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2 May, 1988

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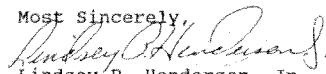
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I do hope you enjoy it as I have over the years.

Most Sincerely,

  
Lindsey P. Henderson, Jr.

  
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## Le Mat Serial #8

This pistol is the finest known Model  
Le Mat. Only about 450 were produced.

This is the only specimen noted with finish.

Family history states that this gun was given  
by General P. G. P. Pennington (a 25%  
owner of Le Mat stock) to Thomas Henderson  
an officer in the Savannah Volunteer Guards.

The pistol has stayed in the family until  
purchased in 1988. This pistol won a grand  
prize medal in the Centennial W. A. W.  
gun show.

John Siff-

111 E. 49<sup>th</sup> St.

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COL. & MRS.  
LINDSEY P. HENDERSON, JR.  
111 E 49TH ST  
SAVANNAH, GA 31405

Dear Don.

My great grandfather Thomas Henderson, a descendant of Archibald Mac Eanruig ( Gaelic for Henderson) who left Scotland on the run after the Battle of Culloden in April 1746. He was a piper (officer) in the Glencoe Company and escaped to Ireland, and settled in Kildare.

Thomas Henderson was born in Kildare Ireland in 1818. His mother Mary Baird Henderson died <sup>in 1824</sup> and was buried in Kildare in St. Bridgid's Cathedral (Church of Ireland) <sup>Janet</sup>. His father, George Henderson emigrated to New Orleans <sup>LA</sup> two years later with his two sons, Thomas age 9 and John age 7. In 1842 Thomas came to Savannah and opened a Cabinet and Furniture business. He was a Cabinet worker. John Henderson went to Texas a few years later.

Thomas Henderson was a prominent businessman in Savannah and had a business license from the Confederate government. He was a member of the Tattnell Guards and served around this Savannah Area when called. Later he was a member of the Savannah Vol. Guards (I'll send you a copy of his obituary - the whole Guards Battalion turned out for his funeral in 1879 and escorted his remains to the cemetery - Prior to the war and until the Sav. Vol. Guards left the area, he was a member and transferred to the Tattnells at that time.

Although the record does not show it, it seems that he had an intelligence assignment in this area. (Family legend) However in his account book, there is a record of his "seeing to the burial of a spy" from time to time. He was also a funeral director and

saw to the burial of BG Francis S. Bartow who took the Oglethorpe Light Infantry to Virginia - He was killed at the battle of First Manassas in 1861. I think they made him a "Special Member." That's probably where the Oglethorpe Regt entered the picture. He was well known throughout Georgia and the Confederacy -

His guest book, which my uncle, BG A. Kester Henderson had, showed signatures of Gen. Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, P. G. T. Beauregard and many others. I do wish I had it. Mr. Henderson died a few years ago and left me quite a bit of his military and other papers.

Unfortunately, great grand father's guest book is missing. No one in the family will admit to having it.

When I come across his obit, I'll send you a copy -

Sincerely,

Lindsay

Please excuse envelope. We had rain and the house is a mess and I still have a bad sinus and cough R.

DONALD E. BRYAN  
4225 HIGH RIDGE CIRCLE  
TROUTVILLE, VA 24175

July 28, 1994

Dear Col. Henderson:

I am wondering whether you may have a copy of the American Rifleman magazine which had the write-up about Le Mat #8. It is my understanding that it won an award at the Centennial NRA meeting. If you have this, I would really appreciate having a copy of the write-up and the month/year it was in. If you have anything else pertaining to Le Mat #8 I would also appreciate knowing about that. If there was an award given to you, would you be willing to sell it? It would be nice, from my standpoint, to keep everything together and preserve it for posterity, as they say.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Don, this is hurried as I'm on my way to Mobile, Ala. for the SCV/MOSB convention - I'm sorry I don't have the American Rifleman you want. However, I do have a very nice Jewelry Box (cuff links etc) that I received for my exhibit of Confederate General Officers Pistols - Dudley Terry wants it also as he has the Gen McLaws pistol - I did give John the framed Photo of Gen. Beauregard - He may still have it. Since I  
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DONALD E. BRYAN  
4325 HIGH RIDGE CIRCLE  
POQUONNE, VA 22129

sold the #8 Le Mat to John, I came across the holster which doesn't look like a holster unless you fold it over, its hard to explain. If I had remembered I had it, it would have cost him much more. I didn't really want to sell it anyway. Dickey wanted the #8 and worked up the trade so he could get that. When I get back to Savannah in the fall and get ready for another show I will look up the LeMat Leather and will think about the other. Its sure you must have Bill Edwards "Civil War Guns". He and Bill Olbaugh talked me into letting him use the pictures. He was not supposed to use my name.

