

History

The way that Eliphelet got into the business was making muzzle loader barrels. He made one for himself, he shot well and others wanted him to make one for them. We quit making them in the mid 1800's. We started again in '96.

Shotguns

We made the shotgun from the 1870's until 1910. Over & unders were the oldest.

We bought John Brown's patent for model 11.

Model 10 will be the first that we have serial #'s for.

If you have a slide action shotgun w/ no model # but serial # starts w/ U it's model 10.

An old shotgun that we sold cheaply was the Sportsman.

Model 11 is a 5 shot autoloader.
Sportsman is a 3 shot autoloader.

The 11-48 is an improved version of the Model 11.

The Sportsman 48 is a 3 shot version of the 11-48.

The best selling pump action shotgun came out in 1950. The 870 was made in 112 to 115 versions. These have always had serial numbers.

In 1956 we brought out the Model Sportsman 58 autoloader.

In 1963 we brought out the 1100.

We identify guns by serial #'s on the LH side of the receiver.

All 870's & 1100's will always have a suffix.

In 1968 we started having prefixes & suffixes.

From 1932 to 42 we made model 32 side by side gun.