

# Daniel Marker Sr.

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Daniel Marker, Sr., was born in 1774, the second child and eldest son of George and Mary (Mohler) Marker, who had emigrated from Germany. In May of 1797 Daniel married Christina Beckenbaugh of Sharpsburg, Maryland. Daniel probably taught the gunsmith trade to his brothers, George, Jr., and Paul; and to his three sons: Daniel, Jr., James and Paul who was known as Powell. He practiced his trade at "Marker's Delight" in Middletown Valley, near Hagerstown, Maryland.

The U.S. Census of 1810 for district three, Frederick County, Maryland showed Daniel Marker with 5 males under 10, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-40, 2 females under 10, 1 female to 45. During the War of 1812 he led the Mountain Rangers in the Battle of Bladensburg, Maryland. In the U.S. Census of 1820 there is a listing for Daniel, Sr., and his brother John, followed, in the enumeration, by their father, George, Sr., and then by Paul. This shows their close proximity to one other.

In 1816 Daniel was indicted on a complaint initiated by his wife Christina for assault and battery and was held for a bond of £100.

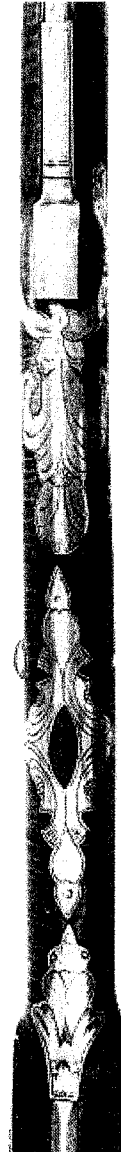
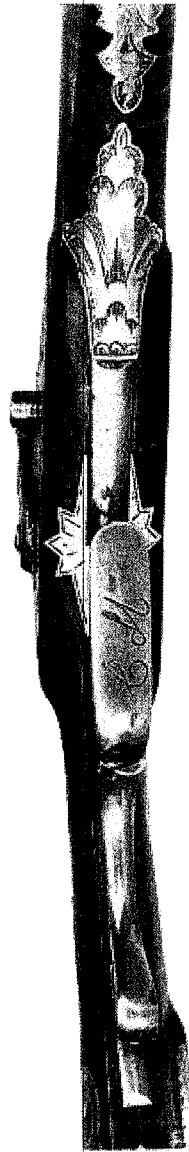
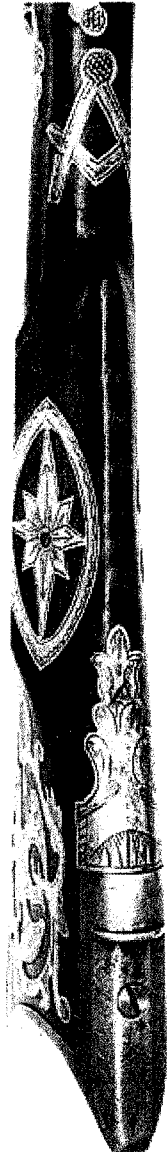
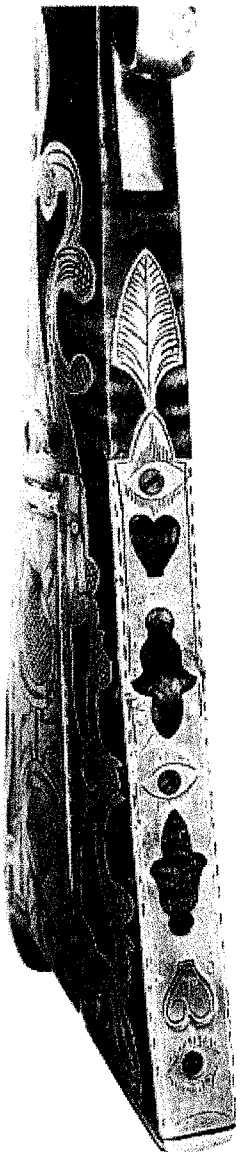
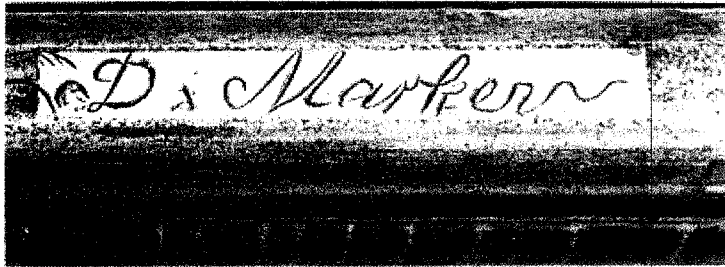
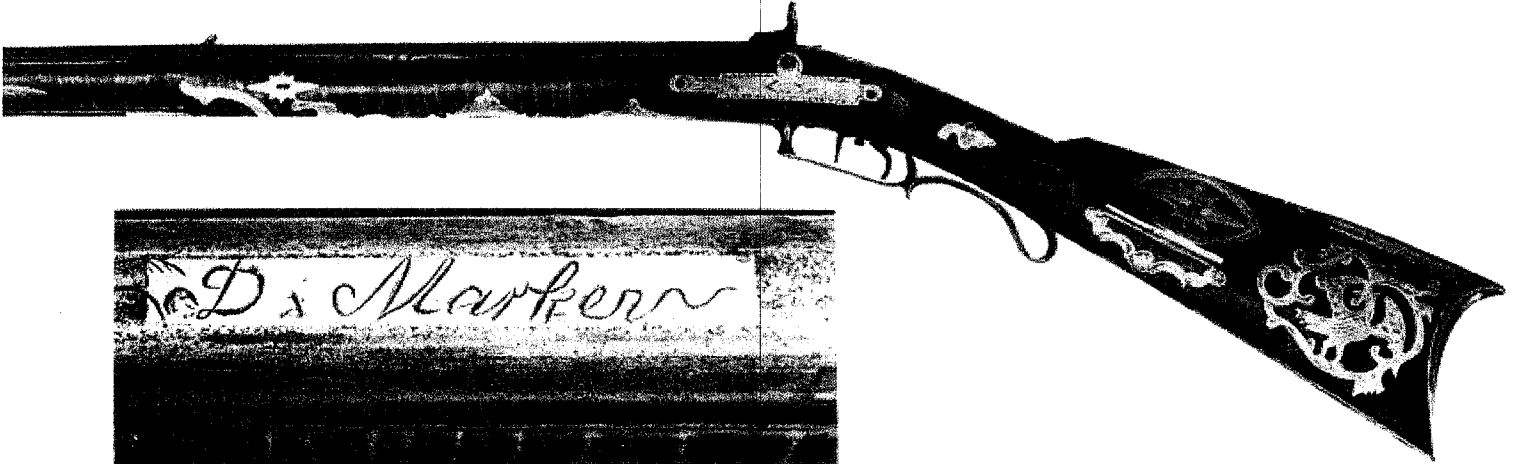
State of Maryland, Frederick County, to wit: The Jurors for the State of Maryland, for the

