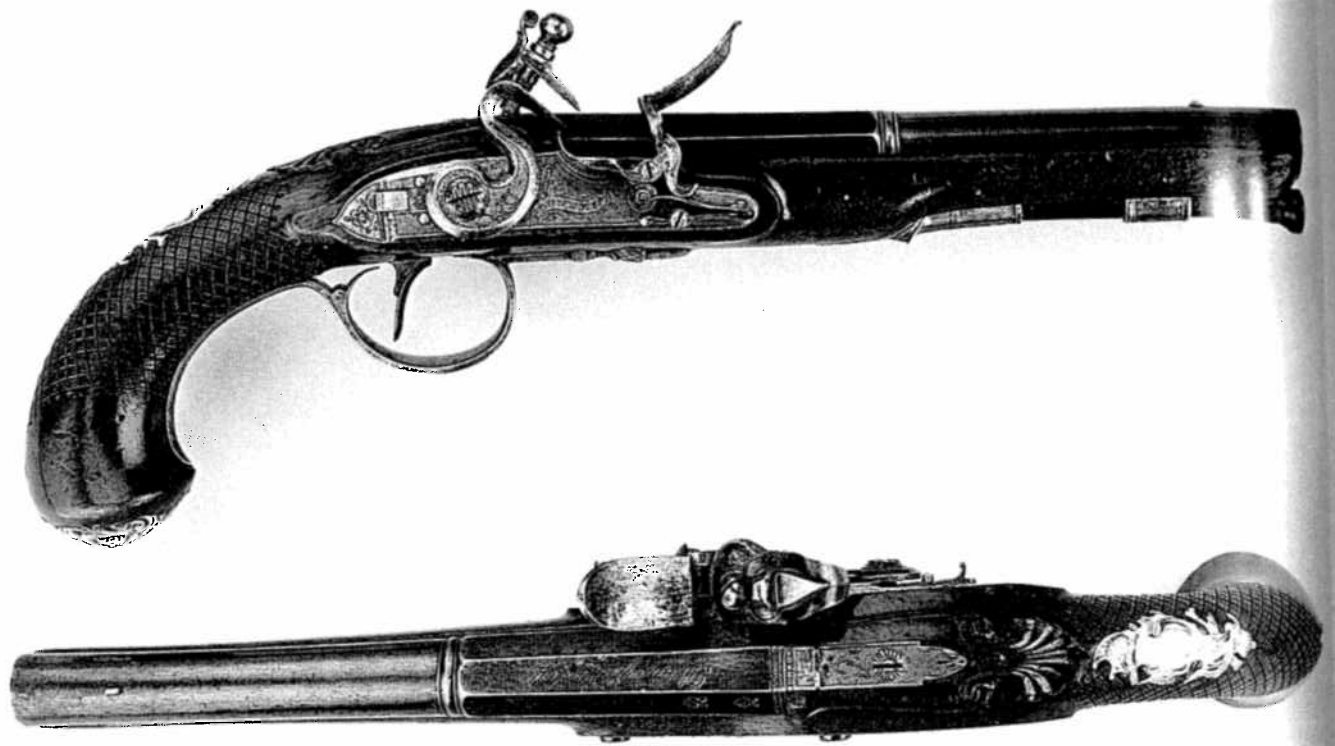


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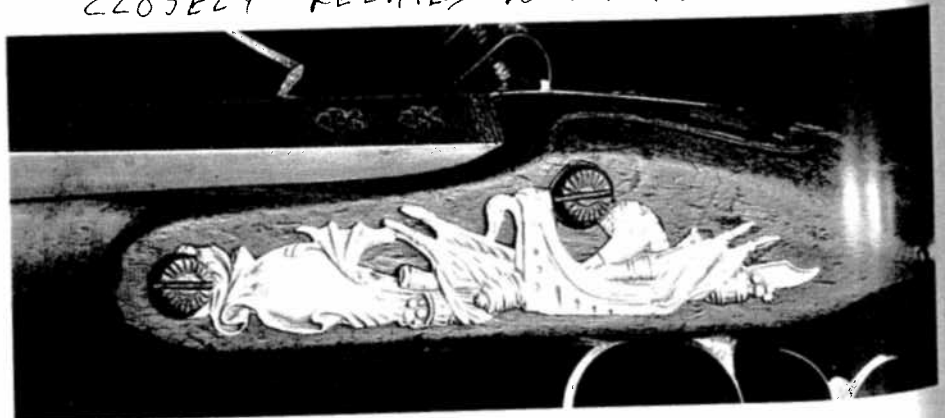


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Overall length: 13¼ ins.

