

FIREARMS AND PILL DISPENSERS BY CHARLES MOORE
Including firearms owned and noted by P McG.

BARREL AND BREECH MARKINGS:

(77 CH) = Charles Moore 77 St. James's Street London

(77 C) = C. Moore 77 St. James's Street London

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(RCP-CM) = Charles Moore Regent Circus Piccadilly London

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Poincon = A platinum breech "poincon" marked "C. Moore London Patent", with a crown.

North American dating.

- 357 Czerny's 3/27/2021 lot 630. Cased copper cap gun. Charles Moore London on barrel, Moore London on lockplate.
- 452 Christies 11/9/2000 (WKN) lot 81. 5640 GBP. Also Lewis Drake site 7/15. Flintlock DB gun. (RCP-CM) Locks "C. Moore London" and "Patent". Frizzens "Chas Moore Patent". Serial number on barrels and breeches. London proof and view. Pans attached to the breeches. Lion on trigger guard, cat on cock and tang, creature on lock plate and breech.
- 696 Weller & Dufty June 1964 lot 15 (via JG). Cased pair of pill lock pistols. 19 bore. RCP barrels. Poincons. 696 on trigger guard tangs. With a priming pellet bottle marked Chas. Moore Gun Maker London.
- 702 Militaria Auction, New Zealand, April 2014, lot 1204. Cased pair of copper cap dueling pistols. Locks "C. Moore London". (RCP) Poincons. Datable to 1825 by address (see 705).
- 705 Bonhams 4/24/2013 lot 400. 687 GBP (restocked). Pellet lock DB gun. (77C) Charles Moore's barrelsmith mark (CM). Datable to 1825 by address (see 702).
- 716 and 720 Bonhams 5/23/18 lot 402. Cased pair F/L DB pistols. (RCP). (CM).
- 746 Private collection (P McG). Pill lock single gun. Lock C. Moore London. Breech poincon Charles Moore Patent. Barrel octagon to 16 sided to round. Green horn fore-end. Serpent decoration. (RCP)

- 752 Holts 12/13/06 lot 266 (noted by P McG). Copper cap single gun, 10 bore, 34" barrel.
- 772 Bonhams & Brooks 12/2001. Holts unsold lots sale 1/2024 lot 495. Cased pair of F/L duelling pistols. [RCP-CM]. Poincons. Locks C. Moore London. (via JG)
- 782 Copper cap single gun. RCP. (Noted by P McG)
- 805 Cowan's 4/30/2015 lot 881. Pellet lock pistol, now with copper cap nipple. (RCP) Poincon. Lock C. Moore London.
- 816 Private collection (P McG). Pill lock single gun.
- 880 Royal Armouries XII.1538 and XII.1539. Pair of pill lock duelling pistols. CM 880 under barrels. Lock C. Moore London, and 880 inside. Poincons. (77).
- 948 Del Mar 7/30/20 lot 277. Cased pair of pellet lock pocket pistols. Pellet dispenser (1824) # 795. Poincons. Silver (trigger guard complex, butt caps, ramrod pipes, slide escutcheons) hallmarked for 1824, silversmith EB. 948 under barrels, inside locks, and on trigger guards. Also Bonhams May 24, 2023, lot 345.
- 988 CWOCA 4/23/2016 lot 22. Cased pair of copper cap dueling pistols. Barrel 77 St. James's Street St. James's. C.M.-988 underside of barrels. Locks C. Moore London. Poincons. \$3160. Resold Bonhams 11/30/16 lot 310, US\$ equivalent 3740.
- 991 Howard Blackmore article (ref. 19). (991 on barrel, inside locks, and at rear of trigger guard.) Cased pellet lock double gun, with label showing address (77). Cased with pellet dispenser marked C. Moore 839 on wheel; and a 2 1/4 " glass bottle with molded inscription Chas. Moore Gunmaker London, filled with detonating pills.
- 994 Double barrel copper cap gun, 14 bore. (Noted by P McG)
- 1034 Metropolitan Museum NYC. Cased pair of pellet lock pistols. No pellet dispenser. Barrels 77 St. James's St. St. James's. Label showing address (77). Locks C. Moore London.