body of Frederick County, upon their oath present, that Daniel Marker late of the said County, yeoman, on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen with force and arms at the County aforesaid, in and upon a certain Christina Marker, wife of the said Daniel, then and there in the peace of God and the said State being, did make an assault and the said Christina Marker then and there did beat, wound, and ill-treat, and other harm to the said Christina then and there did, to the great damage of the said Christina and against the peace, government and dignity of the said State.

Franklin Anderson, District Attorney of the 5th Judicial District

We the Grand Inquest for the body of Frederick County do present Daniel Marker for an assault and battery at divers of times, committed on his wife Christina Marker for years past

Silver Mounted Fullstock Rifle By Daniel Marker Sr.



and more practically last fall by information of the said Christina Marker.

Henry Riggs, foreman  
March Term 1817

Know all men by these presents, that we Daniel Marker and George Marker of Frederick County, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, in the sum of £100, current money, to be paid to the said state, to which payment, will and truly be made and done, we bind ourselves, and each of us; our, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators jointly and severally, in and for the whole, firmly, by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated the twentieth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred seventeen. The Condition of the obligation is such, That if the above bound Daniel Marker do and shall make his personal appearance before the Judges of the next county court, to be held at the courthouse, in Frederick-town, in and for Frederick County, on the fourth Monday of October next, attend the same court from day to day, and not depart therefrom, without leave of the said court, then the above obligation to be void and of none effect, otherwise to be and remain of full force and virtue in law.

Daniel Marker, George Marker,  
Signed, sealed and delivered,  
in the presence of Peter Martin.

The U.S. Census of 1820 for Frederick County, District 3, showed Daniel Marker, 2 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 18-26, 1 male 45 and up, 1 female to 10, 1 female to 16, 1 female to 26, 1 female 45 and up.

