagonal barrel, the top flat engraved "**LEEDS**", fitted with leaf sights; hooked breech with platinum band and foliate-engraved fixed breech.

Foliate-engraved flat-style side-action lock with bolt safety, the maker's name "**CALVERT'S**" engraved to the centre. Iron-mounted figured walnut half stock with finely chequered wrist; iron buttcap with foliate-engraved long tang; scroll trigger-guard with foliate-engraved bow and tang and pineapple finial.

In its day, this was a top-quality rifle made for the aristocracy. In very good condition, with good stock and a small repair above the lock; barrel with a pleasing blue-brown patina; hammer nose chipped. Good bore and action.

£750





A .733" (MUSKET-BORE) PATTERN 1844 PERCUSSION LANCER PISTOL BY PARKER FIELD.

9" London-proofed barrel; swivel rammer hinged at the muzzle; borderline-engraved Lovell's Pattern 1842-type side-action lock, signed with the maker's name "**PARKER FIELD & SONS**" to the centre; brass-mounted full walnut stock.

Service pistols of this pattern were made for issue to Lancer regiments and troop sergeant-majors. This example was commercially produced by Parker Field, possibly for a Yeomanry unit, although there is a theory that a quantity was supplied by Parker Field to the War Department during the Crimean War, when there was a shortage of arms.

In very good condition, with good stock; barrel and lock retaining fading blue finish. A good collector's example.

£695



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