- 1040 Private collection. Cased pair of silver mounted copper cap belt or coat (1826)pistols, 4 " barrels. Barrels and locks "C. Moore London".
Poincons. The silver marked SW and hallmarked for 1826. The serial number on each trigger guard strap and underside of barrel (with CM).
- 1072 Cribb May 2025 lot 318. CC DBL gun. 77C. C.Moore London locks. CM barrel mark.
- 1141 Poulin Auction November 2023 lot 3451. Cased pair of pill lock target pistols. [77] on barrels. Poincons. C. Moore London on locks. .50 cal. 1141 on trigger guard tangs. No pill dispenser.
- 1154 Bonhams 11/24/2010 lot 433. 7200 GBP.
Pair of pellet lock target pistols. (77 CH) Poincons.
- 1163 Guns International. Pair of copper cap target pistols, half-stocked.
Locks C. Moore London. (via JG)
1175. Keith Dill's archive, probably a Butterfield auction ("lot 3299"). Pair of tube-lock duelling pistols.
- 1190 Christie's 12/12/1997 lot 193. 5520 GBP. Now Louis Bremers (per John Gailey).
Cased pair of pellet lock duelling pistols. (77 CH) Locks "C. Moore London".
Serial number inside lock, under barrel, on breech hook, and in the fore-end channel. Poincons. Barrels with Charles Moore's mark CM. EA in the stock foreend channel. Pill dispenser, unnumbered.
- 1223 RIA 12/6/2013 lot 1309. Pair of copper cap dueling pistols. (77) Serial number on barrels, breeches, and trigger guard. Locks "C.Moore London". Poincons. CM barrel mark. 1/3 x 1/2 inch silver panels on the stocks behind the tangs: NEC TEMERE NEC TIMIDE.
- 1225 Private collection. Cased pair of pellet lock dueling pistols. (77) Poincons
Locks "C. Moore London".
- 1237 Holts 7/11/2022 lot 699. Cased pair of rifled copper cap target pistols.
Barrels (77), locks "C. Moore London". Poincon. Holts said converted, but I doubt.

- 1249 RIA 5/20/2023 lot 1283. Cased pair of copper cap duelling pistols, converted from pill lock. [77] on barrels. C. Moore London on locks. C-M and SN under barrels. SN on breech hooks and trigger guard tang. Poincons.
- 1259 Holts 7/2023 lot 615. Single half-stocked pill lock duelling pistol. Barrel [77]. Poincon. (via JG)
- 1293 Double barrel tube lock gun. (Noted by P McG)
- 1320 Cased pair of copper cap back-action lock duelling pistols. (Noted by P McG)
- 1323 Copper cap double rifle. (Noted by P McG)
- 1364 Copper cap double rifle. (Noted by P McG)
- 1379 Copper cap pistol. Moore's barrelsmith mark. (Noted by P McG)
- 1384 Private collection (P McG). Cased copper cap rifle. CM 1384 under barrel. (77)
1418. Holts 7/29/24 lot 529. Single copper cap gun. [77] barrel, poincon. Charles Moore London on lockplate. CM mark.
1430. Del Mar 6/26/25 lot 293. Cased copper cap DB gun. Grip safety removed.
- 1438 Del Mar 12/10/2008 lot 393. DB copper cap pistol. (77 CH)
- 1502 Holts 6/25/2009 lot 512. 1200 GBP. Cased copper cap DB gun. (77CH)
Locks "C. Moore London". Barrelsmith mark CM.
- 1566 Julia 10/14-16/2013 lot 2554. Cased pair of copper cap saw-handle target pistols. (77). Locks "C. Moore's Patent". Poincons.
- 1608 Private collection (P McG). Cased pair of copper cap rifled target pistols. Spurred trigger guard. (77) No ramrods. Back-action locks.
- 1709 Holts 3/10/?04, lot 316. 15 bore double copper cap gun. Locks C. Moore's Patent. Underside of barrels "Chas Moore Notting Hill Forge, Horse Stubs Only". (Noted by P McG)