Marital problems over the next several years prompted Daniel to

leave his family in Middletown Valley and go to Martinsburg, (West) Virginia, by 1822.

RIFLE POWDER Marksmen and others can be supplied with any quantity of Warrented Rifle Powder, on application at the subscriber's Gun-Smith Shop, in Martinsburg. It will be sold low for cash. - Daniel Marker.

Martinsburg Gazette, October 17, 1822 .

Two years later, he recrossed the river and opened a gun shop in Sharpsburg.

RIFLE GUN FACTORY REMOVED D.MARKER respectfully informs his friends and the public generally that he has removed his rifle gun factory to SHARPSBURG, in Maryland - where he proposes to execute all orders in his line of business with a elegance and dispatch.

Martinsburg Gazette, April 29, 1824 .

In 1825 he sold his remaining property in Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland, and moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, where he had made several previous excursions. There is recorded evidence that Daniel bought property in Montgomery Co. Ohio in 1815. His wife and children remained in Frederick County.

The U. S. Census of 1830 for Washington County, Maryland, recorded his household as though he was still living with his wife Christina. In reality he was living in Ohio: Daniel Marker, 1 male 10-15, 3 males 20-30, 1 male 50-60, 2 females 15-20, 1 female 50-60. 1830 Washington County census, District 1 .

After the death of his wife in 1835, he married twice again. By his three wives he fathered twelve children.

Later, he moved to Prebble Co,



Fullstock Silver and Brass Mounted Rifle  
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Ohio; and then to Darke Co., Ohio. His will was recorded in the Drake County Court House.

Know all men that I, Daniel Marker, of the County Darke and State of Ohio, do leave and bequeath unto Lydia Smith and her heirs the following real estate, namely: the house she now lives in, with four acres of land adjoining. The balance of my real estate, as also what is now owed to me, and also the chattel property, I leave to Mary Marker as long as she remains my widow, and at her death to be equally divided between my children. My silver mounted Gun I leave to Christina Marker, my youngest child, as also a bed when she comes of age. Darke County, Ohio, Courthouse Probate Court, Page 145; December 27, 1853.

Daniel Marker varied his style, architecture and the lines of his guns considerably. He was a superior and bold engraver. A few of his Maryland made guns were relief carved. The fashion in Ohio was to substitute engraved silver (or brass) inlays for carving. While inlays appeared in many places on the earlier quality Ohio guns, the panel behind the cheekpiece, site of relief carving in eastern guns, offered a space for large and highly stylized designs. He never quite abandoned the Maryland lines of his training.

Daniel Marker Sr. is buried in Christian Cemetary, Adams Twp. Darke County, Ohio. His tombstone is a government marker that states "Capt. Daniel Marker, 28 MD. Militia, War of 1812." □

