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L.C. Smith Specialty Grade SBT
Serial Number 26683
Finished March 16, 1921

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Certificate No. 20210

This is the information I have been able to find regarding your L.C. Smith shotgun. The Hunter Arms Company manufacturing records for Serial Number 26683 are in the Shipping Books and show that it is a 12 gauge Specialty Grade Single-Barrel Trap Gun (SBT) with an automatic ejector and a 32-inch barrel. It was finished on March 16, 1921 and shipped on March 21, 1921 to the Harder Sporting Goods Company (Williamsport, PA). No other information is available for this serial number. The type of recoil pad is not recorded in the ledgers. The Research Division has done its best to interpret and report information in the records to answer this request and assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy at the factory.

The SBT shotgun was introduced in 1917 and remained in production until 1950. It was advertised as having a quick action hammer that hit the "firing pin dead on the head – not at an angle as in most single barrel guns." The hammer was actuated by a powerful coil spring rather than the V-spring used in the L.C. Smith double barrel shotguns. The SBT had the famous L.C. Smith rotary bolting mechanism that was said to "never shoot loose." Serial Number 26683 has the solid ventilated rib with rectangular rib support posts which replaced the compensating rib with round support posts in 1919 or 1920. A Specialty Grade with the configuration of Serial Number 26683 would have retailed for about \$130 in 1921.

Specialty Grade SBT shotguns usually had Nitro fluid steel barrels, although some exceptions have been noted. Engraving was placed on the barrels at the breech. The left side of the barrel was usually marked L.C. SMITH SPECIALTY TRAP. The barrel was rust blued.

The frame was usually fully engraved with hunting dogs on both sides. A few variations to the standard pattern have been reported. The frame and locks were color case-hardened. The stocks were usually made from high quality walnut containing some figure. The stock and forend were checkered and were usually finished with oil.

Specialty Grade SBT shotguns were manufactured only in 12 gauge. Recent research has shown that total production during the period of 1917 to 1950 was 2,219. Of that total, 1,410 were Specialty Grades. The total number of Specialty Grades with a 32-inch barrel was 850. Volume 21, issue 3 of the *Double Gun Journal* (Summer 2010) contains an article on the L.C. Smith SBT shotguns.

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Sincerely,

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