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Colt Pistols (with R.E. Hable)

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Steel Canvas

Ruger & His Guns

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The Official Price Guide to Gun Collecting

The World of Beretta

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Blue Book of Colt's Dates of Manufacture

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COLT WALKER MODEL
U.S. MILITARY ISSUE REVOLVER
Serial Markings All Matching
of
B Company No. 25
With Appropriate Marking
or Abbreviation Thereof
On the Barrel Lug, Frame,

Triggerguard, Backstrap and Cylinder

THE WALKER MODEL An Icon in the History of Colt Firearms and Featured in Numerous Books and Articles

In more than sixty years as a collector of firearms, the author has had the opportunity to study more than half of the known examples of the Holy Grail of Colt collecting: The Walker Colt revolver. Only approximately 200 authentic Colts of this model are presently known to students and collectors - from the original production estimated at 1,100.

Many of the best examples are displayed in museums, such as The Metropolitan Museum of Art (from the John E. Parsons Collection, in the Robert M. Lee Gallery of American Arms), the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History (Washington, D.C.), The Colt Collection of Firearms at the Raymond Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History (Hartford), the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art (Colonel and Mrs. Samuel Colt Collection, also in Hartford), The P.R. Phillips Collection at the Woolaroc Museum (Bartlesville, Oklahoma), the Cody Firearms Museum of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center

(Cody, Wyoming), the Metzger Collection at Texas A & M University (College Station, Texas), the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame (Waco), the National Rifle Association's National Firearms Museum (Fairfax, Virginia), and the Greg Martin Colt Gallery of the Autry National Center of the American West (Los Angeles).

Among the private collections featuring Walker Colt revolvers, the most significant is that of Robert M. Lee, featured in *Magnificent Colts Selections from the Robert M. Lee Collection*, published in 2011, honoring the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Colt company (1836). The Lee Collection features the only known cased Walker Colt (serial no. 1022) and one of the finest examples of the military issue Walker, serial no. D Company 204. An enormous advantage of the *Magnificent Colts* book is that some 80% of the firearms featured are in actual size.

Therefore, in authenticating a Walker Colt, one could do no better than to have the book available, open to Chapter III, which features the Walker and Dragoon models of Colt percussion revolvers. There in pages of detail, exquisitely presented in the ultimate of digital photography, and the highest degree of quality in the printing arts - are these two exquisite Walkers, as if they are laying before the reader.

This unprecedented book offers a unique opportunity to study Colt firearms, in all their artistry, mechanical perfection, and fascinating history - with cases and

accessories, and complemented by period photographs, advertising, miscellaneous documents, and an array of special features never before presented to historians, museum curators, collectors, dealers and the general public.

Magnificent Colts is therefore relevant to the subject of the present documenting letter – **Colt Walker Model Serial B Company No. 25.**

General Description and Markings of the Military Walker Colt Revolver, B Company No. 25

Serial No. B Company No. 25

.44 Caliber

6-shot Cylinder with Comanche and Texas Ranger roll scene

9-inch Barrel, with Loading Lever

Weight: 4 lbs. 9 oz.

Top of barrel marked:

ADDRESS, SAM^L COLT, NEW-YORK CITY

Serial number in proper configurations marked on left side of the barrel, left side of the frame, within the cylinder scene cartouche, on the triggerguard strap, and on the buttstrap. The writer has not had the opportunity to personally take the revolver apart, for possible further markings.

Military Walker Colt Revolver, Serial B Company No. 25

The Colt Walker was one of those rare firearms which achieved instant status in America's industrial, cultural and frontier history. This exalted position was partly due to Samuel Colt himself, and his aptitude at marketing and self-promotion. But there were other factors as well, not the least of which was the revolutionary power and performance of the 4 lb 9 oz. .44 caliber hand cannon, and proof of its prowess in the hands of the United States Mounted Rifleman, on the front in the Mexican War.

To quote Colt's collaborator on its design, Captain Samuel Hamilton Walker, in a letter to the gunmaker dated February 6, 1847: "I flatter myself that the best argument I can use [on behalf of Colt's revolvers] will be in the field."

On receipt of his set of the new pistols, Walker wrote up his own views on the gun which Colt himself would give the appellation: "The Walker Pistol" (see *Samuel Colt's Own Record*, by John E. Parsons).

Samuel Colt's own views of the new arm was voiced in a letter of June 1847, to Brigadier General David E. Twiggs (a draft with Colt's usual erratic spellings, punctuations and grammar):

Permit me to present you with a pare of my newly improved Pt' Repeating pistols in token of my respect & rememberance of your kind treatment to me in florida in

1837 when yourself [and] Col Harney exercised your valuable influence in causing the first introduction of my arms into the U.S. service Since that time I have been constantly experrimenting & have succeeded I think at last in producing an arm for mounted men that will meet with general favour in the service – I trust you will make such experiments as will satisfy you of the improvements I have made & give the arm such further consideration & support its introduction into the service as your conviction of its merits & distinguished military position will admit.

