

James Purday & Sons Ltd.

August 1929, Serial # ~~2395~~ 23,913

3rd bite, clip sides, 16 Bore,

28 inch barrels, bore .671 & .672

reproofed 2 3/4 inch chambers 2002

LOP 14 1/4 in. over leather pad & spacer

wt 6 Lb 4 oz, IC/IM

for James Whitworth & Linds steel barrels

CALIFORNIA SIDE X SIDE SOCIETY

MAKER: James Purday & Sons Ltd.

MODEL: August 1929 Serial # 23913

GA.: 16 **Bbl.:** 28" Whitworth

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Third grip clip sides, reproof 2002

weight 6 Lb 4 oz ICYL & IMed.

OWNER: Herb Hyatt



*Purdey &
& Guns.*

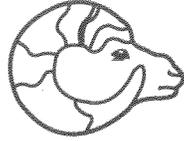
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CERTIFICATE OF INVENTORY & DISPOSITION ABERCROMBIE & FITCH RECORDS

Purdey Side by Side Shotgun
Serial No. 23913

Purdey shotgun, serial number 23913, was received by Abercrombie & Fitch on September 28, 1929 and the following specifications are recorded:

Gauge:	16 gauge
Barrels:	28 inch barrel, with ejectors
Weight	6 lbs, 4 oz
Choke:	Improved Cylinder & Modified
Dimensions:	2 3/8 in. Drop @ Heel x 1 1/2in. Drop @ Comb x 14 3/8in. LOP
Stock:	Straight Grip

Purdey shotgun, number 23913, was sold on September 28, 1929 to "William B. Curtis". Mr. Curtis had placed the order for the Purdey shotgun on February 21, 1929 and as the gun was 'pre-sold' the cost and price were not entered on the inventory record. In their 1929 catalog A&F lists the price of a new Purdey hammerless ejector SxS game gun at £130 or \$965.00.

Griffin & Howe confirms that this information was extracted from the original Abercrombie & Fitch Inventory Records, Book No. 5, page 525 on March 28, 2009.

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TRANSACTION RECORD OF A PREVIOUSLY OWNED FIREARM ABERCROMBIE & FITCH RECORDS

Purdey Side by Side Shotgun Serial No. 23913

Purdey shotgun, serial number 23913, was received by Abercrombie & Fitch as a 'Second Hand Gun' on March 1, 1937 from "J.G. Hall". Mr. Hall is the same customer who purchased the Purdey shotgun from A&F on October 12, 1933. The following specifications are recorded:

Gauge: 16 gauge
Barrels: 28 inch barrel, with 2 9/16 inch chambers and ejectors
Weight 6 lbs, 5 oz
Choke: Improved Cylinder & 3/4 choke
Dimensions: 2 9/16 in. Drop @ Heel x 1 1/2in. Drop @ Comb x 14 3/8in. LOP
Stock: Straight Grip
Accessories: Purdey Trunk Case

Purdey shotgun, number 23913, was sold on "January 28, 1937"; however, this appears to be a recording error as the date sold is earlier than the date of acquisition. The correct date should probably be January 28, 1938. The sale was to "G. P. Skouras" at a price of \$750. The cost of the gun to A&F was \$600.

Griffin & Howe confirms that this information was extracted from the original Abercrombie & Fitch Inventory Records, Book No. 6, page 630 and Book No. 7, Section 2, page 172 on May 11, 2009.

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Paid Notice: Deaths SKOURAS, BARBARA

*wife of nephew of George Skouras
and 1st owner of Powder 23813*

SKOURAS--Barbara. Wife of 55 years of Spyros S. Skouras, Sr., Chairman PrudentialGrace Lines, the beloved mother of late Cassandra, Spyros, Jr., George and Damaris and grandmother of Spyros III, Marina, Sophia and Calliste. Barbara, daughter of Mimi and Russell Feldmann, Chairman of Newport Steel and National Union Electric & Television. Barbara's career commenced with Hearst Publications and Louis de Rochemont's March of Time. She then founded Barbara Skouras Progressive Interior Designs, designing homes, executive offices, ships, yachts and aircraft. Barbara graduated from Mary Mount, Spence and Pine Manor. Fly fishing, tennis, field shooting, biking and skiing were here favorite sports. Barbara will always be remembered for her graciousness, caring and generosity to all with whom she came in contact. Her inner beauty, kindness and vivaciousness were radiant. Diagnosed with lung cancer, her devout faith in God and great courage, kept her optimistic and positive. She died in peace at home August 24 with her loving husband and children at her side. Barbara may be viewed at the Leo Gallagher & Son Funeral Home (203) 869-1513 at 31 Arch Street, Greenwich on Sunday, August 27, service at 5:30 P.M. Funeral mass will be at St. Michael's Church at 469 North Street, Greenwich, CT, August 28, 10:30 A.M. Reception at The Blind Brook Club, follows burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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NOTES ON

Purdey Side by Side Shotgun Serial No. 23913

Purdey shotgun 23913 was originally ordered for "William B. Curtis" from James Purdey & Son. The evidence for the special order is the fact that the date of sale, November 28, 1929, is the same as the date that the gun was entered into inventory at Abercrombie & Fitch. The date '2-21' just above the sale date on page 525 represents the date that the order for the gun was received from the buyer. Although the cost and the retail price for this particular Purdey are not recorded on the record page, several other Purdey shotguns sold at about the same time were sold at prices of \$975 and \$1000. The catalog price of a Purdey shotgun in 1929 was \$965.00.

