

The Marlin Firearms Co.

Makers of Fine Rifles and Shotguns Since 1870

September 6, 1990

The L. C. Smith Gun Company records are not complete, and some information is not available. However, the following is shown as pertaining to the L. C. Smith shotgun, Serial No. 54,449.

<u>TYPE*</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GAUGE</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>DATE SHIPPED</u>	<u>TO WHOM SHIPPED</u>
FWEOBSP	Premier Skeet	12	26"	Started 9/21/1949	No finished date to whom shipped.

Enclosed is an L. C. Smith information sheet which we feel will furnish assistance with regard to parts and maintenance of these fine old shotguns.

Yours very truly,



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Senior Technical Manager

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Enclosure

- * SYMBOL:
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|----|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| FW | - Featherweight | RP | - Standard Recoil Pad |
| R | - Regular Frame | IS | - Ivory Sight |
| S | - Single Barrel Trap Gun | V | - Ventilated Rib |
| E | - Automatic Ejectors | N | - Non-Selective One-Trigger |
| O | - Selective One-Trigger | L | - Long Range Wild Fowl |
| B | - Beavertail Forend | SP | - Single Sighting Plain Rib |
| W | - Featherweight (After 1946) | | |



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L. C. SMITH REPAIR AND PARTS INFORMATION

We regret having to advise that we are unable to furnish parts, fit barrels, or forearms, install stocks, or refinish L. C. Smith shotguns.

We cannot furnish parts for L.C. Smith outside hammer shotguns.

We cannot furnish parts or service for Fulton and Hunter Special shotguns.

We cannot furnish parts for the L. C. Smith single barrel trap gun.

We, also cannot repair or furnish parts for the Hunter One-Trigger. We do not express opinion about using old Hunter Arms Co. made shotguns. The owner will have to determine if the shotgun is safe to use.

We no longer repair old L. C. Smith shotguns. We suggest you contact a reliable custom gunsmith for repair to your old gun.

The old L. C. Smith shotguns should not be rechambered for 3-inch shells. Numerous cases of burst barrels and damaged guns support our position that this practice is unsafe.

We do not fit new stocks or beavertail forearms to any L. C. Smith shotgun. Reinhart Fajen, Inc., Warsaw, Missouri 65355, do excellent shotgun stock and forearm work. They also, make stock blanks of various kinds. You may want to contact them for their cost estimate of the wood or work you want done.

The Lefever Arms Company, Inc., R. D. #1, Box 106, Lee Center, New York 13363, do excellent L.C. Smith shotgun repairs, refinishing of barrels and repair and replacement of barrels.

We do not recommend refinishing or recoloring the frame and lock plates of L.C. Smith shotguns. It is possible to warp these parts, damaging them beyond use.

The old Hunter Arms Company records do not reflect the choke or chamber dimensions of barrels.

The old Hunter Arms Company records also do not reflect the type of steel used in barrels. To our knowledge, no L. C. Smiths were made with barrels having a simulated damascus pattern. If your barrels have a swirl and curl design, they are damascus. Numerous cases of burst barrels and personal injury support our stand that the old barrels made by this process are unsafe. We must advise against use of damascus or twist steel barreled L. C. Smith shotguns.

L. C. Smith Repair and Parts Information

Marlin does not furnish reloading information or opinion on the use of old guns. However, numerous cases of split and ruptured barrels cause us to advise that care and caution be exercised when reloading shotshells for any Hunter Arms Company L. C. Smith shotgun.

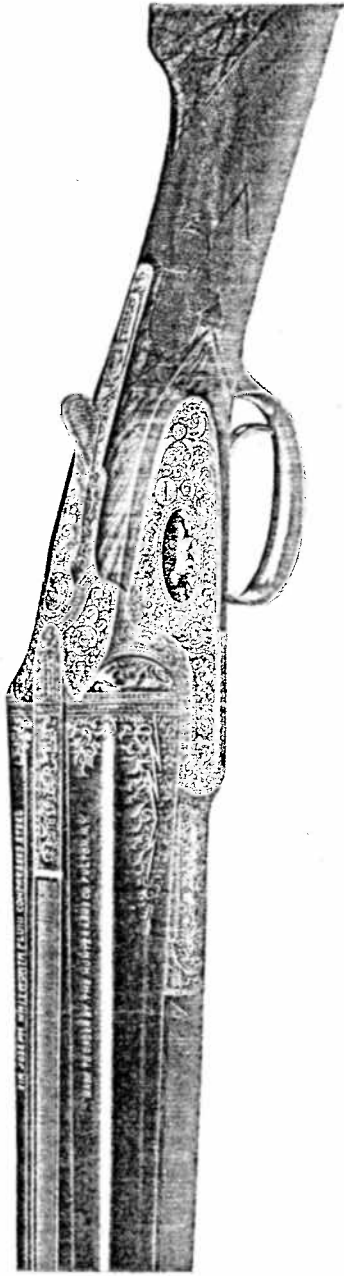
Marlin does not furnish estimates of value on old guns. It would be unfair to you for us to give possible misleading values, as the condition, scarcity and serviceability dictate values among collectors and double-gun users, and we do not keep abreast of the price trend of today's old gun market.

