

Hawkins

Samuel + Jacob Hawkins

Typical type: half stocked, percussion lock
muzzle-loader. 34" barrel, 5° cal
all handmade. Kit Carson + Jim Budge had
one. Hawkins was the favorite until the
advent of the big-bore breechloaders. (Shoeps etc.)

~~Hand~~ Cheek is the "Pendergrew" of the mountain
men. The shooting matches were held at
ranges of 20 to 300 yards for the stake of
five dollars a shot. They were accurate
up to 350 yards - the more skillful
marksmen could load and fire at
the rate of four shots a minute. Often
these rifle were used in a suicidal
form of "fun". It was known as "shooting
the tin cup". Two men faced each other at
25 yards and took ~~turns~~ ^{shots} trying to shoot a
cupful of whiskey off each other's head.
Mike Smith's stepson once fired low on
purpose and creased his father's scalp.
Mike returned the shot and hit his
stepson squarely between the eyes. This was
done with a Hawkins, noted for its accuracy.