Purdey 23913 was sold several times by Abercrombie & Fitch as a previously owned firearm during the interval from 1931 to 1937. The later owners include: "McClure Halley", "J.G. Hall", and "George P. Skouras".

The original purchaser was very likely William B. Curtis, born in Illinois in 1874. Mr. Curtis was described as the publisher of "Publishers' Guide" in "Irvine's Dictionary of Titles", published in 1912. In the 1920 US census, he was residing at 60 Greenacres Avenue in Scarsdale, New York, just north of New York City. His occupation is listed as 'executive' at a publishing company. By the time of the 1930 census, both Mr. Curtis and his wife, Jennie, may have passed away or suffered substantially from the onset of the Great Depression, since their two children are shown residing with their aunt and uncle, George and Catherine Pollard, in New York City. Mr. & Mrs. Curtis cannot be found in the 1930 census, suggesting that they may have passed. The demise of Mr. Curtis between the purchase of the Purdey in 1929 and the 1930 census could explain why the Purdey was again offered for sale at A&F in 1931.

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In 1933, Purdey 23913 was purchased as a 'Second Hand Gun' by "J.G. Hall" for \$775. Mr. Hall is very likely James Goodwin Hall, born in Atlanta, Georgia on October 12, 1896. The date of the sale, October 12, 1933" was Mr. Hall's 37th birthday and Purdey 23913 appears to have been a birthday present to himself. During his life Mr. Hall was an aviator, flying with the French Escadrille in WWI, and a stock broker on the New York Stock Exchange. The 1920 census lists Mr. Hall as an officer with the American Army at Fort Mills in the Philippines. By the 1930 census, he was a stock broker residing at 330 East 43rd St. in Manhattan, New York City. Mr. Hall died on April 19, 1952 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

On March 1, 1937, Purdey 23913 was sold to Abercrombie & Fitch by "J.G. Hall" for \$600. The Purdey was then purchased by "G.P. Skouras" on January 28, 1938 (date corrected) for \$750. Mr. Skouras is almost certainly George P. Skouras, born in Skourohorion, Greece on April 23, 1893. George Skouras immigrated to the United States with his brothers, Spyros and Charles, in 1910, arriving in St. Louis, Missouri. The Skouras' built a movie theater in St. Louis and, within a few years, were major executives in the American film industry – George becoming president of United Artists. George Skouras passed away in New York City in March 1964. Copies of various documents from the available public records are enclosed.

I hope that this information adds to the appreciation of your firearm. If there is any more I can do for you, please let me know.



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DATE NUMBER PAGE

03/30/09 149425 1

SOLD TO:

Herb Hyatt
 32424 Aqua Vista Drive
 RanchoPalosVerd, CA 90275

SHIP TO:

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 32424 Aqua Vista Drive
 RanchoPalosVerd, CA 90275

ORDER NO.	ORDER DATE	CUSTOMER NO.	SALES- PERSON	PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	SHIP VIA	SHIP DATE	TERMS
149425	03/30/09	14999	BOB			03/30/09	NET 30

QUANTITY	ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	PER UNIT	AMOUNT
1	RESEARCH	G&H RECORDS RESEARCH Purdey SXS #23913	50.00	EA	50.00
<p>PLEASE REMIT TO:</p> <p>Griffin & Howe 33 Claremont Road Bernardsville, NJ 07924</p>					
<p>I agree to pay the above total amount according to card issuer agreement</p> <p>X <i>Internet Request - Thank You</i> 1.5% per Month Service Fee on all Past Due Amounts</p>					

1 Reg:101 Drw:101 Usr:PEC 14:46
 AMEX 50.00 *****4000 **** Auth:279931

SALE AMOUNT	50.00
MISC. CHARGES	
TRADE	
SALES TAX	.00
TOTAL	50.00
PAYMENT REC'D	50.00
BALANCE DUE	.00

Interpreting the VL&D and A&F Records

The VL&D Record Books begin in 1901 and cover the period through 1929. There are 3 volumes: Book 1 covers 1901 to 1909, Book 2 covers 1910 to 1922, and Book 3 covers 1923 to 1929. Most pages are limited to one make and model and each list for a given year begins on February 1st, probably following a January inventory of the firearms. The books include both new and used firearms. Used guns owned by VL&D are called "Second Hand Guns" while consigned guns are called "Guns Left for Sale".

Although there are exceptions to each of the following, generally the firearms in Book 1 describe only the gauge, barrel length, weight and D@H. The name of the purchaser is recorded if other than a 'cash sale'.

