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CABLE ADDRESS "HUNTER" FULTON

L.C. Smith Skeet Special
Serial Number 138533
Finished June 6, 1934

Certificate No. 19310

This is the information I have been able to find regarding your L.C. Smith shotgun. The Hunter Arms Company, Inc. manufacturing records for Serial Number 138533 are contained in the Shipping Records and show that it is a 20 gauge Skeet Special Grade with 27-inch barrels. It was started on April 20, 1934, patterned on May 16, and proofed on May 18. It was finished on June 6, 1934 and shipped the next day to Karl Maust (no address provided) to complete order number 35938. The letters FwEOB in the ledger indicate that it has a featherweight frame, automatic ejectors, selective Hunter One-Trigger, and a 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." Serial Number 138533 would have retailed for about \$92 when it was shipped in 1934.

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 observed but are not common. The right barrel was usually roll-stamped L.C. SMITH SKEET SPECIAL and the left was marked HUNTER ARMS CO. 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 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 2¼ inch drop at the heel.

Skeet Special Grade shotguns were manufactured in 12, 16, and 20 gauges and .410. Recent research has revealed that only 666 Skeet Specials were made during the period of 1928 to 1946. Ninety-six were made in 1934. A total of 129 Skeet Special Grades were made in 20 gauge. Thirty-two of this gauge had the selective Hunter One-Trigger, and 30 had 27-inch barrels. Only 3 were made with the exact configuration of Serial Number 138533.

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Sincerely,

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