But a month later, in early July, Colt wrote to U.S. Secretary of War William L. Marcy that he had made the new pistols “in every respect supereor to the moddle or any other arm ever built of my construction . . . “

Furthermore, the inventor’s widow, Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt, made her own contributions to the legend of her husband and his career, by publishing, in 1866, the memorial book, *Armsmear*. In that rather thick and detailed tome, the researcher and author of the firearms section, Professor J.D. Butler of the University of Wisconsin, wrote affectionately of this iconic handgun.

The Walker Pistol was featured in the book’s text, as well as by an engraved illustration following page 192. That image was likely drawn by the artist based on Walker Colt Civilian variation serial no. 1020, from Samuel Colt’s own collection. Such treasures of Colonel and Mrs. Colt were then housed in Colt’s mansion, Armsmear. The caption in *Armsmear* read simply:

WALKER PISTOL.

The history of Colonel Colt's own Walker Pistol – a gift from Captain Samuel Walker - has been presented in several texts, including the author's first book, *Samuel Colt Presents A Loan Exhibition of Presentation Percussion Colt Firearms* (page 30) and *The Arms Collection of Colonel Colt* (page 16).

Walker Colt B Company No. 25 Listed in Lt. Col. Robert D. Whittington, III, *The Colt Whitneyville-Walker Pistol*

Inspired by a Walker serial number inventory listing by collector and Walker enthusiast W.F.S. Quick, Colonel Whittington's *The Colt Whitneyville-Walker Pistol* lists known serial numbers of the Walker. These cover both the Military numbers for companies A, B, C, D and E, as well as Civilian variation numbers from 1001 to 1100.

Photocopies of the subject pages (79-80) from the Whittington title are enclosed.

Literature on the Walker Colt Revolver – A Sampler – and Commentary on Replica Walker Revolvers

The subject of the Walker Colt has fascinated arms

enthusiasts since the first revolvers were manufactured in 1847. A partial listing of the hundreds (if not more) of such publications relating to the Walker is near the end of the present documenting letter.

To date no comprehensive technical book has been devoted to the Walker Colt Model *per se* – but such a title is very much in need. The considerable number of replica Walker Models that have appeared on the market, particularly since the early 1970s, has hastened the temptation for certain individuals to alter these and patina them into an alleged antiquity. The first accurately rendered Walker replicas on the market in any quantity were those issued by the Colt Company itself, known as the 2nd Generation revolvers.

Literature

Berkeley R. Lewis, "Sam Colt's Repeating Pistol," *The American Rifleman*, May and June 1947.

Berkeley R. Lewis, *Small Arms and Ammunition in the United States Service*, *Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections*, published by the Smithsonian Institution, August 14, 1956.

James E. Serven, *Colt Dragoon Pistols*.

-----, *Colt Percussion Pistols*.

-----, *Colt Firearms from 1836*, various editions.

W.F.S. Quick's "Annual [1953] Revision of Colt-Walkers Pistol Owners," lists B Company No. 25 as then known to collectors.

John E. Parsons, *Samuel Colt's Own Record Samuel Colt's Own Record of Transactions with Captain Walker and Eli Whitney, Jr. in 1847.*

Lt. Col. Robert D. Whittington, III. *The Colt Whitneyville-Walker Pistol*, which lists serial B Company No. 25 on page 79 (as noted above).

R.L. Wilson, ed., *The Antique Arms Annual*, 1971.

The Book of Colt Firearms, various editions

The Colt Heritage

Colt An American Legend

"R. L. Wilson on Colt: The Walker Colt." *Man at Arms* September/October, 1979: 29-37.

Conclusion

The opportunity to acquire an authentic Walker Colt revolver, whether the Military or the Civilian variation, does not come often to collectors. Reliance on the source of that revolver, vouching for its authenticity, is extremely important.

Walker Colt Military Model Serial B Company No. 25 is an authentic example, with the Texas Rangers and Comanche Indian cylinder roll scene motif and the markings visible. The revolver's description as presented by the seller is accurate, and **B Company No. 25** is as respectable in its condition as several of the specimens in the museums listed at the beginning of the present documenting letter.

The author has long felt that in the early Paterson and Walker Colt firearms, those that show patina, and wear, and the exigencies of frontier use, have the most history to tell – of service in the Mexican War or on the Frontier, particularly in Texas and often in the California Gold Rush as well.