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Book 4 is a Von Lengerke & Antoine stock list of for 1913-1914 and includes many gun and non-gun items. The guns in Book 4 show only make, model and serial number. VL&A was purchased along with VL&D in 1929.

Beginning in 1929 the record books are labeled A&F and there are 28 volumes up through 1977. The A&F volumes cover a period of 1, 2 or 3 years. From this point the records show all of the above information in the VL&D books plus the cost to A&F and the retail price of the firearm. These costs and prices are shown in code until Book 16 in 1960 when they began to be recorded in dollars.

A line drawn through a serial number simply means that the gun had been sold. Unsold guns were transferred to the next year's inventory pages as of February 1st. Those transferred are often indicated by a red check mark. A large 'X' drawn across a page indicates that the inventory page had been completed. Serial numbers are almost never written in sequential order; rather they are by date of acquisition.

The name of the purchaser is often shown with an initial instead of the first name. The clients of A&F include some recognizable names and occasionally one will see entries for: WR Hearst, K. Roosevelt, (Kermit, son of TR), or JP Sousa, Jr (son of the conductor) among many others of note.

Stock dimensions, when listed, are in the order: Drop @ Heel, Drop @ Comb, LOP. Grip styles are listed as: "Str" (straight grip), "½" (semi-pistol grip) or "F" (full pistol grip).

Occasionally new gun sales were cancelled or the guns were returned by the buyer and resold. These were re-entered in the new gun listings with the name of the former owner written above the date of acquisition.

All of the records were handwritten by human beings. As such, there is always the possibility of human error. Occasional serial number and date errors have been noted therefore it is quite reasonable to assume that there will be some mistakes in measurements as well. You own a piece of firearms history. Please accept the documents for the historical perspective that they add to your firearm and do not be too disappointed if they fail to meet 21st century standards for mechanical precision or computer accuracy.

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February 1935

Grand Hand Sale

Received	Number	Color	Length	Weight	Number	Close	Drop	Cost	Assigned	Sold	Value	NAME	Post by	Cost	Form of Sale	Number of Sale	Credit Number and Date	Selling Price
100	16	28	6	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. R. BOYD	11-14-33	V	E. C. HINES	FHS	REXEX	CHC	CH499370		Y60EX 78
100	12	32	8	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS		H	H. B. FAIRBANKS		HFXE				HFXE 30
253	12	32	8	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS		H	H. B. FAIRBANKS		Y60EX				Y60EX 18
100	2	20	7	1	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	K. J. FRISBY	8-14-33	X	K. J. FRISBY	B	COEX	CHC	CH22609		HEYOE 8
100	12	30	7	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	K. J. FRISBY		X	K. J. FRISBY		YEXEX				Y60EX 60
100	2	30	8	1	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	ROBERT W. SANFELD	8-14-33	J	ROBERT W. SANFELD	C	SOEX	CHC	CH22609		CHEX 39
100	12	32	8	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS	9-15-33	C	H. B. FAIRBANKS	B	HVEX				Y60EX 12
100	12	30	8	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	C. L. HOLMES	5-6-33	H	C. L. HOLMES	X	FEEX	CHC	CH22609		CHEX
100	2	28	6	1	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. R. BOYD	12-30-33	B	W. R. BOYD	B	FEEX				ALOE 30
100	2	28	6	1	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	G. B. CHANDLER	7-27-33	S	G. B. CHANDLER	S	YEXE				CHEX 73
100	20	34	10	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	HENRY CRAFT	7-16-33	X	HENRY CRAFT	X	BOEX				HYEX 14
100	20	34	10	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	MISSING	1-4-34	H	MISSING						HYEX 18
100	12	30	8	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	L. L. COOK	7-27-33	S	L. L. COOK	C	COEX	CHC	CH22609		60E 37
100	12	30	7	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	ALONZO T. PARKNEY	9-22-33	S	ALONZO T. PARKNEY	X	HVEX	CHC	CH22609		HULL 74
100	20	26	6	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. H. PARKER	10-3-33	S	W. H. PARKER	B	SOEX				ALOE 30
100	20	28	6	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS	2-18-33	C	H. B. FAIRBANKS	B	HVEX	CHC	CH22609		YEXE
100	12	28	6	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS	6-13-33	C	H. B. FAIRBANKS	C	YEXE	CHC	CH22609		HYEX 38
100	12	28	6	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	H. B. FAIRBANKS		C	H. B. FAIRBANKS						HYEX 38
100	10	26	5	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	PAUL SMITH	8-75-33	X	PAUL SMITH		SOEX				HYEX 30
100	12	30	8	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	MARBLE	5-17-33	C	MARBLE		FEEX	P.O.	155810	NETO 6-1-33	REPAIR
100	16	28	7	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	GEORGE F. RICHARD	7-12-33	S	GEORGE F. RICHARD	C	SOEX	CHC	CH11832	3305 7/5/33	HYEX 3-6
100	20	26	6	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. H. PARKER	7-27-33	F	W. H. PARKER	X	FEEX				CHEX 3-3
100	12	26	7	2	C	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. H. PARKER	2-14-33	W	W. H. PARKER	X	FEEX	CHC	CH22609		FEEX
100	28	26	4	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	W. H. PARKER	3-14-33	C	W. H. PARKER	W	COEX				HYEX
100	12	30	7	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	A. B. WHITNEY	8-18-33	X	A. B. WHITNEY	B	FEEX				HYEX 23
100	12	28	6	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	SWIFT F. DAVIS	9-9-33	S	SWIFT F. DAVIS	S	COEX				60EX 25
100	12	30	7	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	J. C. HALL	10-12-33	X	J. C. HALL	X	COEX	CHC	CH22609		ALOE 25
100	6	24	5	2	F	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	JAS. A. STILLMAN	10-10-33	C	JAS. A. STILLMAN	C	RYEX	CHC	CH22609		HYEX 24
100	10	26	5	2	M	2 1/2	1 1/2	1934	PAUL SMITH	9-8-33	X	PAUL SMITH	B	FEEX				CHEX 34