Anyway - Keep in touch -

Regards

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Dear Don -

I recently obtained the  
Guswald & Gunnison files of  
Ceil Anderson, and amongst the  
mass of paperwork was this  
from Linsey Henderson Jr  
relative to your NOB Lett.  
I thought you would want  
it for your files.

your friend,

Hayes



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P.O. Box 5067  
Savannah, Ga. 31403  
11 August 1972

Mr. Cecil W. Anderson  
1652 Rockcut Road, Route one  
Conley, Georgia 30027

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Just a note to let you know that the Factors Walk Military Museum passed on your request to me (I am President and owner of 99 percent of the items in the Museum) and that I received yours of 25 July 1972.

I am recovering from a heart attack and it may be some time before I can get to it. Please give me your deadline (don't like those words) and if necessary I will get one of my sons to get the measurements for you and if necessary will arrange for photos.

Do you want to include the LeMat in your survey? You may remember when I first met you in Atlanta at one of the Georgia Arms Collectors shows you examined my Serial No. 8 LeMat that is illustrated in Bill Edwards book "Civil War Guns" page 360. I also have a late model Le Mat No. 1125 if my memory is correct. The No. 8 is the finest in the country about 95 % blue and Mint condition. At this point I do not have a Spiller and Burr (am working on one close by) but I do have Serial No. 64 Griswold & Gunnison, and a Leech and Rigdon and a Rigdon and Ansley as well as some others, including a William Bourne that has been in my family since the War. He was a member of my family.

Some of my things are in the Museum, some at the Bank and some at home. But, I will be glad to help you in any way I can.

Most sincerely,

  
Col.(Ret) Lindsey P. Henderson Jr.



## GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

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501 Whitaker Street, Savannah, Georgia 31499  
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June 21, 1997

Donald E. Bryan  
P.O. Box 11725  
Roanoke, VA 24022

Dear Mr. Bryan,

Enclosed is the information you requested on Thomas Henderson of Savannah. I was only able to find one death notice for him in the Savannah Morning News for October 14-15, 1889. He was apparently a member of the Savannah Volunteer Guards so I included information from our vertical file on that group. You had mentioned in our phone conversation that you thought he also had some connection to the Tattnall Guards and the Oglethorpe Light Infantry. I was not able to find much on the Tattnall Guards, but I included some history of the Oglethorpe Light Infantry. Finally, I also enclosed the obituary of Henderson's grandson. Apparently Thomas Hunter Henderson and his two sons were active in the local militia groups as well.

There was no mention of a Thomas Henderson in our manuscript collection index, but in the Confederate States Army Collection, there are five items concerning a Capt. Henderson. Also, I have enclosed the description pages for two of our manuscript collections that deal with the Savannah Volunteer Guards. If you want copies of any of the items in these collections, please send a letter specifying exactly which ones and a check for \$25.00. If the amount of copying fees exceeds this amount, I will notify you. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Jessica Burke  
Library Assistant

Enclosures

**FIVE HUNDRED BILLS YET.**

Representative Gordon's Estimate of the Work Before the House.

Representative Gordon spent yesterday at home, and returned to the capital last night. His visits home have been few since his legislature has been in session, his assiduity having earned for him the reputation of being the hardest worker in the general assembly.

To a MORNING NEWS reporter Capt. Gordon expressed the opinion last night that the session may be prolonged until Nov. 9. An adjournment may be had between Nov. 1 and 10. Should the session be that long, Capt. Gordon says it will be due to the legislation on railroad matters. He would not say that the lease bill will be antagonized in the Senate, but it is evident that he anticipates it; in fact, he argued that as there is some friction in the committee, when the bill comes to the Senate it will be strange if there is not some friction there.

