

# **The Woodruff Gun**

## **Annotations to the Margreiter Article**

### **Woodruff's Government Contract**

“Contract with James Woodruff”, 15 November 1861, *Executive Documents Printed by Order of the House of Representatives During the Second Session of the Fortieth Congress, 1867-'68*. Washington: GPO, 1868: 696.

Thirty Woodruff cannon were ordered by the U.S. Government on November 15, 1861:

*Oath prescribed by the act of Congress approved July 2, 1862.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, *Westchester County, ss :*

I, James Warner, of the city of Springfield, in the county of ———, and State of Massachusetts, do solemnly ——— that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought, nor accepted, nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power, or constitution within the United States hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear, that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same: that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: so help me God.

JAMES WARNER.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 26th day of December, 1864.

WM. WARBURTON SCRUGHAM.

*Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.*

(For instructions see page 12.)

### CONTRACT WITH WILSTACH & CO.,

NEW YORK ARSENAL, *August 7, 1861.*

GENTLEMEN: A few days ago I contracted (verbally) with Mr. Scott, of your firm, for one thousand light cavalry sabres and one thousand non-commissioned officers' swords, United States pattern. Please send them on in lots of 500 each; 30 sabres in one box and 50 swords in one box.

I loaned Mr. Scott a pattern sabre. Please have it returned the first opportunity.

I agreed to pay six dollars for the sabre and five for the sword.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

R. W. K. WHITELEY,  
*Captain of Ordnance.*

Messrs. WM. P. WILSTACH & Co.,  
*No. 33 South Third Street, Philadelphia.*

### CONTRACT WITH JAMES WOODRUFF.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, *Washington, November 15, 1861.*

SIR: By direction of the President of the United States I give you an order for thirty Woodruff guns, to be furnished to Colonel Cavanaugh, of the 6th cavalry regiment, Illinois volunteers, for the use of the Governor's Legion, provided they cost no more than two hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$285) each, mounted and equipped as per specifications filed by you in this office, dated 6th October, 1861.

In presenting your account for payment it will be necessary to state on its face that the articles were furnished under the authority contained in this letter, and to accompany it with receipts in duplicate of Colonel Cavanaugh for the guns, &c., which you are to furnish him in accordance with this order.

Respectfully, &c.,

WM. MAYNADIER,  
*Lieutenant Colonel Ordnance.*

Mr. JAMES WOODRUFF, *Washington, D. C.*

### CONTRACT WITH WOODWARD & COX.

NOVEMBER 2, 1861.

Union repeating guns ordered by the President of the United States; copy of order not on file in Ordnance Office.

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