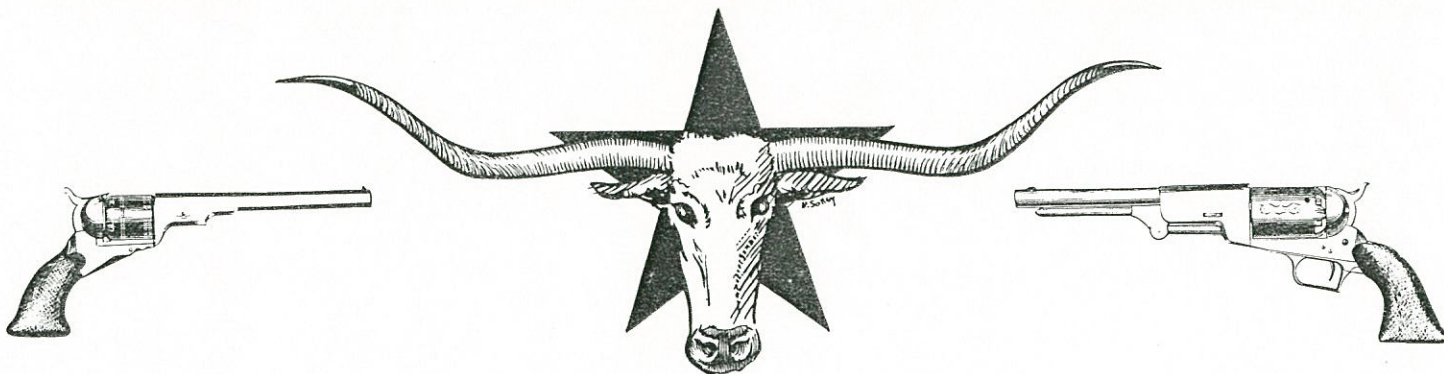
It was Captain Jack Hays (1817-83), such an important friend and ally of Colonel Colt, who served heroically in pioneer Texas and then in the Mexican War – armed with a pair of Holster Patersons and then with a pair of Walker Colts – who later moved to California, becoming the Sheriff of San Francisco. It was men like Captain Hays and Captain Samuel H. Walker himself (1817-47), to whom Samuel Colt was indebted for the supreme success story of the Walker pistols.

For some 50 years the author has taken pleasure in having the opportunity to authenticate and document a prized example of the Walker Colt. It is a pleasure to do so with **Walker Colt Military Model Serial B Company No. 25.**



A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely "Robert L. ...", is written over a faint circular seal. The seal contains the text "AMERICAN COLLECTOR SOCIETY" around the perimeter and "EST. 1958" at the bottom. Below the signature is a horizontal line with a small mark in the center.

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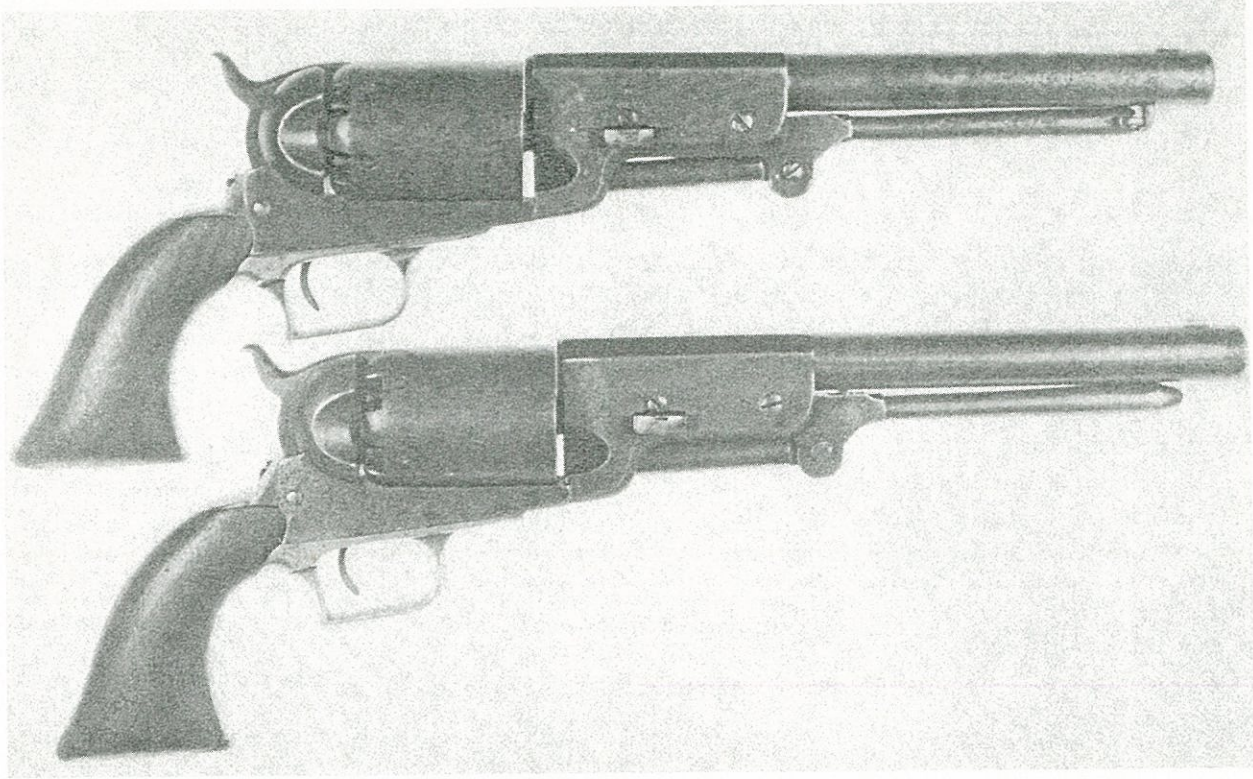


