

March 28, 1943

Dear Mrs. Brodie,

Please forgive me for being so slow to respond to your letter and the packages of pictures. My excuse is that my father-in-law was quite ill during January & Feb. - He died on March 11, and that necessitated back trips to Idaho, where Al's parents have lived for many years. All this put me way behind in my correspondence. Oh sorry.

We were delighted with all the family pictures, many of which I hadn't seen. I inherited my mother's collection of family photos, but ^{my sister,} Ellen, hadn't been too interested in them. When your packages arrived, I offered some to Ellen & she eagerly accepted. Some day I will do a better job

You asked about my mother's father & brother. I got out her family Bible check my memory - Here is what I can tell you: ^{History of Pa}

Charles Davis Higby was the youngest son of Sylvester Norton Higby & Eliza Hayes Davis. He was born & fought in the 53rd Ohio Regt (1861-1864). He died June struck by a train on the family farm at Higby (Ross Ohio). ^{History of Pa}

His son, Charles Davis N was my grandmother's brother was the 5th (of 6) children of Charles Davis Higby & Mary Lee. He was born May 16, 1882.

married Minnie Pendergrass June
27, 1906. Their 2 daughters ^{were} - Neva, born
1908 & Louise, born 1910.

I have not received a copy of the
celebration of Mabel's life - I would
love to have a copy & will make
a copy to send to Ellen if you will
send one to me.

I have fond memories of Mabel - and
Charlie - as a child. We got to see
them for Christmas's summer vacations
in Washington. They were very
generous. We last visited Mabel
about 1983, when we took our
children, ~~with~~ & visited relatives on
both sides of the family. (All
parents families were from Georgia.)
I know ~~she~~ ^{Mabel} was close to my mother &
Mabel & I talked often during Mabel's
final illness.
I would have provided you with

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Charles D. Higby in the U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

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Name: Charles D. Higby
 Side: Union
 Regiment State/Origin: Ohio
 Regiment Name: 53 Ohio Infantry
 Regiment Name Expanded: 53rd Regiment, Ohio Infantry
 Company: F&S
 Rank In: Captain
 Rank In Expanded: Corporal
 Rank Out: Quartermaster Sergeant
 Rank Out Expanded: Quartermaster Sergeant
 Film Number: M552 roll 48
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Name: Charles D Higby
Age at Enlistment: 18
Enlistment Date: 2 Nov 1861
Rank at enlistment: Sergeant
State Served: Ohio
Was Wounded?: Yes
Survived the War?: Yes
Service Record: Enlisted in Company F, Ohio 53rd Infantry
Regiment on 20 Nov 1861. Promoted to Full Qtr
Master Serg on 20 May 1865. Mustered out on 11
Aug 1865 at Little Rock, AR.
Birth Date: abt 1843
Sources: Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio

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Colt Second Model 1848 Dragoon percussion revolver

Range of serial numbers:	Numbered from 8,001 to 10,700
Date of manufacture:	1850 to 1851
Total production:	2700
Length of barrel:	7½ inches
Caliber:	.44
Address:	'ADDRESS SAM'L COLT, NEW-YORK CITY' or 'ADDRESS SAM'L COLT, NEW-YORK CITY'
Weight:	4 pounds 2 ounces

The Colt Second Model Dragoon Revolver was manufactured circa 1850 through to 1851 with a total of only about 2,700 produced, it continued the sequence from the First Model Dragoon from about serial number 8000 through to about 10700. Serial numbers are found on all major parts.

The revolver is in .44 caliber, weighs 4 pounds and 2 ounces and has a 7½ inch part round and part octagonal barrel. During its transition, parts were modified including the main-spring which changed from a V-spring to a flat design and the addition of a roller bearing where the hammer engages with the spring. The loading lever also used both the vertical and horizontal catch.

The barrel and cylinder were blued with case-hardened frame, hammer and loading lever. The back-strap and square-back trigger-guard are of brass and silver-plated on commercial models and left plain on military contract revolvers. The six shot cylinder has rectangular cylinder stops with guide grooves and was roll engraved with the Texas Ranger and Comanche Indian fight scene. The revolver was furnished with one-piece walnut grips which were varnished for the commercial market and oil-stained for the military contracts. Military issue Second Model Dragoons have government inspector cartouches on the grips and letter stampings on various metal parts.

The barrel address reads from muzzle to breech either 'ADDRESS SAM'L COLT, NEW-YORK CITY' or 'ADDRESS SAM'L COLT NEW-YORK CITY' with the 'COLT/PATENT' stamping on the left side of the frame with 'U.S.' below on Government contract revolvers. The cylinder also has a roll-engraved panel marking in large letters 'COLT'S PATENT' along with a second panel of 'MODEL U.S.M.R.' (U.S. Mounted Rifles) with the serial number stamped within. Some models have the rarer marking of 'U.S. DRAGOONS' instead of the U.S.M.R. markings. A few Second Models were cut to accept all of the three types of detachable shoulder stocks. Variations include the NEW HAMPSHIRE and Massachusetts (MS) marked militia issues.

Philip Boulton of Southampton, England has collated and recorded a survival rate of at least 7.82% of the original production of First, Second and Third Dragoon revolvers. For in depth reference on Colt Dragoon revolvers see 'The Book of Colt Firearms- 3rd Edition' by R.L. Wilson