Capt. Gordon made an approximate estimate of the bills yet undisposed of by the House, which he thinks will reach 500, of which 200 are Senate bills, and 300 are House bills. These can hardly be acted on before the close of the month.

Capt. Gordon says that all legislation of a local character from Chatham county has been well advanced, and he estimates that about forty bills going up from Chatham county have been passed.

"How about the oyster commission?" Capt. Gordon was asked. He replied that there had never been any doubt that provision would be made for creating a commission to investigate the oyster possibilities on the Georgia coast, and report such recommendations to the next general assembly as will stimulate the industry of oyster farming. He said that the Rice session has passed both houses, and the next general assembly will have the benefit of investigations of the commission to do it in enacting such laws as may stimulate and protect the oyster industry.

Referring to the Postell law, Capt. Gordon said it is not to be expected that a perfect bill could have been framed at this session. The bill, however, was a compromise, and passed without opposition in either branch of the general assembly. It was the best, he thought, to be got for a start, and those who advocated its passage did so with the understanding that it would be improved by legislation such as is contemplated by the joint resolution of Senator Jones, which went through both branches of the legislature, whereas if the provision for amendment had first been pushed any further legislation might not have been had at this session.

**FUN AT THE THEATER.**

"Cold Day" To-Night, and "A Pair of Kids" To-Morrow Night.

This week's opening attraction at the theater will be "A Cold Day," to-night. The play was produced in Richmond several weeks ago, and the *Dispatch*, of that city, said this to say about it: "The main feature of the show is the beautiful dancing of Carlotta, a Richmond girl, who has won her way to distinction. Her dancing is artistic, fast and graceful, and was loudly and enthusiastically applauded throughout the performance. Carlotta appears in some six dances, and her dancing in accordance with the Gayety dancers in New York season, was a gem of beauty. The comedians of the show were quite funny.

**IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.**

**THOMAS HENDERSON DEAD.**

One of Savannah's Best Known Citizens Taken Off.

Thomas Henderson, the oldest undertaker in Georgia, died at 6 o'clock last night at his residence, No. 148 Hull street. His death was the result of a nervous prostration brought on by his recent trouble and losses. The deceased was 71 years of age, and leaves a family consisting of a wife, two sons, and six daughters. All except two of his children live in Savannah. J. E. Henderson, a son, is a resident of Waycross; and one daughter, Mrs. F. W. Symons, is a resident of Tampa, Fla. She reached Savannah yesterday.

The deceased was an upright and respected citizen. He was a native of Ireland, having been born near Dublin in 1818. He came to America with his parents at the age of 11 years and settled in New Orleans, where he lived until he was 25 years old. He then came to Savannah and engaged in business. He began business as a cabinet maker and upholsterer at the corner of Bull and Broughton streets, in the building now occupied by Theus Bros. He conducted the business there for two or three years, and then moved to No. 24 1/2 Whitaker street, where the Lyons block now is. He remained in business there for twenty-seven years. His establishment was the second established in Savannah. He moved from Whitaker street to No. 133 York street, where he conducted a successful business until his property, including store and residence, was swept away by the April fire.

The deceased was a member of several organizations and orders—the Masons, Odd Fellows, the Hibernian Society, and also the Savannah Volunteer Guards battalion. He was a member of Zerubbabel lodge of Masons, Live Oak lodge of Odd Fellows, and he was an honorary exempt member of the Guards. He was city undertaker over twenty years, and finally resigned the office.

After the debris of the burned buildings on York street was removed Mr. Henderson began to rebuild on the vacant lot, and expected to occupy the stores Nov. 1. His business has been conducted by his youngest son, Hunter Henderson, since the recent illness of his father.

Mr. Henderson's funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 148 Hull street, to-morrow afternoon. The remains will be interred in Laurel Grove cemetery.

**CITY BREVITIES.**

Calanthe Lodge No. 28, K. P., meets this evening.

Clinton Lodge of Freemasons will meet to-night.

DeKalb Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., meets this evening.

Meeting of Magnolia Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., this evening.

The German Friendly Society will hold its October meeting to-night.