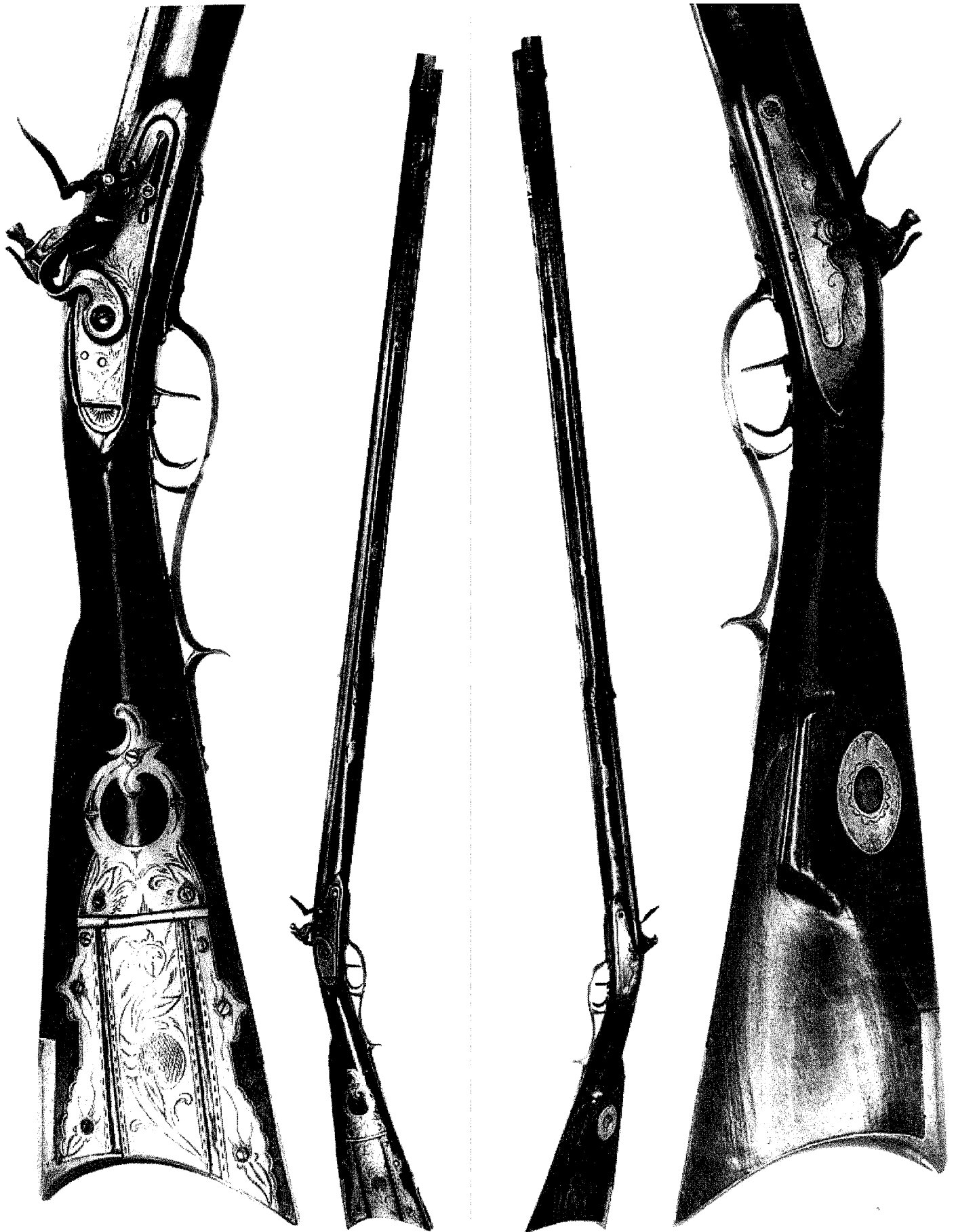
Daniel Marker, Jr. (1810-1891). Daniel Marker, Jr., was born in 1810, the fourth child of Daniel Sr., and Christina (Beckenbaugh) Marker. Daniel, Jr., probably began learning the gunsmith trade under his father. When Daniel, Sr., moved to Martinsburg, (West

Virginia, Daniel, Jr., would have been 12 years old. Therefore, he probably continued his training under his uncle George Marker, Jr.; or he may have moved with his father. As a master gunsmith, Daniel, Jr., first opened his shop in Martinsburg, (West) Virginia, where his father had previously been located. "Marksmen! Attention! Daniel Marker, Sr., Daniel Marker, Jr., George Marker and Peter Marker will shoot with rifles, off hand, against any four men in Washington County, for, from 50 to 100 dollars. The time, place, and manner of shooting, to be agreed on when the challenge is accepted." Martinsburg Gazette, March 2, 1826 .

"Lock and Gunsmithing - DANIEL MARKER, Jun. - Having commenced the above business on Queen Street, a few doors below the Market House, would respectfully inform the public that he is now ready to fill any orders where with he may be furnished in the above branches of the business. He will make and repair guns of every description - Make and repair Door Locks of all kinds, besides all the various branches appertaining to the Locksmith business - Being determined to attend strictly to business and do his work in the best style, he hopes to receive (as he intends to merit) a share of Public patronage. Martinsburg Gazette, July 7, 1831 .

Daniel, Jr., placed an advertisement in the spring 1833, showing that he had moved his shop to the corner of Burke and Queen Streets, Martinsburg, into the room formerly occupied as a cabinet shop by James S. Boyd. April 4, 1833, Virginia Republican. The year 1841 was the last he paid taxes in Martinsburg.

In 1840 Daniel, Jr., married Catherine Sutton. They resided near Sharpsburg, Maryland. They continued to reside in the Sharpsburg area for the remainder of



Original Flintlock Fullstock Rifle  
By Daniel Marker Sr.

their lives. The will of Daniel Marker, Jr., was recorded on October 19, 1891.

