

NZAR ID 407 ARM TYPE: Pistol. Draft date (V1) 8 August 2013, Compiled by John Osborne MG DTT PhD FSG,
Pattern: Colt P1849 percussion pocket revolver. Introduced: NZ 1850s. Withdrawn: c1880s?

Specifications; Maker: Colt London Address about 11,000 made 1853-56. All steel 5 chamber revolver London proofed. Caliber: .32"
Barrel: 4" forged steel with 7 groove rifling London proofed. Action: single action, the hammer had to be thumbed back then the trigger squeezed to fire. Weight: 1lbs 7oz. Serial Number: 7521. Brass ball fore sight and Vee rear sight cut into top of hammer. To dismantle remove wedge to remove barrel and cylinder. Plain one piece walnut butt. Hammer placed between nipples for safety. Muzzle velocity about 500fps, effective range about 25 yards.



New Zealand Service: Most gunsmiths and arms dealers in New Zealand sold Hartford, USA and London, UK made Colt revolvers, more expensive (twice the cost of the cheap Birmingham, UK made transitional revolvers). The well made Colt revolvers were easy to operate, very effective for personal defence and popular with some early settlers, gold-miners and Provincial Governments Special Constables who had to buy their own arms. This one was owned by a North Auckland Provincial Government Special Constable involved with policing the Kauri Gum Fields. In New Zealand the .32 caliber became generally accepted as the Police revolver especially for detectives.

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