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"A Consecutively Numbered Pair of Walkers"

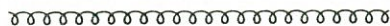
This pair of Colt Walkers, serial numbered B 25 and B 26, are now the property of Herbert E. Green of West Yarmouth, Mass. It is an established fact that Walker Colts were originally issued in pairs, and it is logical that B 25 and B 26 would have been issued together. This pair of Colt Walkers are again together, as they were when originally issued to a Mounted Rifleman.

— HERB GLASS —

BULLVILLE,

NEW YORK

There is always a tremendous "pride of possession" in owning fine arms, plus that very comfortable feeling of knowing that your money is well invested. We all like to dream about finding our guns "in the brush" as they say in Texas, or "under a rock" as they say in New England — the cold hard truth, however, is that the chances of finding a fine rare piece as a "sleeper" are very remote indeed. If one expects bargains, I cannot help him, but any collector who desires the kind of merchandise described above, and appreciates its value, would certainly find it worthwhile to discuss the matter with me.



When you are in New York City, visit my friend Bob Abels. If, however, it gets crowded in his shop, then remember that Bullville is only 50 miles north of New York City. Call me at Middletown 96-3021 and I will explain train and highway connections—and will guarantee you a pleasant and interesting visit.

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museums. A great many reproductions and fakes have been made, and a number of badly mutilated specimens have been heavily restored.

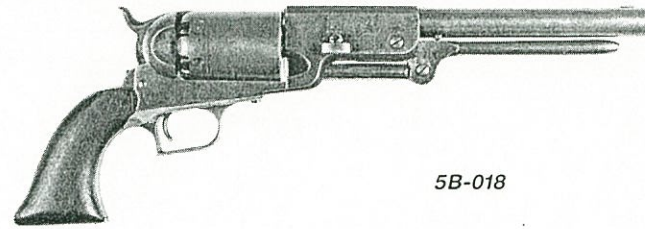
The buyer should exercise extreme caution in acquiring a Walker.

Standard Walker, A, B, C, D, E Company serial ranges:

5B-018 Values—Fair **\$42,500**

Very Good (no finish) **\$125,000**

The special group of an additional 100 Walkers in the so-called "Civilian Range"; these had no U.S. inspector markings, bore numbers from 1001 through about 1100, and were otherwise like the military Walker pistols. Valuewise this is a "gray" area. This model is scarcer and will bring a premium to advanced Colt collectors, while others prefer martially marked specimens and



5B-018

pay more for them. This group of 100 tends to be found in better average condition:

5B-019 Values—Fair **\$37,500**

Very Good (no finish) **\$110,000**

Colt Whitneyville Hartford Dragoon Revolver

Whitneyville Hartford Dragoon Revolver (also known as the "Transition Walker"). Made late in 1847, in a total quantity of about 240.

44 caliber. 6-shot cylinder. 7-1/2" part round, part octagonal barrel.

One piece walnut grips. Casehardened frame, hammer, and lever; the balance blued. Gripstraps have been noted in varying finishes; trigger guards of brass and backstraps either steel or brass.

Serial numbered from about 1100 through 1340, picking up from where the Civilian Series Walker pistols left off.

Barrel marked: - ADDRESS SAM^L COLT NEW YORK-CITY -; some variation noted, including a few barrels unmarked. Variations also appear in the COLTS/PATENT mark on left side (and sometimes right) of the frame. Cylinder bearing the roll engraved scene of a Texas Ranger and Indian fight. However, as the cylinder is slightly shorter/narrower than that used on the Walker revolver a very narrow section of that cylinder scene is lacking.