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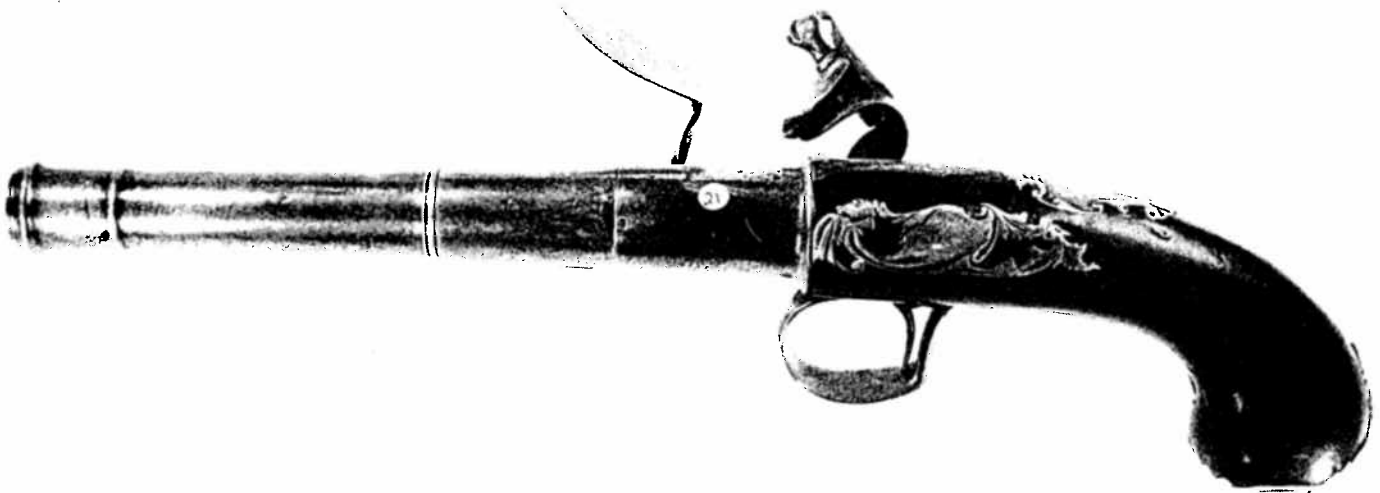
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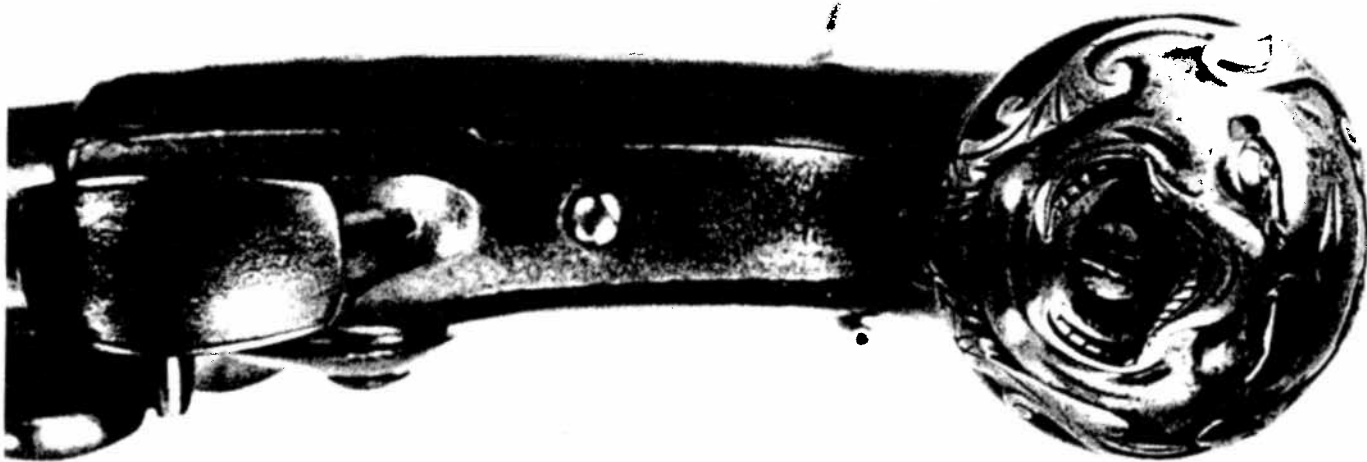
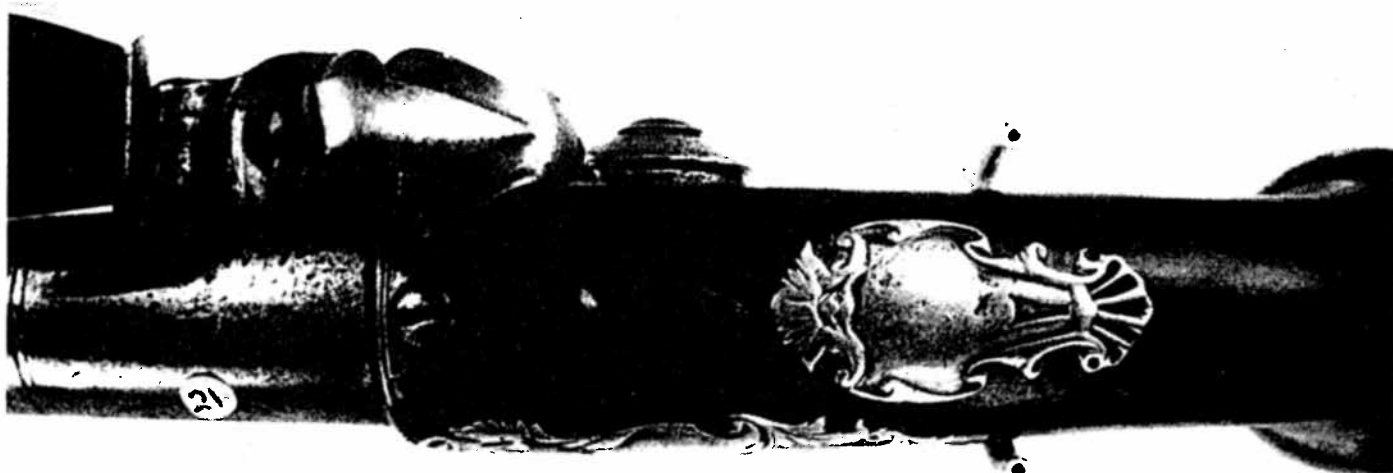