- 1726 Private Collection. Cased pair of copper cap dueling pistols . (77)
Locks "C. Moore Patent". Serial number under barrels,
on breech plugs, inside locks, and on trigger guard straps.
- 1729 Bonhams 11/9/2022 lot 4. Empty mahogany percussion gun case with Charles
Moore label. 1729 written on the inside edge of the lid just above the middle hinge.
- 1817 Double barrel copper cap pistol. (Noted by P McG)
- 1821 Del Mar 6/24/2009 lot 398. 16,800 GBP. Locks "C. Moore Patent".
Cased (in continental style) copper cap dueling pistols, with
a bill of sale (for 785.70 French francs) dated 1835. (77 CH)
- 1829 Del Mar 12/7/2022 lot 435. Copper cap gun. .60 cal. Lock Moore's patent.
1829 under breech. (77CH)
- 1831 Bonhams 4/14/2005 lot 335. 456 GBP. Also sold Christies June 7, 1978, lot 274.
Full stocked, copper cap "belt pistol", with belt hook and captive ramrod. (77 CH)
Resold Bonhams 11/30/16 lot 304, 630 GBP @ US\$ 1.24. 28 bore.
- 1889 Bonhams 5/24/2023 lot 285. Cased copper cap target pistols. (77C) on barrels.
C. Moore's Patent on locks. SN on trigger guards. No ramrods. Lion butt caps.
- 1897 Christie's 2/10/1971 lot 174. Uncased pair of copper cap target pistols.
Spur trigger guards. Lion butt caps.
- 1925 Wallis & Wallis 12/1965 lot 1515. Cased pair of copper cap target pistols.
Lion butt caps. (via JG)
- 1931 Bonhams 11/10/2005 (WKN) lot 72 . 15,000 GBP.
(1834) Cased silver-mounted copper cap DB pistol. (77 CH)
Locks "C. Moore Patent". One of two bullet moulds with
same serial number. The silver marked I.F, and hallmarked for 1834.
- 1937 Christies 12/16/2002 Lot 208. Pair of rifled copper cap target pistols.
(77C) Locks "C. Moore's Patent".

- 1994 Holts 9/21/17 lot 560, now private collection (P McG). Pair of copper cap target pistols. 77C. Locks "C. Moore's Patent". No provision for ramrods.
- 2020 Holt's 3/22/18 lot 528. Copper cap double gun. "Charles Moore 77 St. James' Street Maker to His Late Majesty" on rib, C. Moore Patent on locks.
- 2057 Holt's 9/21/17 lot 533. Copper cap single-barrel gun. 77C. Locks "C. Moore's Patent". 40" barrel. Also Christies 12/9/98 lot 127.
- 2076 Bonhams 11/30/00 lot 160. Cased copper cap double gun. 12 bore.(Noted by P McG)
- 2080 Cased pair of short blunderbuss pistols. Swivel ramrods, silver butt caps. 77. Museum of London #A13816.
- 2206 Private collection (P McG). Copper cap rifle. 77C, plus "Maker to the Late King". Lock C. Moore's Patent, + leopard decoration, and 2206 inside. CM 2206 under barrel. Two sling swivels.
- 2208 & 2209 Holts 9/23/2010 lot 519, now private collection (P McG). 5500 GBP. Cased pair of copper cap DB guns. (77 C, and "Maker to the Late King") Locks "C. Moore's Patent". Trigger guard strap squeeze safeties, marked "Safety". [William IV died in 1837.]
- 2234 Henry Krank August 2022. Copper cap double gun. 2234 underside of barrels and on trigger guard tang. Also underside of barrels 16 and London proof and view marks. C. Moore Patent on locks. 77C plus "Maker to the Late King" on rib.
- 2274 Cased 18 bore copper cap gun, 28" barrels. Locks C. Moore's Patent. "Maker to the late King." (Noted by P McG)
- 2315 Cased pair of copper cap target pistols. No ramrods. "Maker to the late King." (Noted by P McG)
- 2323 & 2324 Del Mar 6/26/2007 lot 494. 5000 GBP. Pair of copper cap DB guns. (77 C, and "Maker to the Late King")
- 2355 Private collection [P McG]. Copper cap single rifle. .70 cal.

2365 Private collection (P McG). Copper cap rifle. Same markings as 2206, except boar decoration on the lock.

2462 Julia 10/6-7/2008 lot 1373.
Moore & Woodward copper cap DB gun with grip safety.
"Moore & Woodward 64 St. James's Street London".
On locks, "C. Moore's Patent". "It is speculated that Woodward's serial numbers continued from the Moore and Woodward system. Unfortunately the records do not exist."

2649 Double barrel copper cap gun. 14 bore. Moore & Woodward. 64 St. James's St.

2747 Double barrel copper cap gun. 14 bore. Moore & Woodward. (Noted by P McG)

2946 Private collection (P McG). Cased 10 bore gun Moore & Woodward. Lock C. Moore Patent. Grip safety, 2946. Barrel rib Moore & Woodward 64 St. James's Street London. 2946 under each barrel.

2978 Pinfire double gun, converted from copper cap. 14 bore. Locks marked Woodward. (Noted by P McG)

Sotheby Parke Bernet 4/14/1975 The William Funderburg Collection, lot 158.
Pair of pill-lock target pistols. 77. Lock C. Moore London. Poincon.