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George Marker, Jr. (1780-1854). George Marker, Jr., was born January 19, 1780, the third child of George, Sr., and Mary (Mohler) Marker. In May of 1801 he married Margaret Strum. George Marker, 4 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 16-18, 2 males 18-26, 2 males 26-45, 1 female to 16, 1 female to 45. 1820 Frederick County census, District 4. He remained near the family homestead "Marker's Delight," near Hagerstown, Maryland, until 1816 when he purchased property in Election District 4, Frederick County, Maryland.

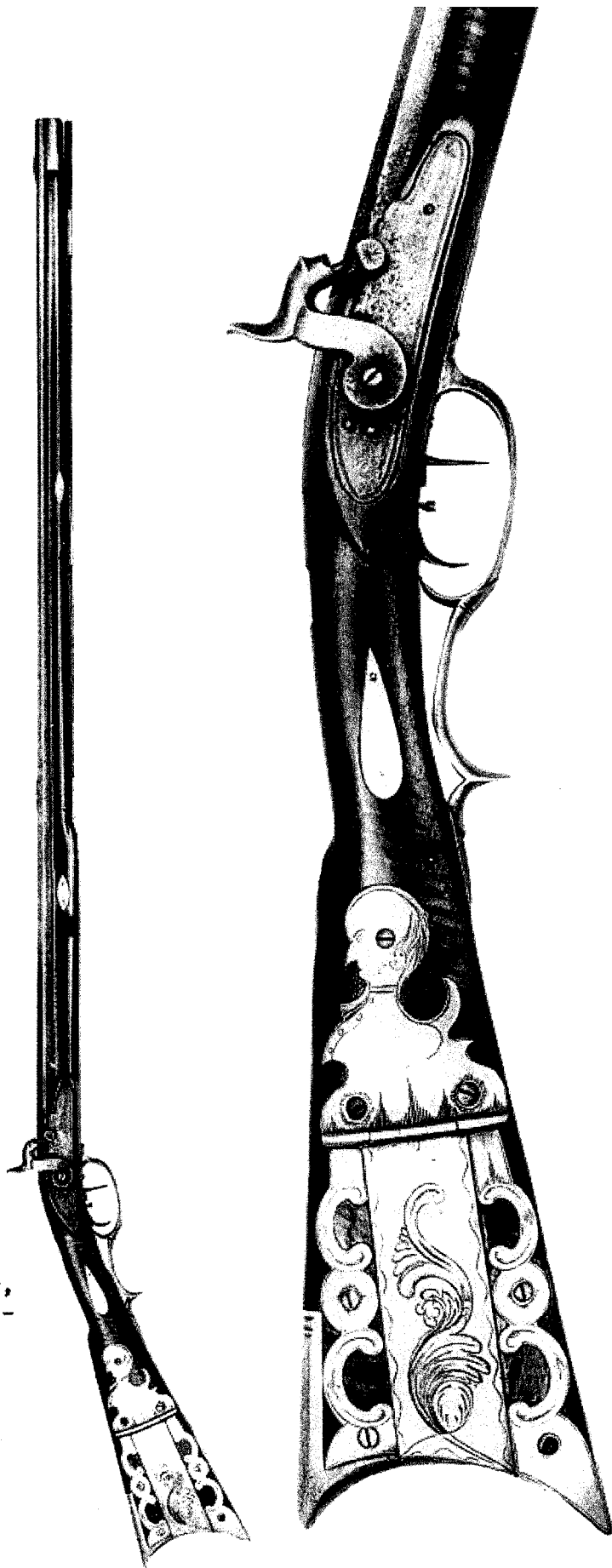
In 1823 he and his family moved to Germantown Pike near Ellerton in Montgomery County, Ohio. During the move, he lost the indenture papers of his slaves. Two years later he moved to an area just south of Liberty, Ohio. All of George's eleven children were all born in Maryland, with the exception of the youngest. George, Jr., died on November 29, 1854.