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Made by London - Wilson, 11 3/4" long, walnut stock, silver butt mask, iron trigger guard with sliding safety, iron cannon barrel 5 1/4" long, .60 caliber smooth bore, silver thumb inlay, silver side plate, single trigger, iron breech plug 1 1/2".



1687 Geselle. 1701, Zunftmeister. Q52

WILLING Ignatius, Steyr, Oberösterreich/A., ca 1720. Q0

WILLIS George, Birmingham/GB, erw 1877-1900. 1 New Buildings, Price Str. Q615

WILLIS John, Philadelphia, Pa./USA, erw 1775-77. Gewehrfabrikant des Sicherheitsrates. Arbeitet mit Benjamin TOWN. Q4

WILLIS Richard, Lancaster, Pa./USA, erw 1776-78. Q4

WILLIS Thomas, Birmingham/GB, erw 1873-92. 1873-77, 80 Loveday Str. 1878-92, 3 Russell Str. Q615

WILLIS (WILLESS) William, Williamsburg+Norfolk+..., Henrico Co., Va./USA, erw 1768-91. Aus Birmingham/GB stammend. 1768-70 in Williamsburg aufgeführt; 1770 in Norfolk und 1791 in Henrico Co. Q42

WILLISON Archibald G., London/GB, erw 1872-74. 9 Railway Approach, London Bridge. Q1; Q4

WILLMORE, London/GB, erw 1689-1702. Beginnt 1689 seine Lehre bei einem LM Foad. Konstruiert ca 1702 einen dem als «Ferguson» bekannten System ähnlichen Hinterlader. Q4

WILLMORE James, London/GB, erw 1740. Leicester Fields. Wird «Gunmaker in Ordinary to King George II.». Q518

WILLOWES John, London/GB, erw 1705-06. BM der Kriegsmaterialverwaltung. Q215

WILLS James, Birmingham/GB, erw 1822-25. 34 Livery Str. Fabrikant von Taschenpistolen. Q615

WILLS William, Truro, Corn./GB, erw 1810-16. Q615

WILLUMSEN Christian (Christen), Aalborg/DK, erw 1703-06. Erhält 1703 die Erlaubnis, bei Kjeld HOLDENSEN das Meisterjahr zu absolvieren. Q52

WILMART Albert, Liège/B, erw 1885-89. «Fabricant». Q06

WILMART J., Liège/B, erw 1872-80. «Fabricant». Q06

WILMART & CO Eugène, Liège/B, erw 1880-1908. «Fabricant». Nachfolger von J. WILMART. Q06