Actually of greater rarity than the Walker Model, the Whitneyville Hartford Dragoons are sometimes called the "Transition Walker," since some of the production parts were left over from the predecessor model. The two major frame variations in the Whitneyville Hartford are: 1. Cutout at the rear of the frame, into which fits a curved portion of the grips, and 2. Straight-back frame. The trigger guard on both variants slants back into the grips, rather than being in a vertical juncture as would be standard on later Dragoon pistols. Among other distinctive details to note are the very slender, or "Slim Jim," appearance of the grips, and the short trigger and cylinder stop screws of early frames (thus not passing completely through).

One of the great Colt rarities, the Whitneyville Hartford Dragoon has been an attractive challenge to fakers; *caveat emptor!*

Cut-out Frame Type:

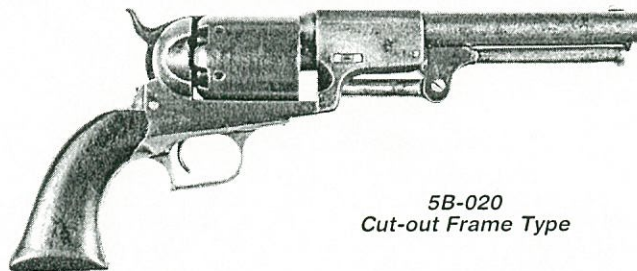
5B-020 Values—Fair **\$20,000**

Very Good (without finish) **\$65,000**

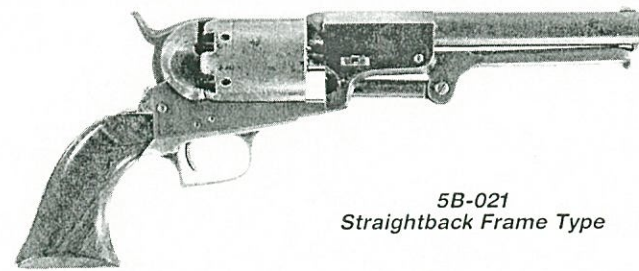
Straight Back Frame Type:

5B-021 Values—Good **\$11,000**

Fine **\$37,500**



5B-020
Cut-out Frame Type



5B-021
Straightback Frame Type

Colt First Model Dragoon Revolver

First Model Dragoon Revolver. Manufactured 1848 - c. 1850; total of about 7,000.

44 caliber. 6-shot cylinder. 7-1/2" part round, part octagonal

engraved on the cylinders. Cylinders also bear roll-engraved panel marking in large letters COLT'S PATENT accompanied by second panel MODEL U.S.M.R. ("U.S. Mounted Rifles"). A

scarcer variant is marked U.S.M.R. marks, and will

Identifying features of the square backed trigger the juncture of grips, grip vertical line. Early series from the Whitneyville-Hartford show improvements of early pistols. A few late First Model

U.S. Walker Replacement

U.S. Walker Replacement Model Dragoon and the Fluck whose detailed rest a distinct model). Manufactured

44 caliber. 6-shot cylinder. Colt Walker barrels that vary shorter length.

Closely resembling the these were made by Colt 1 Walkers that had burst or These revolvers were actually 1,000 piece contract for Walker and Walker-reworked

Serial number range a 2515; the numbers of the

Finish: blued barrel with lever; cylinder usually left scene of Texas ranger and of this model is the pressure on Walker cylinders) at the notches.

The longer backstrap and unusual grip profile with rear. The trigger guard is worked. Markings COLT'S the center of the left side show an uneven quality in such as double stamped barrel Inspector markings are: W and JH (in oval) on left side metal parts.

Second only to the Whitneyville quantity produced, this Whitneyville

Colt Second Model

Second Model Dragoon total made about 2,700.

44 caliber. 6-shot cylinder barrel.

Grips of one piece walnut and lever; the remainder of

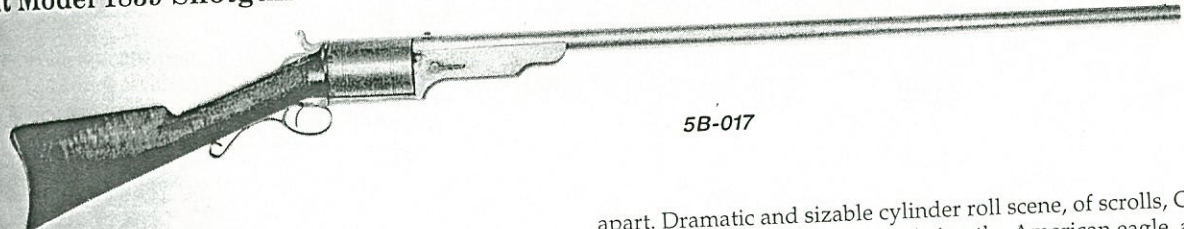
highly regarded by Samuel Colt that he seriously considered re-introduction of the model when developing his revived business in Hartford. A quick identification of the model is the cylinder length of 2-1/2" and the exposed hammer.