TRANSFERRED

FEBRUARY-1-1937

SECOND HAND SHOT GUNS

Received	Number	Gauge	Length	Weight	Barrel	Choke	Drop	Gr	Drop	Gr	Consigned	Sold	NAME	Cost	Form of Sale	Number of Sale	Credit Number and Date	Selling Price
R. TYNER 10-21-36 SWIGLEY DAVIS	228	12	32	7 1/4	E-2 1/2	F-F	2 1/8-1 3/8-1 5/8	1/2	0-0	NO.1	GREIFELT	3-6-37	F J. W. Dart	Yr.	chg	C 178717		Yr.
10-23-36 G. M. PRATER	105	20	29	5 1/2	E-2 1/2	IC-M	2-1 1/2-1 3/8	STR	4 TUBES	NO. 2	PURBEY	1-11-38	Bayard Ewing	DNR.YO	chg	C 335974		DEX- 31-5
PRASH 11-6-36	728	12	32	8	E-2 1/4	COMPEN.	1 3/4-1 3/8-1 3/4	1/2	SG. BBL.	DALY	1/17/37	N H. J. Taylor	DE-	chg	C 178716	Hand to stock 1/1/37 RET. TO STOCK 10-18-38 C 302854	LO- 64	
11-18-36	55	28	26	5 1/2	E-2 1/2	M-F	2 1/4-1 1/2-1 1/2	STR	CONDUIT	Q & H	Q & H		H. L. McLaughlin	HOE, LE	chg	C 178158		LO- 18-6
11-18-36	131	410	26 3/8	6 1/2	E-3	M-F	2 1/4-1 1/4-1 1/2	STR	CONDUIT	Q & H	Q & H		H. L. McLaughlin	HOE, LE	chg	C 178158		Yr. EX 18-6
H. H. WENSES 11-23-36	262	12	30	6 1/2	E-2 1/2	IC-M	2 1/4-1 3/8-1 5/8	STR	DET. LOCK	COGGSWELL	HARRISON	5/27/37	John W. Lindeke	HYO.	chg	C 211227	C 158735 7/4/37	Yr. 18-7
C. E. LETTS JR. 11-30-36	290	12	29	7 1/2	E-2 1/4	IC-3/4	2 1/4-1 3/8-1 1/2	STR	0-0	GREIFELT		✓ K						Yr. 6-1
HARDY 12-2-36	1337	12	29	8 1/2	E-2 1/4	FULL				NO. 6 BROWNING		✓ B	H. C. Jones, field	HEANH.				20-
C. E. BRAD 12-1-36	1223	12	30	8 1/2	E-2 1/4	3/4-F	2 1/4-1 3/8-1 1/2	F		VENERA	PAD-5.14	✓ F						31-5
H. H. WENSES 12-10-36	2030	12	30	7 1/2	E-2 1/4	5-F	2 1/4-1 3/8-1 1/2	F		TRAP	SMITH	✓ K						40-
H. H. WENSES 12-17-36	502	12	28	8 1/2	E-2 1/4	MOD.		1/2	SMITH	REMINGTON		✓ K						40-
CRONKAS 12-24-36	2374	12	26	7 1/2	E-2 1/4	M-M	2 3/8-1 1/2-1 1/4	STR	SHEET	VNE	PARKER	✓ C	Mr. B. Orr	YE-	chg	C 178714	Rate 11-3-37 12-6-37	40-
A. B. CRANEY 12-26-36	155	16	28	6 1/2	E-2 1/2	F-F	3 1/4-1 1/2-1 1/2	F		MONOGRAM		✓ C	Paul Davot	HEX-	chg	C 211370		HEX- 18-1
G. L. BORGAN 12-29-36	206	20	26	6 1/2	N-2 1/4	C-M	2 1/4-1 1/2-1 1/2	STR	3 BBL.	GREIFELT		✓ AGR	H. J. Barlow	PO-	chg	C 178713		HEX-
CRASHARD 1-2-36	67	20	29	6 1/2	E-2 1/4	M-M	2 1/4-1 1/2-1 1/2	STR	2E	SMITH		✓ K	Lona B. Carlson	OE-	chg	C 275276	Rate 11-24-37	HEX- 31-6
BARNICHALL 1-10-36	40	12	26	6 1/2	E-2 1/4	3/4-3/4	2 1/4-1 1/2-1 1/2	STR		LE PERE		✓ K						HEX- 24-3
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George Skouras