WILMER Charles, Grantham, Lincs./GB, erw 1827-68. West Gate. Q615

WILMOT Nathaniel, Andover, Hants./GB, erw 1829. High Str. Q615

WILMOT Nathaniel, Boston, Mass./USA, erw 1852-62. Q71

WILMOT Nathaniel N., Boston, Mass./USA, erw 1847-49. Change Ave. Q4

WILMOT Nathaniel N., St Paul, Minn./USA, erw 1862-64. 362 South 3rd Str. Q4

WILMOT T.N., St Louis, Mo./USA, ca 1850-60. Gravois Rd. Q1

WILMOTTE T.J., Liège?/B, erw 1799-1803. Händler. Q06

WILNPERGER Adam, Linz, Oberösterreich/A, erw 1661-88. Q0; Q88

WILS C.P., Königsberg (Kaliningrad)/SU, ca 1730. Q0

WILSON Alexander, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1635-69. Canongate. Absolvirt 1635 die Lehre bei Robert MOSMAN. Q102; Q514

WILSON Alexander, Dublin/IRL, ca 1750. Q212

WILSON Alexander, Edinburgh New Town/Scotland GB, erw 1788-97. Q102

WILSON Alexander, London/GB, erw 1804-32. 1804-09, 14 Tichborne Str, Piccadilly; 1810-23, 3 Sherrard Str, Golden Sq. Q1; Q4

WILSON Alexander, Dublin/IRL, ca 1820. Q4

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WILSON. Q1

WILSON Andrew. E

WILSON Archibald.
141 Drury La. Q1

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he WILSON & EV

- WILSON** Alexander, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1835-37. 56 High Str. Q1
- WILSON** Alfred, London/GB, erw 1875-87. 20 Little Alie Str. Vater von Henry T. WILSON. Q1
- WILSON** Andrew, Belfast/IRL, erw 1803-05. Q212
- WILSON** Archibald, London/GB, erw 1833-50. 1833-34, 6 Princes Str; 1834-50, 141 Drury La. Q1
- WILSON** Charles, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1677- ca 1720†. Beginnt 1677 seine Lehre bei John SYMPSON. Q102; Q105
- WILSON** Charles, Wednesbury, Staffs./GB, erw 1834-55. BM+SM. Trowse La. Q615
- WILSON** Charlotte, Sheffield, Yorks./GB, erw 1857-68. 42 West Bar. Vermutlich Witwe von John WILSON, erw 1847. 1854-57 mit W.H. Eckritt assoziiert; siehe auch ECKRITT & WILSON. Q615
- WILSON** Daniel, Hamilton?/Scotland GB, erw 1681. Q84
- WILSON** E., Monmouth, Me./USA, erw 1871. Q30
- WILSON** Edward, Liverpool, Lancs./GB, erw 1810. 64 Thomas Str. Q615
- WILSON** Edwin Robert, Birmingham/GB, erw 1838-50. 1838, 158 Moor Str; 1849-50, 79 Great Charles Str. Q615
- WILSON** Edwin Robert, Birmingham/GB, erw 1872-90. 1872-76, 14 Newtown Str; 1877-90, 28½ Newtown Str. Q615
- WILSON** Edward, Wolverhampton, Staffs./GB, erw 1878-79. SM. Darlaston Rd, Moxley. Q615
- WILSON** Edwin, Horncastle, Lincs./GB, erw 1860-68. Bridge Str. Vater von George H. WILSON, erw 1886. Q1; Q615
- WILSON** Elizabeth, London/GB, erw 1820-24. 1 Vigo La, Golden Sq. Q1
- WILSON** Frank R., Houlton, Me./USA, erw 1899. Q30
- WILSON** Frederick, Birmingham/GB, erw 1868. Grove La, Handsworth. Q615
- WILSON** George, Perth/Scotland GB, erw 1708. Kommt von auswärts. Erhält die Erlaubnis, für ein Jahr in der Stadt zu arbeiten. Q102
- WILSON** George, Easton, Ct./USA, erw 1876-79. Q4
- WILSON** George, Richmond, Va./USA, erw 1857-61. 1861, Teilhaber von SMITH, RHODES & CO. Q4
- WILSON** George H., Horncastle, Lincs./GB, erw 1886-1902. Bridge Str. Sohn des Edwin WILSON, erw 1860. Q1
- WILSON** George O., York, Yorks./GB, erw 1847-67. Peter La. Q615
- WILSON** Henry, Birmingham/GB, erw 1829. BS. 32 Lancaster Str. Q615
- WILSON** Henry A., San Francisco, Cal./USA, erw 1878-89. Sohn von Hugh Harvey WILSON. Arbeitet 1878-84 bei seinem Vater: WILSON & SON. 1884 für Charles Douglas LADD tätig. 1885, selbständig; 531 California Str. 1887, 208 McAllister Str. 1888-89, Vertreter (Verkäufer) für die Firma LIDDLE & KAEDING. Q179
- WILSON** Henry John, Birmingham/GB, erw 1879-92. 67½-70, Great Charles Str. Q615
- WILSON** Henry John, London/GB, erw 1887. 134 Cheapside. Q1
- WILSON** Hugh Harvey, Sacramento, Sacramento Co.+San Francisco, Cal./USA, *1828-84, Aus .../GB stammend. Vater von Henry A. WILSON. Arbeitet anfänglich bei Samuel COLT. Ab 1854 in California mit J.R. Evans assoziiert; siehe WILSON & EVANS. 1874-78 erneut selbständig. 1878-84, WILSON & SON.

