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### **The Shelbyville Cartridge Box : *An Original***

Originating from Shelbyville, TN... this was an interesting and versatile box. The box was thought to have been used by James C. Roberts of the 35th Tenn. Infantry, Company F. Roberts initials are scratched on the outer flap. It was originally purchased from the Roberts family who still reside in middle Tennessee. The box was manufactured in middle Tennessee by J. R. and J. H. Bivens of Shelbyville, TN. The Shelbyville box is similar to the U.S. manufactured 1839 cartridge box but it has the addition of belt loops located on the outside edge of the horizontal loops as the New York Arsenal pattern. This example was purchased with its original sling. The outer flap has a embossed line around the outside edge and the inner flap is longer than any other box of this style. There are marks left in the outer flap by a lost box plate that was rectangular with rounded corners. I was told that the buckle affixed to the outer flap was like the one I was wearing, an Army of Tennessee C. S. buckle. The only way of fastening such a "box plate" would be by removing the hooks and soldering wires to the back of the plate. The box plate had been removed by a family member. The Shelbyville box resembles the U.S. 1839 pattern .69 cal cartridge box with a few noticeable differences:

- Outer flap has a tooled edge to prevent tearing.
- Inner flap is oversize in length.
- Vise marks on the box are a sunburst design observed on other C. S. Tenn. made leather items.
- Brass finial similar to U.S. finial with minor differences.
- No rivets used in manufacturing of box.

One note of interest; this box shows evidence of machine sewn construction. This box as well of many others is featured in an upcoming book published by Jarnagin's. We reproduce this cartridge box in our leather shop.

Our accurate recreation of this box is **Item #223 ..... \$149.50**







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