George P. Skouras

George P. Skouras, George Skowras, (born 1896 – 1964) in Skourohorion, Greece, was an American movie executive and president of United Artists. He was one of ten children, three of which came over from Greece in 1910 as poor sons of a sheep herder and rose to become top movie executives. The Skouras family are still actively involved in the Hollywood film industry today.

Biography

The Skouras brothers, George, Spyros Skouras and Charles Skouras, arrived in St. Louis in 1910, living frugally on wages as busboys and bartenders in downtown hotels, they pooled their savings of \$3500 in 1914 and in partnership with two other Greeks, they constructed a modest nickelodeon at 1420 Market Street on the site of today's Kiel Opera House. This initial property was named the Olympia, was quickly followed by the acquisition of other theaters. They incorporated with \$400,000 capital stock with more than thirty local theaters belonged to the Skouras empire by 1924.

Skouras Brothers Co. of St. Louis dream of building a world-class movie palace in downtown St. Louis was grandly realized in 1926 when the \$5.5 million Ambassador Theatre Building opened. The theatre opened in 1939 as the New Fox Theatre. Five years later, the triumvirate sold out to Warner Brothers and moved east to claim top executive places in the industry.

George become president of United Artists. In George joined United Artists with Michael Todd and Joe Schenck of Fox to form the Magna Theatre Corporation for production and distribution of Todd-AO films.

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REGISTRATION **2579** No. **66**

1 Name: **Geo P Skelton** at **21**

2 Sex: **Male** **23** **1103**

3 Date of birth: **July 23, 1903**

4 Age: **23** years

5 Education: **High School - (By) Graduate**

6 Occupation: **Student**

7 Address: **1103 ...**

8 City: **...**

9 State: **...**

10 I certify that the entries are true, correct and that they are true.

George P. Skelton

REGISTRAR'S **24-1-28 A**

1 Full name of applicant: **John ...**

2 Color of eyes: **Dark** Color of hair: **Black**

3 Sex: **Male**

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John ...

City: **...**

State: **...**

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Superintendent's District No. 23

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LIST OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS
FOR THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES

U. S. "BORDER" sailing from **SOUTHAMPTON** **24th APRIL** 1930. Arriving at port of **NEW YORK** APRIL 25th 1930

No.	Sex	NAME IN FULL	AGE	Sex	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Date of Arrival	Address in United States
1	M	STEVENS	41	F	W	WATER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	19 DEC. 1888	120 E. 12th ST. ALBANY, NY
2	M	STEVENS	20	F	S	ALBANY NY	12 JAN. 1910	DO
3	M	WITWISALD	41	M	W	DETROIT MICH.	11 APRIL 1889	DETROIT, MICH.
4	M	WITWISALD	30	F	W	DO.	20 SEPT. 1899	28 CLOVELLY RD. GLOUCESTER, VT. FAMES
5	M	SCHULTZ	30	F	S	NEW YORK NY.	FEB. 1898	DO
6	M	CONROY	30	M	W	NEW YORK CITY NY.	MARCH 24/1895	107th ST. NY.
7	M	SHARPEL	31	M	W	DAYTON, OHIO	21 JAN. 1899	401 E 106th ST. NYC. NY.
8	M	SHARPEL	31	F	W	NEW YORK NY.	6 DEC. 1895	57 WILLIAM ST. NYC. NY.
9	M	SHARPEL	6	M	S	DO.	27 AUG. 1923	DO
10	M	SHARPEL	5	M	S	DO.	17 APR. 1925	DO
11	M	SHARPEL	50	M	W	DO.		DO
12	M	SHARPEL	51	F	W	DO.		DO
13	M	SMITH	37	F	W	WASHINGTON DC.	4 DEC. 1893	111 E. 102 ST. NEW YORK NY.
14	M	STANBORN	68	M	W	BOSTON, MASS.	29 MAR. 1875	DO
15	M	STANBORN	24	F	W	NEWTON MASS.	6 JULY 1906	57 WILLIAM ST. NYC NY.
16	M	HILL	43	M	W	WINDSOR, ONT.	30 JAN. 1887	123 E. 80 ST. NYC NY.
17	M	HILL	37	F	W	CHICAGO, ILL.	10 FEB. 1891	DO
18	M	BENSON	33	M	S	BALTIMORE, MD.	23 MAY 1896	2405 E. LARK ST. WINDSOR, ONT. CAN.
19	M	JOHN	45	M	W	DELAWARE, O.	26 JUNE 1884	DO
20	M	JOHN	40	F	W	LAUNDA, IND.	24 OCT. 1890	50 E. 72 ST. NEW YORK NY.
21	M	WHELAN	46	M	W	WINDSOR, ONT.		7022 GREENVIEW AV. CHICAGO, ILL.
22	M	WHELAN	46	F	W	WINDSOR, ONT.		DO
23	M	WHELAN	46	F	W	WINDSOR, ONT.		DO
24	M	WHELAN	30	F	S	PORTLAND, ORE.	8 SEPT. 1899	1176-23 ST. CANTON FALLS, O.
25	M	HALL	35	M	S	ATLANTA, GEORGIA.	12 OCT. 1895	DO
26	M	PALMER	30	F	W	DO.		107 BROAD AVE. SAN RAFAEL, CAL.
27	M	ELMER	55	F	W	DO.		330 E. 43 ST. NYC. NY.
28	M	BOOTH	54	F	W	DO.		1446 CHICAGO BLVD. DETROIT, MICH.
29	M	BOOTH	54	F	W	DO.		DO
30	M	BOOTH	54	F	W	DO.		DETROIT, MICH. 754 BOCK BUILDING.
31	M	BOOTH	25	F	S	DETROIT, MICH.	1904 FEB. 21st.	DO
32	M	BOOTH	25	F	S	DETROIT, MICH.	1904 FEB. 21st.	DO