- Basic variations are:
- Standard model**, with attached loading lever on the barrel lug and round backed cylinder:
5B-013 Values—Good \$12,500 Fine \$27,500
- Earliest production** (rare) without attached loading lever, square-backed cylinder, and a capping groove cut near the top of the right recoil shield:
5B-014 Values—Good \$15,000 Fine \$40,000

Standard First/early type without attached loading lever and round backed cylinder. Every indication is that this is the model purchased by the "Republic Texas, 1839":

- 5B-014.5** Values—Good \$14,000 Fine \$32,500
- Government purchase Carbines** with WAT inspector mark on the left side of the stocks; fitted with attached loading levers. 360 pieces purchased by U.S. Government (in four orders). Extreme care should be exercised in the acquisition of this piece:
5B-015 Values—Good \$25,000 Fine \$90,000
- Long cylinder variant.** 3-1/4" cylinder with proportionately longer frame to accommodate. Estimated quantity made 25 to accept the larger musket size charge. Approximately half of these burst on firing. *Extremely rare:*
5B-016 Values—Good \$15,000 Fine \$40,000

Colt Model 1839 Shotgun



5B-017

Model 1839 Shotgun. Manufactured c. 1839-41; in a total run of about 225. The mechanism is the same as on the Model 1839 Carbine, with an exposed hammer.

16 gauge. 6-shot cylinder. Standard barrel lengths of 24" and 32"; round shape (without bevels at the breech) and made without attached loading levers. Varnished walnut stocks. Metal parts blued; the barrel browned in a Damascus decor. Produced in an individual serial range, numbered from 1 on up through about 225. On right side of the barrel lug: Patent Arms M'g. Co. Paterson, N.J.-Colt's Pt. Serial markings on various parts, but most of these visible when gun has been taken

apart. Dramatic and sizable cylinder roll scene, of scrolls, Colt markings, and three panels depicting the American eagle, a deer-hunting sequence, and an Indian with bird hunters.

The quite limited total production proves the Model 1839 Shotgun to have been of little popularity in its day. The type did have some potential as a repeating military musket, but the failure of the Paterson enterprise early in the 1840s cut short such possibilities for success. The Model 1839 Shotgun is one of the greater rarities in Colt's longarm production, and specimens seldom appear on the market. For quick identification measure the cylinder length—3-1/2" (as compared to the 2-1/2" of the Model 1839 Carbine):

- 5B-017** Values—Good \$8,500 Fine \$27,500

Colt Walker Model Revolver

Walker Model Revolver. Manufactured in 1847, with a total production of approximately 1,100.

44 caliber. 6-shot cylinder. 9" part round, part octagonal barrel. A massive 4 lbs. 9 oz. in weight. One piece walnut grips. Casehardened frame, hammer, and lever; balance blued; excepting plain brass trigger guard, and the cylinder "in the white". Serial numbering in five companies, A, B, C, D, and E, beginning with the number 1 in each grouping. The five company series combined totaled 1,000 revolvers.

Barrel marked: ADDRESS SAM^L COLT NEW-YORK CITY. On the right side of the lug: US/1847. Cylinder roll engraved with a Texas Ranger and Indian fight scene; but this is frequently missing on surviving specimens due to years of service and neglect. Government inspector markings were applied to the grips and various metal parts, but these too are often worn or rusted off.

The Walker is the greatest prize of any Colt collection. Slightly more than 10 percent of the original total manufactured have survived to appear in modern day collections and

TEXAS GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
PARADE OF WALKERS



In Recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Original
Parade of Walkers,
this certificate is presented to