1876, 513 Clay Str. Q179

WILSON Henry T., London/GB, erw 1888. Sohn von Alfred **WILSON**. Q4

WILSON J., Birmingham/GB, erw 1857. BS. Ct 6, Lench Str. Q615

WILSON J., Birmingham/GB, erw 1857-59. 1857-58, Ct 12, **Steelhouse La.**; 1859, 68½ Great Charles Str. Q615

WILSON J., Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas Co., O./USA, erw 1866-68. Q5

WILSON J., Rockhampton, Qld./AUS, erw 1899-1900. Q90

WILSON James, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1665-69. Canongate. **Lernt bei** John **WILSON**, erw 1659. Q102; Q514

WILSON James, Dublin/IRL, ca 1710-12. Q212

WILSON James, Cork/IRL, erw 1762-1821†. Q212

WILSON James, Dublin/IRL, erw 1824-36. 45 New Row West, **Thomas Str.** Q205; Q212

WILSON James, Wednesbury, Staffs./GB, erw 1834-50. SM. Union Str. Q1

WILSON James, Birmingham/GB, erw 1868. BS. 68 Weaman Str. Q615

WILSON James, Birmingham/GB, erw 1872-79. 1872, 33 **Steelhouse La.** 1879, 17½ Whittall Str. Q615

WILSON James Edward, Visalia, Tulare Co +Pajaro, Santa Cruz Co.+..., **Santa Barbara Co.**, Cal./USA, *1829-59. Aus Virginia stammend. 1867 in Visalia aufgeführt, 1868 in Pajaro und 1871-79 in Santa Barbara Co. Q179

WILSON James Wentz, San Francisco, Cal./USA, erw 1881. Erfinder. Q179

WILSON John, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1659-94. Canongate. **Lernt 1659** bei Thomas **WILSON**, erw 1659. Q102; Q504

WILSON John, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, ca 1720-68. Lehrling; 1728, William **HERIOT**. Q102; Q105

WILSON John, Sheffield, Yorks./GB, erw 1847-52. 7 Coulson Str. Seine Witwe (?) führt das Geschäft weiter; siehe Charlotte **WILSON** und **ECKRITT & WILSON**. Q615

WILSON John, Holmfirth, Yorks./GB, erw 1854-57. New Mill. Q615

WILSON John, London/GB, erw 1855-56. 6 Edward Str, York Rd, King's Cross. Q1

WILSON John, Birmingham/GB, erw 1863. 39 **Steelhouse La.** Q615

WILSON John, Halifax, Yorks./GB, erw 1864. 21 Foundry Str. Q615

WILSON John, Castleford, Ont./CDN, erw 1869-88. Q48

WILSON John J., Rockhampton, Qld./AUS, erw 1889-96. East Str. Q90

WILSON John R., Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., O./USA, erw 1877-81. Q4; Q5

WILSON Joseph, Birmingham/GB, erw 1840-86. 67½ Great Charles Str und ab 1845 auch 70 Great Charles Str. Arbeitet auch für das Kriegsministerium. Q1; Q615

WILSON L.P., Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas Co., O./USA, erw 1878. Main Str. Q5

WILSON M., Orangeville, Trumbull Co., O /USA, erw 1859. Q5

WILSON Patrick, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, ca 1645. Canongate. Q514

WILSON Richard, London/GB, erw 1730-66. Wird 1730 Meister. 1731, BM der **HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY**. Arbeitet 1743 für die Kriegsmaterialverwaltung. 1758-66 als «Richard & William **WILSON**» aufgeführt. Verwandtschaftsverhältnis

nicht geklärt, siehe

WILSON Richard, f

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Richard **WILSON**, e

WILSON Robert, L

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High Str, Bordesley

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WILSON Samuel,
nahe Black Rock T

WILSON Samuel,
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WILSON Samuel,
1783-88, St Mary's

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WILSON Thomas,
1659, John **WILSON**

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Lexington tätig. Q4

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nicht geklärt, siehe auch William WILSON, erw 1756. Q1

