

Book

BRITISH GUNLOCK MAKERS

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The book '*British Gunlock Makers*' is the result of many years of research during my retirement and has now been published. The book was first on show at the Thomas Del Mar antique gun fair at Hammersmith on 29th February 2020. As I have dedicated the book to my wife, Maureen, whom I lost in 2013, I have made sure it is of a good quality of construction. Only 150 copies have been printed. Each copy weighs 4 pounds or 1.8 kilos. The books cost me £95 each so I am selling at that price just to recoup my outlay, plus £6 post and packing in England, and now £31 to U.S.A. and £31 to Australia as unfortunately postage prices keep going up. One of my books already sold to The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and two to friends at Purdey's and I have received many very nice comments. 32 books sold in the first 3 weeks but since then I have not promoted the book due to the virus problems, but the books are selling by word of mouth. About 80 books left. As the virus problems are slowly being resolved I am now able to take copies of my book to the Post Office.

- Chapter 1** Gives information from old Town Directories about the 6 'Black Country' towns and the London gunlock making areas.
- Chapter 2** History of, and information about the top gunlock makers Brazier, Chilton and Stanton and pictures of gun items made by Brazier.
- Chapter 3** General gunlock information gathered during visits to Birmingham and the 'Black Country' etc. Methods of producing parts of locks. Spring and lock making information from visits to York and Wallin in Billbrook. Illustrations of I.C.I. and Irvine gunlock testers, reference drawings, patterns and tools.
- Chapter 4** Old and working gunlock makers' interviews, case hardening and ledger entries.
- Chapter 5** Illustrations of interesting items and small tools used in the gunlock making trade.

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