Greg Martin

For Display of Colt Walker

B Company No 25

With the grateful appreciation of the Officers and Directors of the
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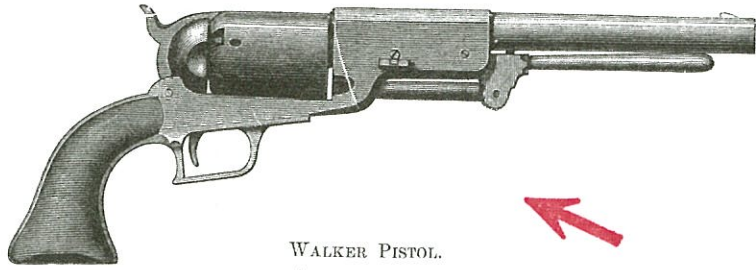
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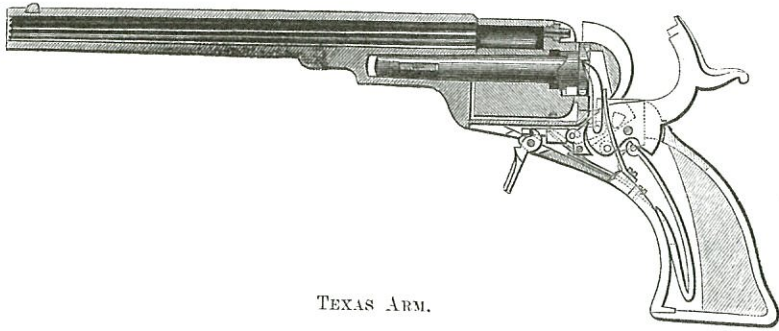
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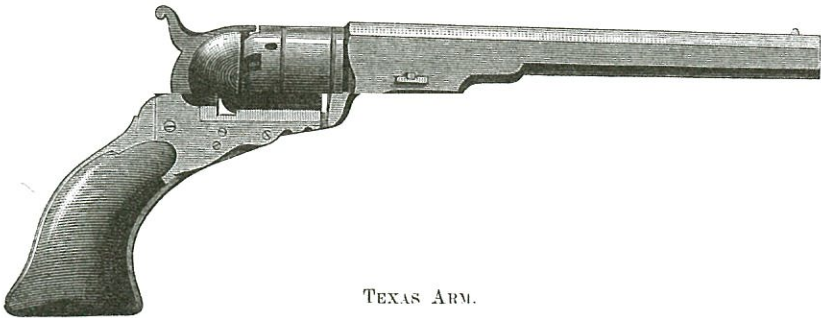
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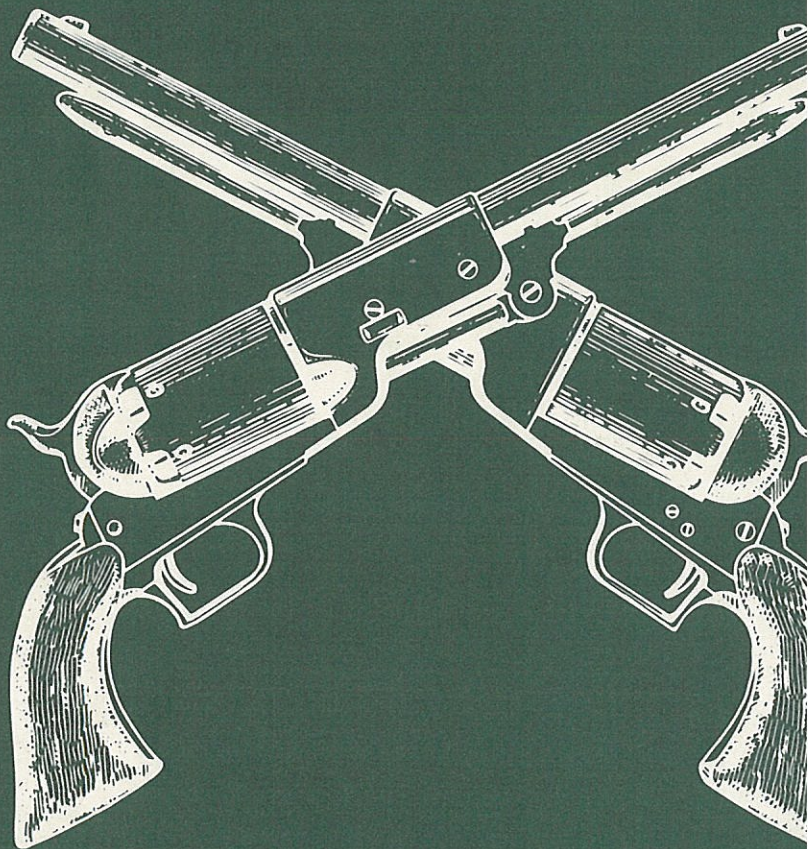
OLD MODEL NAVY PISTOL, WITH CARBINE ATTACHMENT.



TEXAS ARM.

Wmsmead book, facing page 192

The COLT
WHITNEYVILLE-WALKER
PISTOL



By
LT. COL. ROBERT D. WHITTINGTON, I

specifically requested that Colt's pistols be issued to his regiment. The 1000 pistols ordered under the third contract for the Second Regiment of Dragoons were accepted at the New York Depot on the following dates:

2 October	1849	200
18 November	1849	300
27 December	1849	300
26 January	1850	200
Total		1000 ¹³⁴

Returning to the Walker pistols and the twentieth century, the question at this point is how many of the pistols have survived and are known to be in public or private collections? Any list on the surviving pistols can only be controversial. The following one is no exception, and comments from readers to improve the list will be very much appreciated:¹³⁵

A COMPANY

1, 11, 12, 14, 19, 21, 24, 25, 31, 41, 45, 46, 47, 50, 53, 62, 64, 74, 80, 89, 90, 96, 111, 113, 119, 126, 137, 150, 156, 162, 165, 177, 181, 182, 194, 196, 204, 209, 212, 220.
Total 40.