There were seventeen cases docketed up to midnight this morning for Monday's mayor's court.

It is understood that several of Savannah's leading lawyers will visit the exposition this week, on the occasion of Gov. Hill's coming.

The City and Suburban railway was well patronized yesterday, many people taking advantage of the delightful weather to visit the city.

**DANCED UNDER A ROOSE.**

How Joe Dunk's Nimble Feet Saved Him from a Hanging.

Sheriff Berrie of Brunswick says there is no such man as Joe Dunk out of the Glynn county jail.

There is a rumor current here among Joe's chums that Joe had become involved in a dispute over a game of skin somewhere between Brunswick and Jesup, and whipped out his revolver and brought down his man; that afterward he had been captured and jailed.

Joe is not far away, as he was seen near Jesup recently by a Savannah officer, who surprised the fugitives over a game of cards, the officer being in quest of another man. Joe bolted out of the door and disappeared as suddenly as if the earth had swallowed him up.

In this connection an anecdote of Joe Dunk's experience in Liberty county with a gang of lynchers is related for what it is worth. The authenticity of the story, though, is vouched for. Dunk is said to be the best "all-round" dancer in Georgia by those who have seen him cut the pigeon-wing and dance the "No. 6." Thereby hangs the tale.

Joe was in a game with some turpentine hands up in Liberty, and it was a rough crowd. As Joe, with his usual shrewdness with the cards, had transferred the most of its week's earnings to his own pocket, the game broke up in a row, and Joe was charged with "ringing in a cold dock," "making the bug," and other devices known to professional gamblers. He is little, but wiry, quick on the trigger, and when the gang began to crowd him he whipped out his revolver and shot the foremost man down, in the excitement making his escape for the time being, but the woods were scoured and he was run to cover. As the odds were against him, he surrendered. As the story runs the vigilantes, who were provided with a rope, formed a noose, and encircling it about Joe's neck were about to swing him off, when he made a request to be allowed to dance before they hanged him. A request so simple was readily granted, and Joe never danced as he did on that occasion. The vigilantes, who were of his own race, caught the infection of the music of Joe's feet, and one of the lynchers sang out, "Gub us de numbah six." Nobody could dance that step like Joe, and to shouts of "Lee! hab dat agin!" Joe again addressed himself to keeping up the interest in the dancing, until the lynching was forgotten, and for an hour he showed his exponents more steps than they had ever seen before. His captors relented, and Joe was released and became a hero.

**THE RUSH OF FREIGHT.**

Business in the Railroad Yards and on the Wharves.

Never in the history of the Central railroad has its traffic been so great, a railroad man said last night. Between Savannah and Tennille from 300 to 400 cars of cotton are standing on the side tracks, and the condition of affairs between Macon and Tennille is similar. Two extra freight trains, with the greatest capacity of any in the Savannah yards, left last night to remove the cotton. They will bring the cotton down to-day and to-morrow. Freight Agent F. A. Jones said last night that the business has never been so heavy before.

Last Saturday 18,000 bales of cotton were loaded on the wharves.

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W. L. Blau-  
T. H. Rahn-  
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J. L. Willis-  
town.

C. E. Jones-  
terday.

J. W. Pres-  
terday.

B. L. Harr-  
terday.

W. O. Wa-  
terday.

H. C. Lawt-  
yesterday.

F. B. Sturd-  
yesterday.

Tom Loyles-  
yesterday.

W. E. Mori-  
yesterday.

R. F. Powe-  
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JOHNSTON LIGHT INFANTRY  
First Volunteer Regiment of the State of Georgia  
1872 - 1878

Reconstruction was over in Georgia in 1872. In the Spring of that year a number of the war companies of Savannah's military were reformed. The First Volunteer Regiment was revived with the formation of the following companies:

Republican Blues (organized in 1808)  
Phoenix Riflemen (organized in 1812 as the  
Savannah Fencibles, redesignated in  
1830 as the Phoenix Riflemen)  
Irish Jasper Greens (organized in 1843)  
German Volunteers (organized in 1846)  
Oglethorpe Light Infantry (organized in 1855)  
Savannah Cadets (organized in 1861)  
City Light Guards (organized in 1861)