WILSON Richard, Birmingham/GB, erw 1769. 24 Colemore Row. Q615

WILSON Richard & William, London/GB, erw 1758-66. Minorities. Siehe auch Richard WILSON, erw 1730 und William WILSON, erw 1756. Q1

WILSON Robert, London/GB, erw 1759-66. Wird 1759 Meister. Q206

WILSON Robert, Birmingham/GB, erw 1766-1772†. Bull Str. Q504; Q615

WILSON Robert, Birmingham/GB, erw 1811-29. 1811-28, New John Str; 1829, High Str, Bordesley. Q615

WILSON Robert, ..., Caswell Co., N.C./USA, *1819- erw 1850. Q20

WILSON Robert, Aberdeen/Scotland GB, erw 1861-81. 16 St Nicholas Str. Q1

WILSON S.H., Brantford, Ont./CDN, erw 1887-92. Q48

WILSON S.H., Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., O./USA, erw 1890. Händler. Q5

WILSON Samuel, Fairchild, Ct./USA, ca 1835-67. 1851-67, Hoyden, Hill Rd nahe Black Rock Turnpike. Q4; Q6

WILSON Samuel, Marietta, Washington Co., O /USA, erw 1842. Aus Arkansas stammend. Q5

WILSON Samuel, Birmingham/GB, erw 1776-88. 1776-82, 26 Catherine Str; 1783-88, St Mary's Row. Q615

WILSON T., Antwerp, Paulding Co., O./USA, erw 1860-64. Q5

WILSON Thomas, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, erw 1659-73. Canongate. Lehrlinge: 1659, John WILSON, erw 1659 und 1673, Lawrence Wilson. Q514

WILSON Thomas, Harrodsburg+Lexington, Ky./USA, *1812-60. Aus .../GB stammend. Wird auch in Kanada aufgeführt. 1850 in Harrodsburg und 1857-60 in Lexington tätig. Q4; Q340

WILSON Thomas, Birmingham/GB, erw 1834. BS. Ct 30, Lancaster Str. Q615

WILSON Thomas, Birmingham/GB, erw 1861-62. 42 Oozell's Str+45 Church Str. Erhält zahlreiche Patente für Hinterladegewehre mit Perkussionszündung und Verbesserungen dazu. Ab 1864 folgen Patente für Umänderungssysteme für Metallpatronen. Stellt die Waffen nicht selber her, obwohl viele seinen Namen tragen. Q615

WILSON Thomas, Wednesbury, Staffs./GB, erw 1878-79. SM. 23 Lloyd Str. Q615

WILSON W., Birmingham/GB, erw 1859-63. BS. Cliveland Str. Q615

WILSON Warren, Uxbridge, Ont./CDN, ca 1865. Q48

WILSON William, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, ca 1644-60. Canongate. Beginnt 1644 eine 7 Jahre dauernde Lehre bei Mungo MOSMAN, erw 1640. Q514

WILSON William, Cork/IRL, erw 1654. Q212

WILSON William, Edinburgh/Scotland GB, ca 1740-68. Canongate. Q102

WILSON William, London/GB, erw 1756-1810 (?). Wird 1756 Meister. Ab 1767 «William Wilson & Co», 154 Minorities. Ab 1793 als «William Wilson & Son» aufgeführt, gleiche Adresse. Das Geschäft besteht bis 1833; 1833, BM der HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY. Siehe auch Richard WILSON, erw 1730. Q1; Q206; Q524

WILSON & CO, siehe auch William WILSON, erw 1756

WILSON & CO Philip, Philadelphia, Pa./USA, erw 1858-60. 5th Ward Str. Q4



WILSON & CO Thomas, London/GB, erw 1868-71. 15 Cockspur Str. 1869-70, zusätzlich 2 East India Ave+5 Lime Str. Vermutlich Zweigstelle in Liverpool. Q1

WILSON & SON H.H., San Francisco, Cal./USA, erw 1878-84. Partnerschaft von Hugh Harvey und Henry A. WILSON. Q179

WILSON & EVANS, Sacramento, Sacramento Co., + San Francisco, Cal./USA, erw 1854-74. Partnerschaft von Hugh Harvey WILSON und John R. Evans. In Sacramento: 1854-58, 36 «K» Str; 1858-65, 122 «J» Str. In San Francisco: 1862-74, 513 Clay Str. 1865 wird das Geschäft in Sacramento verkauft. Q179

WILSON & SMITH, Birmingham/GB, erw 1855-68. SM. Grove La, Handsworth. Q1

WILSON, DEELEY & CO, Birmingham/GB, erw 1868. 95 Bath Str. Q615

WILT, siehe auch Pierre SAUVAGE

WILT Crijn (Quirijn) **De**, Den Haag ('s-Gravenhage)/NL, *1595/1600-70. Aus Liège/B stammend. 1620 als BS aufgeführt; 1649-50 als PM. Q02; Q05; Q62