Bonhams 12/2/2004 lot 413. 1171 GBP.
Cased percussion 6 shot bar hammer pepperbox marked "Charles Moore London" on frame, and marked "121".

Bonhams 4/20/2011 lot 370. 2640 GBP.
Cased pair of copper cap officers' pistols. (77 C) Marked 678 and 679 on stocks.

Julia 3/12-13/2007 lot 100.
Cased pair of copper cap boxlock turn-off "muff pistols". (77 C on frames)
Numbered 4 and 5 -no details.

Frederick Wilkinson, ANTIQUE GUNS AND GUN COLLECTING, 1974,
pages 68-69. A single copper cap target pistol marked C. Moore Patent on lock plate.

Ebay 1/21/2011. Pellet dispenser marked "C. Moore London" and 219, on wheel. 5.25 " long.

The book of the William Locke collection, page 529. A Charles Moore pillcock pair, cased with label, with a pill dispenser #242.

Bonhams 12/2/2004 lot 224. 454 GBP.

Pellet dispenser marked "C. Moore" and 338. Also shown in Frederick Wilkinson, SMALL ARMS; said to have been from the R. Chapman collection.

Fine Sporting Collectables (Andrew Iosson), April 2023. Pellet dispenser marked "C. Moore London" and 374 on the wheel. Note there is a pricker attached to same side as the wheel indexing spring. I believe this is correct but usually missing (e.g. 382 has the attachment knob but not the pricker). Asking price 650 pounds.

Private collection [JP], ex collection of Jim Gooding. Pellet dispenser marked "C. Moore London" and 382, on wheel.

Christie's 7/18/2002 (WKN) lot 89, now private collection (P McG). Pellet dispenser, 470 on wheel, plus C. Moore London.

Other pellet dispensers noted by P McG: 795, 839, 855.

From a large firearms collection purchased by W. Keith Neal in the mid-1930's, the descriptions dictated by him:

"Double tube ignition gun by Charles Moore, 77 St. James Street, London. 14 bore, with 30 in. barrels, in original mahogany case with maker's label in lid. In very good condition. "

Advertisement by David Sanders in the March 2014 Catalogue of the Bisley Antique & Classic Arms Fair:

"An extremely rare pair of target/duelling pistols by Charles Moore, ...in original untouched pellet lock form." Cased with maker's label and accessories, including C. Moore pellet dispenser #954. The pistols NOT # 1225, but SN not mentioned.

www.littlegun.be. Cased set of pellet lock duelling pistols. (77) Locks "C. Moore London".

Poincon. With pellet dispenser, marked "C. Moore London" and 242 on wheel. Neither #1225 nor the above set. Ex-Horst Held.

www.historicaarmsgallery.co.uk

Tubelocks and breeching on a William Smith double gun. The locks marked "C. Moore London". Poincon.

Formerly in a private collection.

Copper cap rifle converted from pellet lock. Lock marked C. Moore. Barrel marked 77 St. James's Street, Pall Mall. Poincon.

West Street Antiques, September 2017.

Cased pair of copper cap "officer's pistols". Captive ramrods.

"C. Moore London" on barrels, "Moore London" on locks.

Label with the 77 St. James's St. address. On the top of the label, handwritten owner's name and the year 1843. Asking 10,495 pounds.

Julia 11/2/17 lot 3271. Cased pair of copper cap boxlock pocket pistols. 77C on left side of frame. 4 and 5 on barrels.

"Caps & Flints" Volume 9 (February 2024) page 22—an article on cap dispensers by Andrew Iosson. Charles Moore dispenser # 392. Also marked C. MOORE.

FROM AN 1837 REPORT, ABOUT CHARLES MOORE'S SHOP IN PARIS: (From P McG and NH.)

'Nimrod', Nimrod's French Tour; *The New Sporting Magazine*, Vol. XII, No. 72 (April 1837), p. 209.

See <https://archive.org/details/newsportingmaga07unkngoog/page/210/mode/2up>

I looked into the shop of Moore the gunmaker son of Mr Charles Moore of St James's Street London who appears to be doing a good stroke of business in Paris for independently of game shooting the prevalent fashion of Pigeon Shooting is pursued with much spirit at the Tivoli Gardens kept by Monsieur Bryon the Editor of the French Racing Calendar. 30-35 yard matches as they are called are common with Moore's widely bored guns.

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