Before the War Between the States the Chatham Artillery, Savannah Volunteer Guards, and DeKalb Riflemen had also formed part of the First Volunteer Regiment. The Chathams and Guards, however, had withdrawn from the regiment at the beginning of hostilities. The DeKalb Riflemen, organized in 1850, stayed in the war regiment but were not reformed after Reconstruction. Other war companies added to the First Volunteer Regiment to replace the Chathams and Guards as well as bring the regiment to ten companies included such additional units as second companies of the Irish Jasper Greens, Republican Blues, and Oglethorpe Light Infantry (the first company of the OLI had also withdrawn from the regiment at the beginning of the war but returned in 1872). Other Savannah companies in the war regiment at various times were the Irish Volunteers, Coast Rifles, Tattnall Guards, and Washington Volunteers.

None of these units could be revived so as to round out the First Volunteer Regiment in 1872 to eight companies for full regimental strength. Consequently, it was decided to form a new infantry company at Savannah to accomplish this end. On 9 May 1872 such a unit was organized at the courthouse by a number of young men.<sup>1</sup>

The new corps was named the Johnston Light Infantry in honor of one of Savannah's newest leading citizens, General Joseph E. Johnston.<sup>2</sup> The men elected Johnston an honorary member of the new unit. On 24 May 1872 the members met again at the courthouse, where they chose their officers and non-commissioned officers as follows:<sup>3</sup>

S. Yates Levy, Captain  
Louis G. Young, First Lieutenant  
Henry E. Bachus, Second Lieutenant  
A. Pratt Adams, Junior Second Lieutenant

*Sav. Sun News*  
*June 29, 1953*  
**VNAH EV**



**DIED EARLY TODAY**—Thomas Hunter Henderson, who died early this morning at the age of 84 years, following a short illness. (From a photograph taken several years ago.)

*Sav. Biography*  
**T.H. Henderson**

**Died Today  
At Age of 84**

**Was One of Oldest  
Morticians in  
Georgia**

Thomas Hunter Henderson, 84,  
one of the oldest morticians in

Mr. Henderson was born in Savannah November 6, 1868. He was one of Savannah's best known citizens and was active for many years in fraternal and civic affairs.

He was one of the original members of the Savannah Rotary Club and was a leader in that organization for years. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, being a K. C. C. H. member; was a member of Clinton Lodge No. 54 and Alee Temple of Shriners. He was for 50 years a member of the

# CIVIL WAR GUNS

*The complete story of Federal and Confederate  
small arms: design, manufacture, identi-  
fication, procurement, issue, employment,  
effectiveness, and postwar disposal*

By  
WILLIAM B. EDWARDS



THE STACKPOLE COMPANY  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

of loading lever, top of cylinder pin, under barrel next to the frame, inside of both wood grips, left side of hammer, hammer screw head, and inside of side plate.

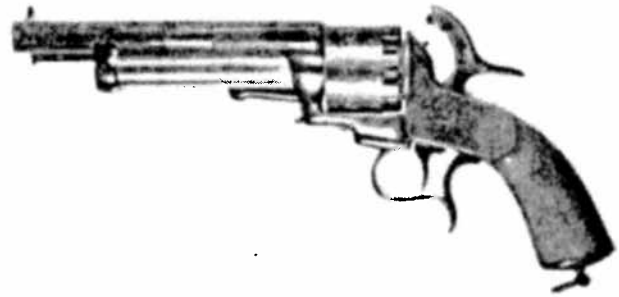
That there may be some connection between the Cofer and the Spiller and Burrs is suggested by the use, by both makers, of a cast brass frame which in its rougher state is "like the Whitney," and by the Colt-type loading lever appearing on both series of arms. Though five or possibly only six Cofers of the percussion series and one blown-up cartridge model exist, yet a sub-type can be differentiated among the percussion guns on the basis of loading levers—cylinder pin assemblies. This Colt-type lever also appears on the Spiller & Burr. Whitney levers are fitted, for example, on Spiller & Burrs Nos. 128, 131, 150, 214; Cofers Nos. 1, 13, "L" . . . A Cofer stamped only E. B. GEORGIA has a Whitney lever. "Why?" is one of those frequent puzzles of Confederate ordnance supply.