WILT Jacob, Dayton, Montgomery Co., O./USA, erw 1832-1882†. Aus Chambersburg, Pa., stammend. Sohn des Jeremiah WILT. Seit 1832 in Dayton. Arbeitet 1848-54 bei seinem Vater. 1850, «South Side of Smith and east side of Brown». Q5

WILT Jeremiah, Dayton, Montgomery Co., O./USA, *1808- vor 1886†. Aus Chambersburg, Pa., stammend. Vater von Jacob WILT. 1832 in Dayton aufgeführt; 1839 in Upper Hydraulic, Dayton, tätig. 1848-54 vielleicht zusammen mit Jacob als «J. Wilt & Co». 1850, north side Smith. Arbeitet 1853 zusammen mit seinem Sohn: «J. Wilt & Son». 1874 werden noch zwei andere Söhne, Frederick und Gottlieb, erwähnt. Siehe auch STRICKLER, WILT & CO. Q5

WILT Pieter **De**, Den Haag ('s-Gravenhage)/NL, erw 1642-90. PM. Aus Liège/B stammend. Q62

WILT Thomas **De**, Den Haag ('s-Gravenhage)/NL, *1611- vor 1670†. 1644 erstmals als PM aufgeführt. Bis 1655 regelmässig erwähnt. Q05; Q62

WILTEN Jan, Den Haag ('s-Gravenhage)/NL, erw 1626. BS. Q62

WILTFONG Elijah, Los Angeles Co., Cal./USA, *1815-79. Aus Ohio stammend. 1873-79, Halfway House. Q179

WILTON Joseph, Doncaster, Yorks./GB, erw 1861. 1 Market Str. Q615

WILTON Richard, Doncaster, Yorks./GB, erw 1857. 128 Cleveland Str. Q615

WILTSHIRE A., Graaf-Reinet/ZA, erw 1879-84. Q10

WIMLETT W., Birmingham/GB, erw 1860. BS. 44½ Princip Str. Q615

WIMPESS Johan, Freising, Bayern/D, ca 1765. Q

WIMPFEN Marx, Basel/CH, erw 1451-71. Armbrustmacher. Q8

WIMPFEN Michael, Basel/CH, erw 1530-31. Büchsenmeister+Büchsengiesser. Q8

WINAN Lamberto?, .../E?, ca 1730-70. Q

WINAND P.N. Félix, Liège/B, erw 1850. «Fabricant». Q06

WINCHESTER Oliver Fisher, New Haven, Ct./USA, *1810-1880†. Aus Boston, Mass., stammend. Absolviert eine Lehre als Zimmermann, später Baumeister. 1830 in Baltimore im Baugeschäft tätig. Zieht 1848 nach New Haven und gründet die Herrenhemdenfabrik «Winchester & Davies». Erwirbt Aktien der 1855 gegrün-

deten VOLCANIC F Land, um die Scht NEW HAVEN ARM CO. Q6; Q70; Q61

WINCHESTER Re te. Hervorgegangen her WINCHESTER, eine seitliche Patro wehr das vielleicht Produktion umfasst Q6; Q612

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WINGERT William East. Q4; Q23



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102. A Pair of English Silver-Mounted Flintlock Pistols by Joseph Bunney, Birmingham, Silver Hallmarks for 1786



These pistols are of interest in showing the major aesthetic change that took place in the last quarter of the 18th century. Whereas previously, technical and aesthetic considerations had been joined together hand-in-hand, after about 1780 increasing emphasis was placed on the former. The present pair of pistols, while less austere than the fashions of the early century, are nevertheless more restrained in their ornament than earlier models. The silver mounts, such concessions to function as the strongly curved and chequered barrels and the springs. Although their finely chiselled silver mounts in the rococo fashion are in fashion, they have nevertheless been reduced to the point where they are no longer a very pleasing and sophisticated pair of pistols. Joseph Bunney was recorded as having worked in Birmingham as a gunmaker from 1767-1810. Some of these pistols were also made by Bunney who registered his silver marks with the Assay Office in 1773. Some of Bunney's weapons are marked 'London', presumably

