



Leather Cartridge Magazine

Sold



REF: 26392

Height: 27 cm (10.6")

Width: 43 cm (16.9")

Depth: 24.5 cm (9.6")

## Description

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A good large leather cartridge magazine case with wooden carcass covered in tan leather and brass lock (no key). The magazine case is in original condition with two leather straps and a single leather carrying handle, the lid exterior with the monogram 'C.T.M.'. The interior contains five fixed compartments for holding a total of 500 shot-gun cartridges. The inside of the lid is with dark red baize with the maker's label: 'John Blanch and Son, Gunmakers, 29 Gracechurch Street, London EC', interior of the case with greentreated linen and leather lifting straps.

A wonderful case with lovely patina.

A cartridge magazine is a traditional method of storing cartridges between shoots. When on a shoot the cartridges needed would be removed and placed in a cartridge bag.

Taken from the John Blanch & Son website:-

John Blanch was born in 1784 and at the age of 16 was apprenticed to the London gunmaker Jackson Mortimer. On the 2 December 1809, John was married to his master's daughter, Ann Eleanor Mortimer in Spitalfields Christ Church, Stepney. 1809 also saw Blanch establish his own business from 39 Fish Street Hill. This came after a short lived partnership with his father in law, under the name of Mortimer & Blanch. The early years saw John Blanch working mainly for John Manton but he soon became well established and respected as a gunmaker in his own right. Blanch's respected standing as a businessman and gunmaker is evidenced by his rapid advancement through the ranks of the Farriers Company, culminating in 1834 with the prestigious appointment of 'Master'.

With his wife, John Blanch had three sons. Their first son, John, was born in 1812 and was apprenticed to his father. In 1836 John moved from London to run the business which his father had acquired from gunmaker Robert Williamson at 26 Silver Street, Hull. However, later the same year John, along with his wife Sara emigrated to Australia and the business in Hull was sold. Sadly John died in 1839, killed in an explosion in his business premises in Melbourne.

Second son, Henry Mortimer Blanch was born in 1817. Henry too was apprenticed to his father but, like John, Henry did not stay in the family business and, in 1843, also emigrated to Australia. Youngest son William, was born in 1822. Like his older siblings, he was also apprenticed to his father and continued to work in the business. In 1848, William became a partner in the business and it was from this point that the company became known as John Blanch & Son.

In 1826 the business was moved from the premises in Fish Street Hill to 29 Gracechurch Street where it was to stay for the next 89 years.

William Harnett Blanch, son of the late John and Sara, who had been returned from Australia soon after the accident, was in 1851 apprenticed to his uncle, William.

W. H. Blanch later went on to run his own business at 4 Derby Square, Liverpool.

By the time that William Blanch died in 1899, his son, Herbert John Blanch had taken over the running of the business. H. J. Blanch authored 'A Century of Guns' which was first published in 1909.

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