The blown-up Cofer has checkered grips; No. 1 regular Cofer has plain walnut grips. Less than fifty of these guns are believed made; there is no record of Cofer's having a C. S. contract.

#### Other Producers

Two partners in Memphis need to be mentioned here though their productivity was nil, their influence on the war nothing, so far as military arms are concerned. Two revolvers of Colt 1851 type exist, identified as output of this partnership. One has a full octagon barrel and a brass frame, with "6." stamped as a serial (?) on cylinder, backstrap, trigger guard, barrel, hammer, and rammer. The top of the barrel is marked SCHNEIDER & GLASSICK, MEMPHIS, TENN. in one line. It is said this marking is with a die, not individually hand stamped.

While the author once made such a promulgation about a pistol he had examined very carefully (page 365, *The Story of Colt's Revolver*) it appears in this case he was wrong. Another advanced collector with a knack of keeping check on fakery stated he had been present and seen such stamping applied, with individual

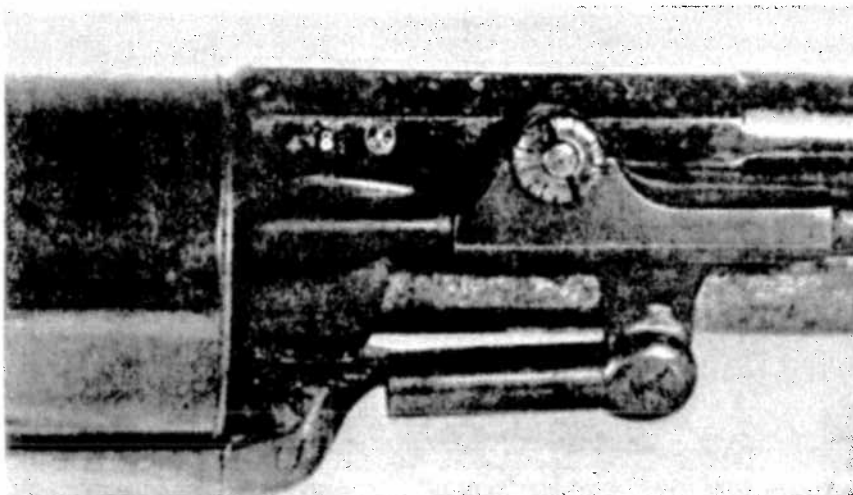


First Model LeMat carried by General P. G. T. Beauregard has "cavalry" spur guard and compound loading lever on right side of half-round barrel. Hammer nose has tiny studs on sides of movable tip. Barrel latch is pivoted in frame above trigger guard base.

letters, in as neat a line as if put on with a roller die. Further, with values of C. S. pistols sky-high, it is even potentially profitable to make up a name-stamping die in the old fashion to give a semblance of authenticity; hence such statements must be considered and reconsidered, in examining the authenticity of any odd Confederate relic. All we know is what we read in the papers—the *Memphis Daily Appeal* again, for December 8, 1861:

*Memphis Manufacture.* We were yesterday shown by Messrs. Schneider & Glassick, of Jefferson street, between Front and Main streets, a six-shooter Navy pistol of their own manufacture. It is a beautiful weapon, not inferior to the Colt's make in any particular. The finish of the whole, the accuracy of the parts and the excellent working of the mechanism are admirable. Iron, brass work, and wood work are all specimens of skill. We are proud that Memphis can turn out such splendid workmanship.

It will be remembered that three weeks before (November 15) the *Memphis Daily Appeal* was making big noises about the machinery being set up in the Eagle Foundry "for the manufacture of Colt revolvers." It appears Memphis was a scene in November of '61 of just the sort of speculative spirit which in New York at that time threw the Yankees' contracts into confusion



Unique First Model LeMat engraved on octagon breech of half-round barrel COL LEMAT'S PATENT is serial No. 8, bears special LeMat trade cypher unlike later "star-LM" mark. Gun is said to be one of dozen sent to Gen. Beauregard for gifts to Confederate big-wigs. Photo courtesy Maj. L. P. Henderson, Jr., Savannah, Ga.



