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March 9, 2015

James D. Julia, Inc.
203 Skowhegan Road
Fairfield, ME 04937

L.C. Smith Skeet Special
Serial Number 147650
Finished September 21, 1936

Dear James D. Julia, Inc:

Authentication No. 1138-13

The Hunter Arms Company, Inc. manufacturing records for Serial Number 147650 contained in the Shipping Ledgers and show that it is a 20 Skeet Special Grade with 26-inch barrels. It was started on June 4, 1936, patterned on September 11, 1936, proofed on September 12, 1936, and finished on September 21, 1936. It was shipped on September 29, 1936 to Shank & Little, Inc. (no address provided) to complete Order No. 40150. The letters FwENB in the ledger indicate that it has a feather-weight frame, automatic ejectors, nonselective Hunter One-Trigger, and beavertail forend. No other information is available for this serial number. The Research Division assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy at the factory.

The Skeet Special Grade was advertised as "An all season gun for an all season sport." In 1936, the retail price of Serial Number 147650 would have been \$91.89.

The Skeet Special Grade was advertised as having London fluid steel barrels in 26-, 27-, and 28-inch lengths choked Skeet No. 1 and Skeet No. 2. Other chokes have been noted but are not common. The right barrel was usually roll-stamped L.C. SMITH SKEET SPECIAL and the left was marked HUNTER ARMS CO. INC. M'F'R'S FULTON, N.Y. U.S.A. Some variations to these markings have been reported. The barrels were rust blued.

The left lock plate of the Skeet Special Grade was hand-engraved with a clay pigeon superimposed on a flying partridge. A flying partridge was engraved on the right lock plate. Both lock plates had a small amount of scroll at the top, rear, and just in front of L.C. SMITH on the forward arm. A few variations to these patterns have been reported. The frame and locks were color case-hardened. The stocks were usually made from high quality walnut containing some figure. Standard stock dimensions were a 14 inch length of pull, 1½ inch drop at the comb, and 2½ inch drop at the heel.

Skeet Special Grade shotguns were manufactured in 12, 16, and 20 gauges and .410. Production of Skeet Specials totaled 778 from 1926 to 1948. A total of 123 Skeet Special Grades were made in 20 gauge. Sixty-four of the 123 had 26-inch barrels. Only 24 were made in the same configuration as Serial Number 147650.

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Sincerely,

James Stubbendieck

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