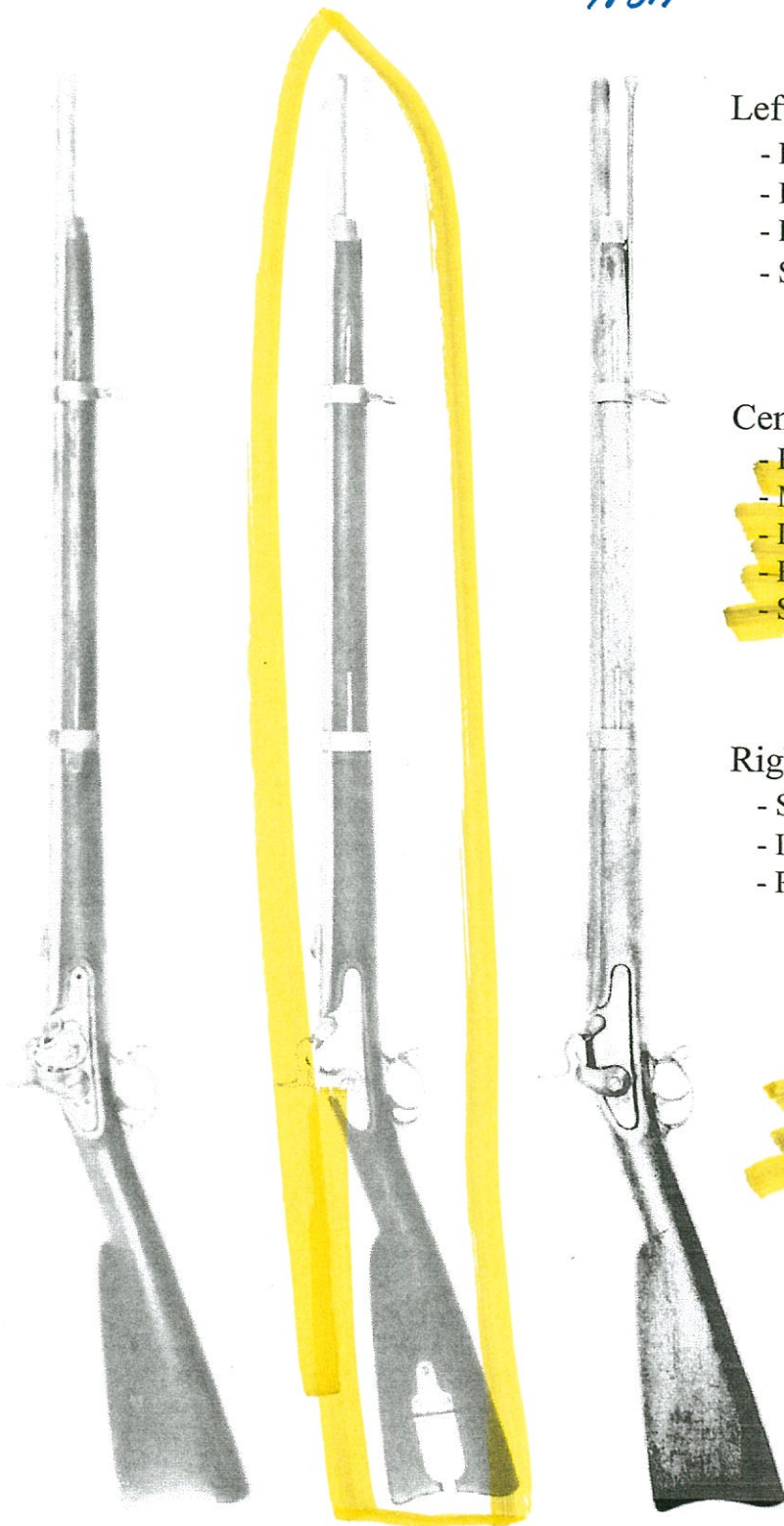


C.S. Armory, Richmond, Rifles Short from Old Parts

Common features include: - 33 inch barrel with a "pinched" front sight
- 43 3/4 inch stock from stock tip to butt plate
- Brass stock tip, attached by screw to stock
iron



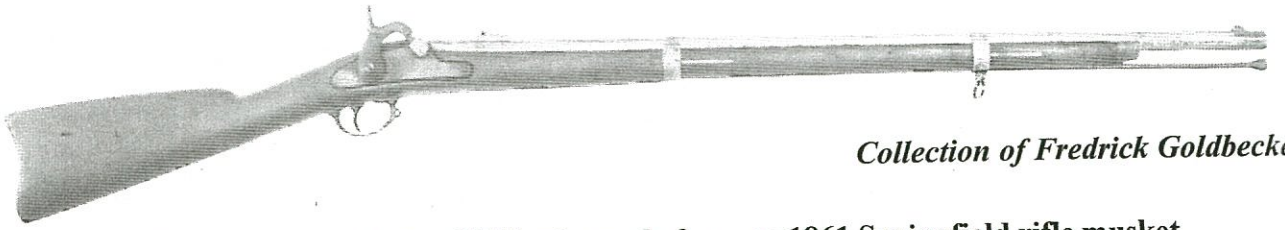
Left: From an 1855 Rifle Musket
- Harper's Ferry 1855 Lock dated 1860
- Iron U.S. marked butt plate
- Rear sight of Model of 1858
- Stock cut for Maynard tape primer

