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Cased Colt 1849 Pocket
Revolver, .31 Calibre, .
Serial No. 67417 for 1853.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1114931

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

The 1849 model pistol of standard production specifications. Octagonal sighted barrel with two line New York address. Serial numbered cylinder, varnished walnut butt, trigger-guard and back-strap with some early silver plating, traces of early finish and matching numbers throughout. Contemporary fitted oak case for a Colt London pocket revolver, lined in blue baize, with accessories: including; copper flask by G. & J. W. Hawksley, embossed with a revolver on one face; Colt's patent iron bullet mould; turnscrew; rammer and oil bottle. 15.0 cm barrel length Colt model 1849 pocket pistol By the late 1840s, Samuel Colt's revolvers had demonstrated their utility on the Texas Frontier and in the war with Mexico. Colt's experiences with military contracts had convinced him that his business would have to serve a much larger and more stable market in order to survive and grow. In 1847, he announced plans to produce a revolver of manageable size and simple construction that would be useful to the general public. The design that emerged was the .31 caliber Baby Dragoon. This small-framed revolver used fewer action parts than the earlier martial revolvers. The size made it sui...

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