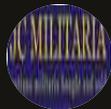


## James Kerr London Armoury Co Kerr\'s Patent S.A. percussion Revolver .54 Revolver

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**\*\*VERY RARE\*\*MINT BORE\*\***Cased, American Civil War Confederate Army Contract London Armoury Company Large Frame Kerr's Patent .54 Bore Five Shot Single Action Percussion Revolver With Side Mounted Hammer, Octagonal Barrel & Accessories. Sn 18279:5 - 18279:5

James Kerr had been the foreman for the Deane, Adams and Deane gun factory. Robert Adams, one of the partners and inventor of the Adams revolver, was Kerr's cousin. Kerr developed an improvement to the Adams revolver, British Patent No. 1722 of July 28, 1855, and when Adams left the Deane brothers to found the London Armoury Company on February 9, 1856, Kerr went with him. The London Armoury Company manufactured military rifles and revolvers. Kerr's Patent Revolver was an unusual 5-shot single-action revolver manufactured from 1859 to 1866 by the London Armoury Company. When the American Civil War began in 1860 and the governments of both the United States and the Confederacy began purchasing arms in Britain. In November 1861, 1,600 revolvers were purchased for the Union army, at \$18.00 a piece. However Confederate arms buyers Maj. Caleb Huse and Cpt. James D. Bulloch contracted for all the rifles and revolvers the Armoury could produce (and the Confederate government could pay for). As a result, the London Armoury Company became a major arms supplier to the Confederacy, selling the most of the 11,000 Kerr revolvers produced to Huse. It is easily recognised by its side-mounted hammer. This is an excellent, original, cased Kerr revolver. The single action firing mechanism works crisply. It has the correct captive loading lever and side mounted hammer. The pistol has a 5 1/2" octagonal barrel (11 1/2" overall). The bore is near mint clean and bright with crisp rifling. One barrel flat is signed 'LAC' (London Armoury Company) and has Victorian English proofs. It has a brass post fore sight and 'v' frame rear sight. The metal in the white is clean. The action frame is signed 'London Armoury' and the action tang 'London Armoury Co'. The action frame also has 'Kerr's Patent '10628' (the number is the serial number of the gun, and not the patent number). The serial number puts the weapon in the serial number range of those supplied to the confederate military. The cylinder has matching number and Victorian proofs. Its

chequered walnut grip is undamaged and has military lanyard ring. The pistol is contained in its wood case. The felt lined case has compartments which snugly fit the weapon and its accessories. The accessory compartments contain an original Heath Patent marked brass powder flask, 2 tools, brass & steel double bullet & ball mould, a small quantity of moulded lead balls & bullets, an empty percussion cap tin labelled Eley Bros, a tin labelled Whitworth & Co felt wads & a white metal oil container with screw off lid which has an integral oil applicator. The case has a brass lock (key absent). The price for this rare cased pistol includes UK delivery. NB As an antique cap & ball percussion revolver no licence is required to own this item in the UK if retained as part of a collection or display. Sn 18279:5  
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