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- Great care should be taken not to place on this list the names of any passenger who was not born in the United States or who has not taken out final naturalization papers.
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U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006

Name: **James Goodwin Hall**
Service Info.: COL AIR CORPS, USA
Birth Date: 12 Oct 1896
Death Date: 19 Apr 1952
Interment Date: 22 Apr 1952
Cemetery: Arlington National Cemetery
Cemetery Address: C/O Director Arlington, VA 22211
Buried At: Section 3 Site 2008-A

From "Irvine's Dictionary of Titles"

publ. 1912

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Preparations are now under way for the publication of *Irvine's Cyclopaedia of Diction*, the comprehensive volume (of about 1000 pages, 9 x 12 inches) referred to in the preface of this little volume.

Work on the *Cyclopaedia of Diction* was started in 1894, but some of the manuscripts were destroyed in the San Francisco disaster of April, 1906. Shortly thereafter the labor of rewriting and enlarging was begun, with the co-operation of scores of eminent men—heads of university departments of English, authors of critical habits, and experts in sundry lines germane to the subject-matter of the *Cyclopaedia*.

In addition to these activities, arrangements were made with Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, owners of the *Standard Dictionary*, for the use of large portions of that valuable reference book.

The publishers of the *Inland Printer*, a critical magazine, devoted largely to the niceties of typography, proof-reading, and questions of diction, were induced to permit the editor of the *Cyclopaedia* to use valuable parts of the *Inland Printer*, from the first number down to the date of the publication of the *Cyclopaedia of Diction*. F. Horace Teall's contributions are of the greatest possible value. His work abounds in the *Standard Dictionary*, the *Century*, and *Webster's New International*.

The owners of a number of other comprehensive works sold the publishers of the *Cyclopaedia of Diction* the right to use important parts of their volumes.

Such men as Professor A. G. Newcomer, of Stanford University; Professor Clarence G. Child, of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor John Louis Haney, editor of the *Correct English Department of the Ladies' Home Journal*, and Mr. Ambrose Bierce, the eminent author and critic—all of whom, except Professor Haney, have contributed to the *Cyclopaedia of Diction*—have from time to time indorsed the plan of the work as unique, practical, and comprehensive.

Mr. George Hamlin Fitch, literary editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, says: "The *Cyclopaedia* will be in demand. The fulness of treatment and the liberal quotations of authorities seem to me the great features. The *Cyclopaedia* should be a great success, as the need of such a work is increasing. The trouble with the dictionaries is that they do not cover all phases of the subject, because rigid condensation is imperative."

Mr. Edwin L. Shuman, literary editor of the *Chicago Record-Herald*, wrote that he deemed the *Cyclopaedia* one of the most practical and important undertakings in the field of reference-book literature.

Mr. William B. Curtis, publisher of the *Publishers' Guide*, New York, writes: "You undoubtedly have an excellent proposition and there ought to be a great deal of money in it. Every office, every professional man, every school, every library, every hotel reading-room, and hundreds of other

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June 2007



Septs of Clan Hall

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Clan Hall Society Elects New President

The 14th annual Loch Norman Highland Games was the setting for Clan Hall Society's annual meeting. Wonderful weather greeted participants and guests for the two-day games in April at the beautiful Rural Hill Plantation outside of Huntersville, NC. A summary of the Clan's business meeting can be found on pages 3 and 4.

