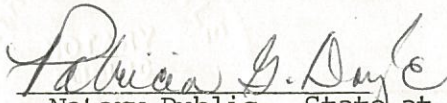


STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION

I verify the accuracy and content of the notarized letter dated April 4, 1994 regarding the history of the Colt Baby Dragoon Serial # ⁶⁰⁶¹6160, owned by Pvt. William N. Thompson, Co. G, 6th Tennessee Regiment, Volunteers, CSA. This gun is Civil War Period, being manufactured in 1847, and used during the Civil War. It is inscribed with Pvt. Thompson's initials, W. N. T. on the butt. I was aware when this gun became available in March 1994. I can attest to the outstanding character of Officer Robert (Bobby) Barnes, Sgt., Henderson, Tennessee, City Police, who obtained this gun from the Jackson, Tennessee collection.


Gerald G. Hovater
Shiloh, Tennessee 38376
May 25, 1994

Sworn to and acknowledged before me this 25th day of May 1994.


Notary Public - State at Large

My comm. expires 10-20-97

To whom it may concern:

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I purchased the 31 CAL. Pistol Serial # 1909 in Oct 1984 From Mrs Bessie Thompson McGill of JACKSON, Tennessee. Mrs McGill was 83 years old at the time and told me the gun belonged to her grandfather William N. Thompson of JACKSON, Tennessee. She said her grandfather carried it during the civil war and it was passed down to her. Mrs McGill said she remembered her grandfather good and he talked often about fighting in the war and he went to all the soldiers reunions up until his death in 1915 or 1916. Mrs McGill told me he was still a good rebel up until his death and said that although it was so hard at the time he would do it again if he could. I talked with Mrs McGill several more times before her death and through research found out her grandfather had served in Company G 6th Regiment C.S.A under command of a Captain J.B. Freeman This company was part of Col. William H. Stephens army of Tennessee Mr Thompson was a private in rank and fought in all of the units battles until the end of the war. After the war he returned to Madison County, Tenn and farmed until his death around 1915. He, according to Mrs McGill was buried in the rear of riverside cemetery in an unmarked grave. She said her father kept his pistol and Confederate coat for many years and the coat was thrown away in the 1960's upon her father's death she put the gun up and had kept it until I purchased it in the fall of 1984.

Ramie S. Belton

Sworn to this 4th day of April, 1994

My commission expires 2-25-95

Charlotte A. Naylor, Notary