



NOTES ON OHIO GUNSMITHS

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Good, Joshua J. (1828-1914). gunsmith. His shop was near Three Churches, Bloomery district, Hampshire County, c.1840. He may have apprenticed with the Sheetz family. Joshua Johnson Good was born in Albemarle Virginia in 1834. He was the son of Jacob Good (1799-1881) and Lucy Wiggington (1799-1880). His grandfather was Felix Good Sr., of Hampshire County. He moved to Cynthiana, Kentucky [Ansel, 139]. In the 1850 census the Good family lived in Hampshire County. Joshua was 16 years old. His father Jacob's occupation was listed as a miller. In the 1860 census, Joshua lived in Atchison, Kansas, listed as a gunsmith. He was also listed as a gunsmith in

the 1860 Atchison City Directory. In June 1863 there was a Joshua G Good listed on the registration for the draft in Butler Ohio, occupation gunsmith. On 15 October 1867 Joshua married Mary E Renaker (1848-1886) in Harrison County, Kentucky. They had three children: Evans P; Catherine; and Lucy. In the 1870 we find Joshua and his wife Mary, with two children in Cynthiana Kentucky. In this census he is listed as a Singer Sewing Machine Agent and gunsmith. Joshua was also an inventor and held several patents, including one for, safety fenders for locomotives, autographic register improvement, improvement for plows & a machine for folding strips of paper.

BODENHEIMER RIFLES DISPLAY, SPRING 2023



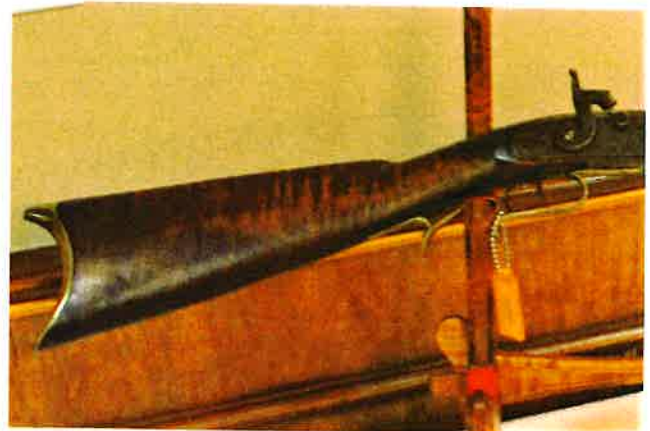
Close-up of two Bodenheimer rifles with artistic volutes; one plain and the other fancy.



Long-barreled Bodenheimer rifle with back action lock and brass patch box.



A rare percussion pistol by Bodenheimer, displayed at the Spring show.



Plain Bodenheimer rifle without the double volute cheekpiece at the Spring 2023 show.

MARIETTA SHOW, SPRING 2023



A hive of activity at the Marietta Show, Spring 2023.



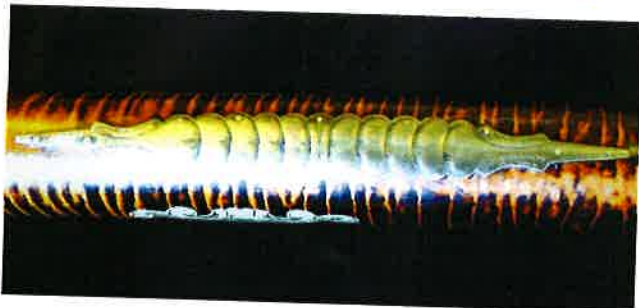
Nice display of Ohio rifles, Marietta Show, Spring 2023.



Members enjoying the show.



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Ornate belly plate inlay on fancy Bodenheimer rifle displayed at the Spring show (featured in accompanying article).



More exhibits and more members enjoying the show.

LADIES AUXILIARY

BY BARB HARWOOD

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary are hard at work preparing for the Spring 2024 show in Marietta.

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