Four different serial number series were used in numbering L. C. Smith shotguns. Until about 1918, no prefix to the number was used, and guns were numbered to as high as 361,000 (not necessarily in sequence.) From 1918 until about 1946, guns were numbered in numerical sequence from 101 to about number 203,000. Some of these second series are prefixed with FW (featherweight) or FWE (Featherweight with ejectors); some others among this series have no prefix. Many were marked "R" for "Regular" frame. From 1946 (after Marlin acquired the Hunter Arms Company) until the gun was discontinued in 1951, only featherweight frames were used, and all numbers (from 1 to 56,000) were prefixed with FWS. Serial numbers of L. C. Smiths made by Marlin during recent years are prefixed with FWM.

To establish when an L. C. Smith manufactured and determine the information if any, in the records, all markings and a complete description are needed. Engraving pattern, length of barrel, length and width of barrel lug, ejector or non-ejector, gauge and date of original purchase information will be of great help.

We have no information about L. C. Smiths made in Syracuse, N. Y.

L. C. Smith Premier Gun



Gauge

12, 16 or 20
.410-caliber

Barrels

26, 28, 30 or 32-inch
FLUID STEEL, proof tested, bored
to order from full choke to cylinder,
.410-caliber, 26 and 28-inch only.

Weights

12-gauge. .6 lbs. 6 oz. to 8¼ lbs.
16-gauge. 6¼ to 7 lbs.
20-gauge. 5¼ to 6½ lbs.
.410-caliber. 5½ to 5¾ lbs.

Grip

Full-pistol is standard.
Half or straight
to order.

A Genteel Work of the Gun Maker's Art

The Smith "Premier" is the result of exceptional care in the selection of materials and the application of detail throughout. A quiet elegance surrounds its delicate engraving and the hunting dogs depicted in gold on both lock-plates.

Special attention is given to the selection and treatment of the barrels from the famous Whitworth Fluid Steel that there may be a positive factor in strength and shooting qualities.

The stock is Circassian Walnut. It is hand worked and finished in thorough keeping with the refinement of the entire gun.

The "Premier" grade includes your monogram engraved on a gold oval inlet in the stock.

Sir Joseph Whitworth Fluid Steel Barrels



THIS GUN HAS BEEN PROOF TESTED

Gun Number 54449

Grade Premier Skeet

Gauge 12 Length 26"

Weight 7 14g

NON-EJECTOR

AUTOMATIC EJECTOR

SINGLE TRIGGER

BEAVER-TAIL FOREND

✓
✓
✓

Right Barrel Skeet 1

Left Barrel Skeet 2

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damage due to firing your gun with an obstruction in the bore. Make sure there is no grease, dirt, mud, or cleaning material in the bore of your gun before you shoot it. Be particularly careful not to put 20 gauge shells in a 12 gauge gun. To do so may result in severe damage to your gun or personal injury.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PUT GUN TOGETHER:** Push the top lever to the right until it catches. Then make sure the gun is cocked. This can be checked by pressing on the firing pins. If they push back freely from the face of the breech, the gun is cocked. If not, the gun can be cocked by supporting the bottom of the frame on a table-top and pushing firmly straight down each cocking rod head at the front of the frame with a large screw-driver. Then hook barrel into frame and close gun. Put forend against frame in perfect alignment with it and force up against barrel at the front until it snaps into place. It is not recommended that the forend be put on the gun unless the gun is cocked. It can sometimes be done but is liable to break the forend wood.

2. **TAKE APART:** Leave gun cocked. Pull down forend at front. Remove barrels. We advise leaving the gun cocked at all times when taken apart.

3. **SAFETY AND SELECTIVE:** Gun cannot be fired when letter "S" is seen in front of Safety Slide. To place Safety in position to fire a gun, move Safety Slide forward to cover letter "S".

4. **SAFETY AND CLEANING:** Never leave your gun loaded when you are not using it. After using your gun, clean barrels thoroughly, inside and out. Then wipe barrels with oiled rag, using only the very finest gun oil.

TEAR ALONG THIS LINE AND MAIL