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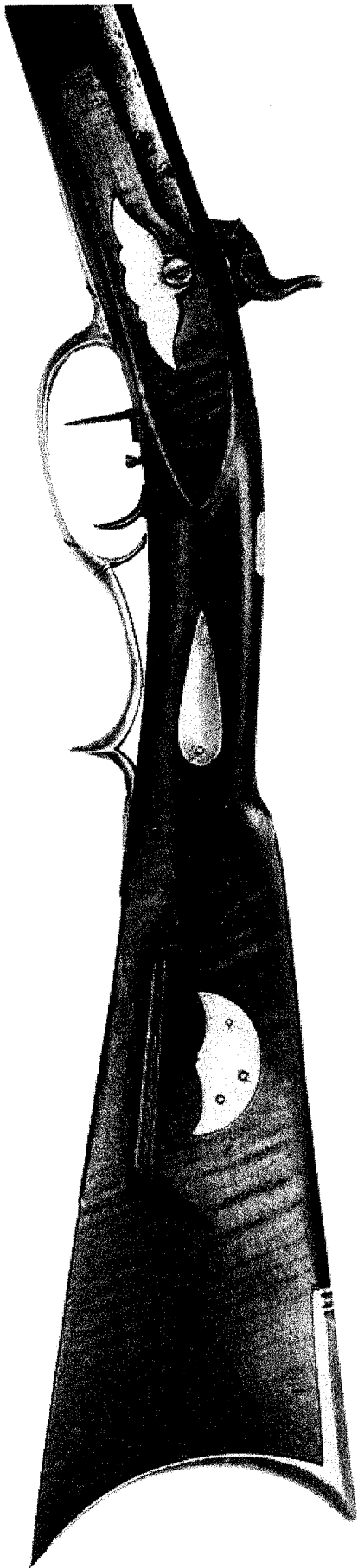
George Marker, II (1830-). George Marker, II, was born in 1830, the first child of Jacob and Sarah (Shively) Marker. He learned the gunsmith trade from his father and practiced his trade near Gettysburg, Ohio. In 1852 he married Lydia Ebert and together they had 11 children. George, II, like his father Jacob, was both a farmer and gunsmith. He died on February 27, 1913. George Marker, Gun Maker and farmer, Sec. 2, Gettysburg P.O. The History of Darke County, Ohio pp.731, 772

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Jacob Marker. (1803-1880). Jacob Marker was the first child of George, Jr., and Margaret (Strum) Marker. Jacob was born on January 14, 1803, in Frederick County, Maryland. Jacob was a gunsmith. He married Sarah Shively on August 2, 1829, in Dayton, Ohio. They



Percussion Fullstock Rifle  
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had eight children. The first son of this union was George Marker, II, who was born in 1830. The family moved to Darke County, Ohio, in 1835. There he farmed and made rifles, as his father had done. Later they settled in Franklin Township, Darke County. Jacob died on June 25, 1880.

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Jacob Marker, II. (1832- ). Jacob Marker, II, was born in 1832, the son of James and Amelia (Naeff) Marker. He was raised in the area of Sharpsburg, Maryland, After working with his father in the gun business, Jacob took over the shop in 1855.

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Jacob was elected sheriff of Washington County in 1875. In 1869 Jacob made his first real estate purchase, this one jointly with his father, for land in Sharpsburg. His last indenture for land was recorded in 1890.

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James Marker. (1808- ). James Marker was born in 1808, the third child of Daniel, Sr., and Christina (Beckenbaugh) Marker. In 1832 he married Amelia Naeff. To this union were born eight children. In 1833 he purchased lot number 160 in Sharpsburg, Maryland, from his uncle, Paul Marker. He also took over the gunsmith business there when his uncle departed for Ohio. James' eldest son Jacob followed him in the trade and took over his shop in 1855.

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Paul Marker. Paul Marker was the seventh child of George, Sr., and Mary (Mohler) Marker and was born in 1793. In 1816 he married Elizabeth Warrenfeltz. They were the parents of five children. Paul Marker, 1 male 18-26, 1 female to 10, 1 female to 26. 1820 Frederick County census, District 3 .

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He purchased from Daniel, Sr., housekeeping articles along with one set of blacksmith and gunsmith tools on March 19, 1817. In 1821 they had a son who was baptized in Zion Lutheran Church in Middle-



town. He later opened his own shop in Sharpsburg, Maryland. On February 28, 1833, he sold the business to James Marker and then left for Ohio.

He moved to the Dayton area, where he farmed and made guns. He had a gun shop with his brother Daniel on the South Dixie Highway near the Springborough Pike. He died on November 3, 1864.

Paul Marker (1811-). Paul Marker was born in 1811, the fifth son of Daniel, R., and Catherine (Beckenbaugh) Marker. He was known as Powell. Powell was married to a woman named Isabelle, who had been born in Maryland. Following his father, he settled at Gratis Town, Preble County, Ohio. There he had a smithy. From 1867 until 1875 he was a gunsmith in Union City, Indiana.

Fullstock Flintlock Rifle By Daniel Marker Sr. in the Maryland style