Center: From an 1855 Rifle Musket
- Richmond lock dated ~~1863~~ *1862*
- Model 1855 iron patchbox
- Iron U.S. marked butt plate
- Rear sight of Model of 1858
- Stock cut for Maynard tape primer

Right: From an 1861 Rifle Musket
- Springfield 1861 lock dated 1861
- Iron U.S. marked butt plate
- Rear sight of Model of 1861

Note: Short Rifles from Old Parts are occasionally found with pieced stocks held together with an iron U shaped staple.

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Richmond Short Rifle, Old Parts, made from an 1861 Springfield rifle musket.
Short Rifles, Old Parts are also observed with stocks pieced at the band, held by an iron staple.

- 13 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to Capt. C.P. Bolles, Comdg C.S. Armory, Tallassee, Ala. – your letter of 8th inst. asked for “list of Ord Depots, Arsenals & Armories..and names of the Officer in Charge” – annexed please find the information⁶
- 14 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to Col. M.H. Wright, Comdg C.S. Arsenal Atlanta, Ga. – “One hundred and fifty pistols ready – shall they be sent to you – can you spare and send me some smith’s coal. If yes send forward all you can.”⁷
- 16 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to Capt. C.C. McPhail, Comdg C.S. Armory, Columbia, S.C. – “Please inform me as soon as possible what progress has been made in the delivery of gun stocks on contracts you have made. I addressed letters to you on the 14th May and 15th June on this subject, but have received no reply to either.”⁸
- 16 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to Lt. Col. F.L. Childs, Comdg. Arsenal & Armory, Fayetteville, N.C. – “Colonel, Your letter of the 11th inst. requesting me to supply you with four hundred stocks in various stages of finish for rifle muskets, is received. I regret that it is out of my power to comply with your request, for the reason that the supply of gun stocks at this Armory was quite exhausted some three months ago, since which time the stock machinery has been idle. This not being a walnut region of country, I have not been able to make any contracts for the supply of rough gun stocks. I am relying upon contracts entered into by yourself, Capt. McPhail, Capt. Brenizer in N & S. Carolina but up to this time have received none.”⁹
- 19 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to Messrs. Greenwood & Batley Albion Works, Leeds England – instructions for armory machinery¹⁰
- 20 July 1864 – Maj. E.B. Smith for Gorgas, Richmond to Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon “Col., Under date of June 10th Major Huse writes that he has contracted for all the machinery ordered by you, and all the hardware, and building material, and the work will be commenced at once.”¹¹
- 21 July 1864 - Maj. E.B. Smith for Gorgas to Burton – “Col., Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing new form of Armory Report is received & the form is approved by Col. Gorgas. You are authorized to have printed a supply to be distributed to the various Armories. Please send a few here.”¹²
- 23 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to J. Fuss acting M.A., C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. – Armorers & machinists to repair arms from field – urgent demand¹³
- 24 July 1864 – Jas. H. Burton, Supt. C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. to J. Fuss acting M.A., C.S. Armory Macon, Ga. – in repair of arms, the working of gun more important than appearance¹⁴

OCTOBER 1862**ARMS ASSEMBLED¹**

700	Rifle Muskets
100	1842 Muskets
2000	Old Guns/Arms

MAJOR COMPONENTS - Richmond

1659	Locks Assembled
1180	Old Locks Assembled
2440	Tips Screwed On
519	Bayonets Tempered
144	Bayonets 1842 Polished
735	Bayonets Old Arms Assembled
285	Patchboxes Old Polished
140	Patchboxes Polished
1424	Wipers finished
0	Stocks (Hand) Completed

MAJOR COMPONENTS – Macon

1008	Stocks delivered to Military Store Keeper ²
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NOTABLES

- No new rifle musket stocks hand completed at Richmond Armory
- 700 new rifle muskets completed at Richmond Armory
- 425 Patchboxes polished for assembly into arms
- First shipment of rifle musket stocks from Macon – 1008 to Richmond – 30 Oct 1862
- Fayetteville Armory requests rough rolled iron barrels be supplied by Richmond Armory – a shortage of imported steel forces a change from the prewar model steel barrel
- Hairston refuses contract for barrel iron – fears currency may depreciate

PIECE PARTS PRODUCTION OF NOTE - Richmond

- Carbine ramrods polished – 135 ea. – P. E. Decker
- Bayonets 1842 3rd milled & filed – 88 ea. – Charles Keyser
- Bayonets 1842 4th milled – 150 ea. – Webster Cox
- Repair Gun Stocks – 2274 ea. – 5 stockers
- Side Screw Washers (Old) polished – 1900 ea. – John W. Stover
- Tips (Old) Polished – 1082 ea. – John W. Stover
- Bayonets Artillery Shop Ground – 180 ea. – John Paulding