John A. "Skip" Hall, Jr. of Youngstown, Ohio was elected President for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Skip has lived nearly all of his life in Ohio, the oldest of seven children. He has been married to Debbie for almost 34 years and they have two grown children, Rachel and Brian. Just recently retired, Skip's 36-year career as an electrician had been with some of the largest Ohio companies. His new career is his own business, Ten/29 Productions, LLC, a video production company. His interest in his Scottish ancestry



Judy Hall bests Medal on new Society Pres

comes from his was born in Gl came to Ameri ancestral Halle chusetts in t 1600s. In th ancestors mo Ohio, where some of them still reside. Results from his participa tion in the Border Reiver DNA Pro-

ject show a strong Anglo-Saxon connection. His genetic markers from

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not one of the largest, but we hold our own as a part of Scottish history," said Skip.

James G. Hall - WW I & WW II pilot extraordinaire

James Goodwin Hall lived in Penns Grove, NJ at enlistment. He was born on 12 Oct 1896 in Atlanta, GA.

Hall mustered in as a PFC at Essington, PA in Aug. 1917. He then attended the School of Military Aeronautics, Princeton University and served as a Flying Cadet in Mineola, Long Island. He was also stationed at Fort Sill, OK., Ft. Mills and Rockwell Field.

Hall was commissioned a Lt. in Jan. 1918 while at Garden City, NY. He also worked with the Foreign Service for a year.

He was likely trained by the French after an overseas assignment, but no loca-

Photo by Intl Newsreel 6 Oct 1931



James G. Hall and Sirlus C/N 151 after the loss of his Altair C/N on 15 Sept 1931

tions/dates are known. He was assigned to Escadrille Br.111 from Plessis Belleville in Jul. 1918.

While with Br.111, he was credited with shooting down one EA 11 in Aug. 1918 near NOYON with Lt. Solomon Wise. Hall was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm, the citation reading:

"Pilot wonderful for his courage and his skill. Worked without thinking of himself during the battle of Picardie, executing the most dangerous bombardments with indefatigable activity. On August 11, 1918, he went through a combat against several enemy planes with the greatest presence of mind, his machine gunner be-

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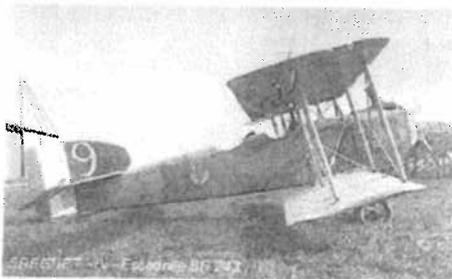


James G. Hall - WW I & WW II pilot extraordinaire (cont)

ing seriously wounded. He continued to fight along and brought down one of his adversaries"

Order #234, GHQ, 10 Dec 1918.

While with Br.111 Hall participated in the Champagne Marn, Aisne-Marne,



Somme Offensive, St. Mihiel and Musese Argonne.

Hall accumulated 37hrs. 05min. of flying time over the lines with Br.111 during 13 bombardments and one combination raid. He also had 10 practice flights. Hall was reportedly a POW, but dates/location have yet to be found. He served with Br.111 until the end of the war and was discharged May 1920.

Fast forward to New York in the 1930s: The mission of James Goodwin Hall, a handsome, well-to-do, thirty-four-year-old New York City stockbroker, was to publicize the work of The Crusaders, a national organization engaged in help-



Photo by Intf Newsreel 6 Oct 1931

Jim Hall and Sirius C/N 151. This Sirius used by James Goodwin Hall after the loss of his Altair C/N 145 in September 1931. Photo taken at Roosevelt Field, New York.

ing to end the federal prohibition against liquor. During the summer of 1931, Jim and his flashy yellow-and-black Lockheed were very much in the public eye, dashing from city to

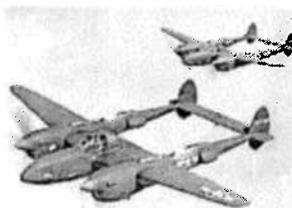
city on record shattering flights. The ship was one of the first Altairs, a low-winged speed package with retractable landing gear. It was named THE CRUSADER and carried the anti-Prohibition group's big shield emblem. Hall first beat Roscoe Turner's 1930 Canada-Mexico mark, flying the Vancouver-Aqua Caliente route in seven hours, 48 min., 31 sec. Next, he clipped 46 min. from Frank Hawk's New York-Havana record covering the 1,400

miles nonstop in eight hours and 35 min. Hall subsisted on only two oranges. He was handed a Cuban cocktail when he climbed out at Havana. "This alone was worth the trip," remarked Jim gratefully. "How about another?"

In World War II, Hall flew with the Eighth Air Force in the 7th Photographic Group. They flew Spitfires, L-5s, P-51s and P-38s to obtain information about bombardment targets and damage inflicted by bombardment operations; provide mapping service for air and ground units; observe and report on enemy transportation, installations, and positions; and obtain data on weather conditions.

