

US Musket, Rifled M1817 Flintlock "Common Rifle" Tag: 290  
Maker: Simeon North (Contractor) Made: 1827 Cal. 54

The muzzle-loading Model 1817, a very early rifled musket, was made only by contractors. It was informally called the "Common Rifle" to differentiate it from the breech-loading M1819 Hall rifle which was being manufactured by the Harpers Ferry National Armory in the same period. Unusually, the rifle was made for use without a bayonet. This is an excellent example, which even has the original cleaning tool in the oval patch box in the butt stock and the correct ramrod. Many M1817 rifles were used early in the Civil War by both armies.