B COMPANY

10, 23, 24, 25, 26, 41, 42, 43, 47, 49, 52, 57, 58, 64, 78, 102, 123, 128, 130, 137, 160, 162, 163, 170, 175, 188, 204. Total 27.

C COMPANY

10, 13, 23, 25, 26, 31, 33, 42, 43, 46, 56, 59, 69, 81, 96
98, 99, 101, 111, 118, 122, 125, 126, 128, 136, 150, 153
154, 161, 162, 170, 172, 181, 192, 194, 203, 204, 219
Total 38.

D COMPANY

3, 8, 11, 13, 29, 31, 35, 53, 65, 66, 73, 75, 76, 81, 93, 124,
135, 144, 148, 167, 176, 185, 189, 204, 211, 218. Total
26.

E COMPANY

3, 13, 18, 23, 24, 30, 31, 32, 35, 39, 47, 58, 62, 71, 73, 75,
113, 115, 120. Total 19. Sub-Total, Companies 150.

CIVILIAN 1001 to 1100

1007, 1009, 1010, 1012, 1015, 1017, 1020, 1022, 1024,
1050, 1061, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1083, 1085, 1091.
Total 18.

GRAND TOTAL 168

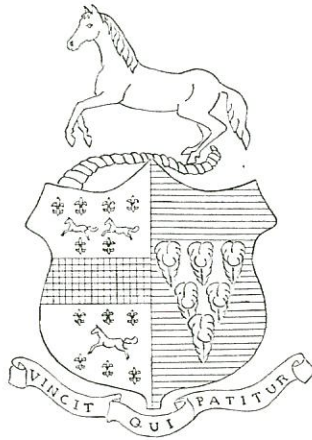
Some have been altered to various configurations and some have mixed serial numbers.

The most challenging question still remains unanswered. Where are the surviving Walker pistols that are unknown to current firearms collectors? Some still exist. C Company No. 204 was discovered in the state of Georgia in 1967 and C Company No. 98 was purchased in Mexico City in 1973. For an indefinite period, there will always be "one more".

Of chagrin to Colt firearms collectors is the sacrifice necessary to obtain an original Colt Walker pistol

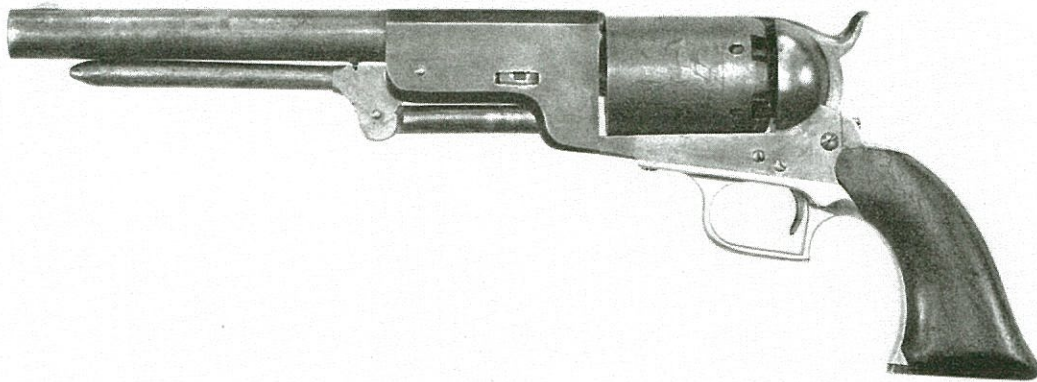
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9 ARMY OR HOLSTER PISTOL
Walker Model (Plate XVI)

Serial number 1020.

ADDRESS, SAM^L COLT, NEW-YORK CITY, marked on top of barrel; US/1847, on right side of barrel lug, above barrel key; 1020, on triggerguard strap, on bottom of frame, and on base of backstrap; 1019, on rear of cylinder, between nipples. Grips of plain walnut.

This pistol with its mate (the model was issued in pairs) was presented by Samuel Colt to Captain Samuel H. Walker and was shipped to him in Mexico from New York in late July of 1847. On the death of Captain Walker in combat, 9 October 1847, the pistol came into possession of Captain Bedney F. McDonald, who presented it to Colt. The pistol was mentioned by McDonald in a letter to Colt dated Marietta, Georgia 4 January 1860: "I hope you have the pistol I let you have that Capt Walker left me when he was killed. . . ."

Wilson, *Samuel Colt Presents*, Entry 19, p. 30.

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