In Jul. 1943, Col. Hall was CO of the 7th Photographic Reconnaissance Group stationed at Podington, then Mount Farm, England. This squadron was sent to Britain in 1942. In Aug. 1943, it was broken up to form the 7th Photorecon and Mapping Group. Prior to Jun. 1944, they photographed airfields, cities, industrial establishments, and ports in France, the Low Countries, and Germany. A "Distinguished Unit Citation" was received for operations in May- Jun. 1944, when its coverage of bridges, marshalling yards, canals, highways, rivers, and other targets contributed much to the success of the Normandy campaign. The Group covered missile sites in France and carried out photographic mapping

missions for ground forces advancing across France. They provided reconnais-



sance support for the airborne attack on Holland in Sept. and for the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945. P-51s were used to escort its own reconnaissance planes during the last months of the war as the group supported the Allied drive across the Rhine and into Germany. They took part in the final bomb-damage assessment following V-E Day, were inactivated in England in Nov. 1945, and disbanded in Mar. 1947.

Group campaigns included air offensives in Europe, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, Ardennes-Salace.

The book *Eyes of the Eighth: A Story of the 7th Photographic Reconnaissance Group 1942-1945* contains material about James G. Hall.

James G. Hall married Anne Burnett Tandy and had one daughter, Anne W. (Hall) Marion, whose family tree is a Who's Who of Texas ranching (Four Sixes Ranches in Montana and Texas), oil (Burnett Oil Co.), banking (First National Bank of Ft. Worth), commerce and founders of the American Quarter Horse Association.



James with his daughter Anne

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The Purdey Gun

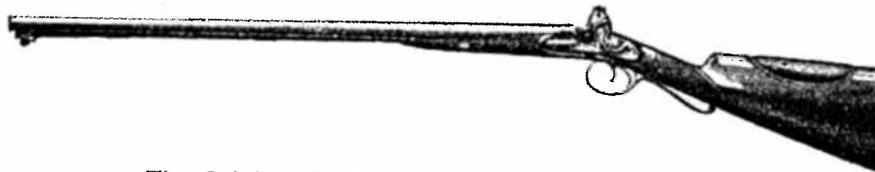
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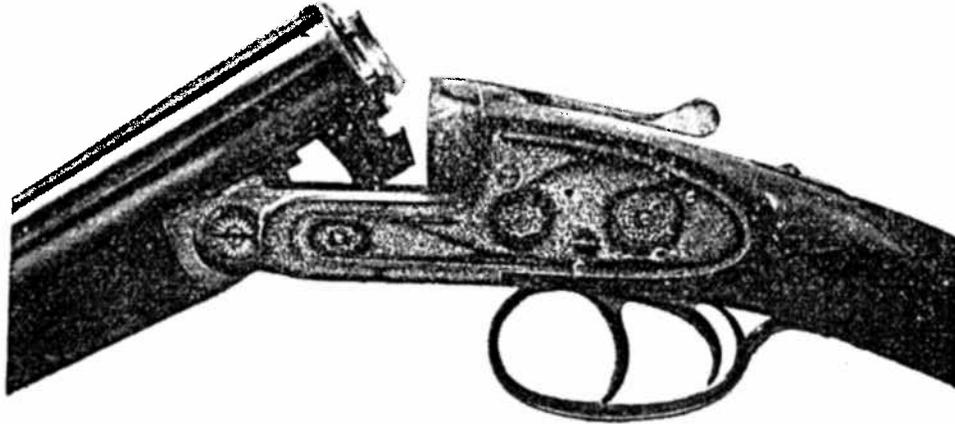
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Country: Philippines

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COMPANY OR TROOP
REGIMENT: 2nd Cav. Regt.
ARMY OF SERVICE: Philippine Army

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PLACE OF BIRTH

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PROPERTY

REMARKS

NAME	AGE	SEX	RACE	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY AND SERVICE TRADE	RELIGION	PROPERTY	REMARKS	DATE OF BIRTH												OCCUPATION									
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Mr. Herbert W. Hyatt
32424 Aqua Vista Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes
California
90275
USA

25th March 2009

Dear Mr. Hyatt,

Re: Purdey Gun No. 23913

Further to your recent request I have obtained the following information from the original records.

Completed August 1929 for Mr. W.B Curtis.
16-Bore Hammerless Ejector
28" Whitworth Steel Barrels
2 9/16" Chamber
Choke R: Light Cyl. & L: ½
Third Grip and Clip Sides
Stock Length 14 3/8" mid.
Oval Engraved WBC
Overall Gun Weight 6lb 4oz
Barrel Weight 2lb 13oz

This is all the information that is available for this shotgun.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Alastair Bowles
Gunroom

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JH MAR 2010	PURDEY 16 bore S&W No 23913	
	<u>Supply & fit spacer & leather-covered pad to 1/4"</u>	
	Spacers: prep spacer for fitting; plug holes in butt-end of stock & prep. Affix spacer to stock, grind down & carefully file to wood level, sand smooth & burnish spacer, refinish wood locally as necessary.	615.00
	Leather-covered pad	425.00
	Pick-up engraving to: breech, trigger-plate, top-lever & lock plate pins, includes prep. & fire-blue & postage, re-assemble gun.	270.00
	Return shipment using client Fed Ex acct. Handling	25.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,335.00</u>