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Price: \$9,500

103. A Fine Pair of English Silver-Mounted Flintlock Pistols by John Parkes, Birmingham, Silver Hallmarks for 1788

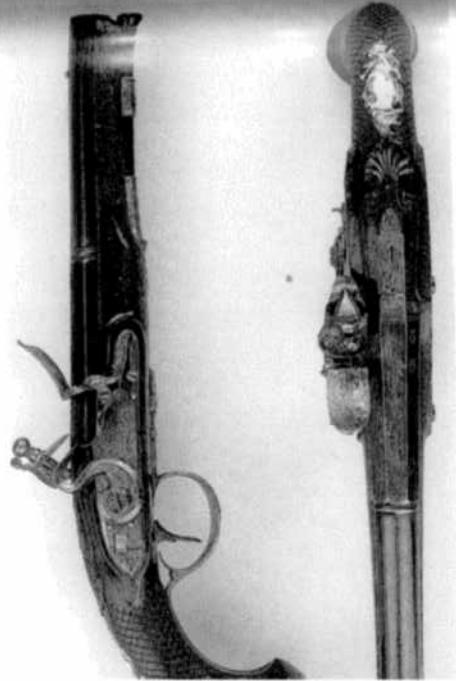


The rococo style of ornament, which lent itself so naturally to the irregular forms of the gun and pistol, tended to be applied with a greater restraint in England than was typically the case on the Continent. The present pair of pistols show how the chiselled silver mounts and silver wire inlay of the lock together with the engraving of the lock and barrel, serve to enhance, rather than overwhelm, the beauty of the figured walnut stocks which is here heightened by the contrasting colour of the barrels. Although the barrels are inscribed LONDON, the signatures on the locks indicate that they were made by John Parkes who is recorded as having worked in Birmingham from 1767-1810. The marks on the silver mounts show them to have been produced by Charles Frost in Birmingham in 1779. The pistols are of interest in retaining the rounded type of cock and lock, fashionable in the earlier part of the century.

Overall length: 13 1/4 ins.

Price: \$12,000

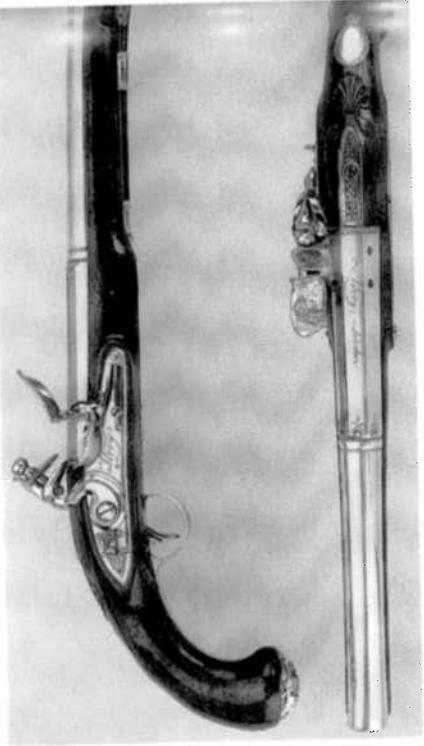
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Very attractive pistols are of interest in showing the major aesthetic change that took place in gunmaking in the last quarter of the 18th century. Whereas previously, technical and aesthetic considerations had marched together hand-in-hand, after about 1780 increasing emphasis was placed on the appearance of a firearm. The present pair of pistols, while less austere than the fashions of the 17th and 18th centuries, would dictate, are nevertheless more restrained in their ornament than earlier models. They show such concessions to function as the strongly curved and chequered butts and the use of steel springs. Although their finely chiselled silver mounts in the rococo fashion are an earlier fashion, they have nevertheless been reduced to the point where they are no longer ostentatious. The result is a very pleasing and sophisticated pair of pistols. Joseph Bunney who is recorded as having worked in Birmingham as a gunmaker from 1767-1814, the marks on the locks is recorded as being made by Bunney who registered his silver marks with the Birmingham Assay Office in 1773. Some of Bunney's weapons are marked 'London', presumably made there.

Overall length: 13 1/4 ins. Price: \$9,500

105. A Fine Pair of English Silver-Mounted Flintlock Holster
Pistols by William Perry, Birmingham, Silver Hallmarks for 1784



In the course of the 18th century the gunmakers of England developed a style of pistol that was once recognisable as English, both in its general character and details. This lovely pair of pistols show all the classic features of the type including grotesque-mask butt-caps and acorn-shaped flutes to the fronts of their trigger guards.

The chiselled silver mounts, contrasting attractively with the figured walnut stocks and brass trigger guards and lockplates of these weapons, contribute to, rather than obscure, their elegant lines. They are the marks of the Birmingham silversmith Charles Freeth, together with the hallmarks of the Birmingham Assay Office for 1784. Signed Perry London, these pistols can be identified as the work of William Perry who appears from the records to have worked in Birmingham in the period 1773-1784 but evidently sold his products through an agency in London.

Overall length: 15 1/4 ins.

Price: \$13

