



# The Parker Gun

PARKER BROTHERS  
MAKERS

NEW YORK SALESROOM  
32 WARREN ST.

*Meriden, Conn.*

January 27, 2009

Yvette VanDerBrink  
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Hardwick, MN 56134

Hello Ms. VanDerBrink:

Parker shotgun, serial number 73051, was ordered by Hibbard Spencer and Bartlett Company in Chicago, IL on November 10, 1897 and shipped on November 11, 1897. According to Parker Bros. Order Book No. 42 it was a GH hammerless, 12-gauge. It featured Damascus steel barrels with a length of 30 inches. Its stock configuration was a capped pistol grip. The chokes were patterned RH full and LH full. The order specified a weight of 8 ½ pounds with standard dimensions. The price was \$80.00.

Parker Bros., Remington Arms Company Inc. and others repaired and reconfigured guns as a major part of the gun trade. Over the years, this Parker may have undergone changes to suit its owners, either at the factory or other competent facility. Complete factory return and repair records **do not exist** therefore our research team cannot comment, report, or have any responsibility for work performed. It is important to note that those Parker records remaining are hand written and show considerable fading from their age. The research committee has done its best to interpret and report our findings in answer to this request and assumes no responsibility for the recorded accuracy or other work completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Conrad". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mark Conrad  
Research Committee Chairman  
The Parker Gun Collectors Association Inc.

