

WILLIAM EVANS

A FINE AND UNUSED PAIR OF MARCUS HUNT-ENGRAVED 20-BORE SINGLE-TRIGGER SELF-OPENING SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 20060 / 1,
28in. nitro chopperlump barrels, ribs engraved 'WILLIAM EVANS LIMITED. 67A, ST. JAMES'S STREET. LONDON. S.W.1.' and gold-inlaid '1' and '2', 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. imp cyl and 1/4 choke, actions incorporating Holland & Holland type self-opening systems, semi-selective single-triggers, rolled-edge triggerguards, automatic safeties with gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details, gold-inlaid cocking-indicators, the actions, lockplates and furniture deeply engraved with best bold acanthus scrolls on a matt background, the pinless lockplates very finely engraved with vignettes of Eric Clapton; gun No.1 with him sat against a tree playing an acoustic guitar (left side) and catching a trout on the fly (right); gun No.2 with him having cast a fly (left) and partridge shooting (right), all signed 'M.A. Hunt', the undersides set with colour-hardened roundels, gold-inlaid with the monogram 'W.E.', bright finish overall, 14 5/8in. highly-figured stocks, weight 6lb. 6oz., with gold escutcheons bearing the initials 'E.P.C.' in their brass-cornered oak and leather case with full complement of William Evans accessories and canvas and leather outer cover. The makers have kindly confirmed that the guns were completed mid 2007.

£40,000 – 60,000

WATSON BROS.

A FINE AND UNUSED PAIR OF SMITH-ENGRAVED 16-BORE ROUNDED-BAR SINGLE-TRIGGER OVER AND UNDER SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 20141 / 2,
28in. ribless nitro barrels, scroll engraved at the breech ends and gold-inlaid '1' and '2', 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. 1/2 choke in all, hold-open toplevers, automatic safeties with gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details, non-selective single-triggers, rolled-edge triggerguards, cocking-indicators, rounded bars, fully engraved in relief with best acanthus foliage on a matt background, the lockplates carved and gold-inlaid with a single English rose and gold-inlaid with the makers name in a scrolled ribbon, bright finish overall, 14 1/2in. highly-figured stocks with Prince of Wales grips, with carved steel pistolgrip-caps, gold escutcheons engraved 'E.P.C.', weight 6lb. 3oz., in their blue velvet lined lightweight leather motor case. The makers have kindly confirmed that the guns were completed mid 2006 and that Martin Smith executed the engraving.

£40,000 – 60,000

HOLLAND & HOLLAND

A PAIR OF FINE AND UNUSED 16-BORE 'THE ROYAL MODEL' SINGLE-TRIGGER OVER AND UNDER SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 51211 / 2, each with extra barrels,

30in. nitro barrels with matt top-ribs, engraved at the breech ends 'HOLLAND & HOLLAND. LONDON.' and gold-inlaid '1' and '2' on the undersides, 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. 1/2 and 3/4 choke;

28in. nitro barrels with matt top-ribs, engraved at the breech ends 'HOLLAND & HOLLAND. LONDON.' and gold-inlaid '1' and '2' on the undersides, 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. imp cyl and 1/4 choke;

bolstered actions with hold-open toplevers, automatic safeties with gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details, gold-inlaid cocking-indicators, non-selective single-triggers, fully engraved with best bold Royal scroll engraving with feathered borders, the rear of the lockplates gold-inlaid in three colour gold with a single English rose, the makers name gold-inlaid in a cartouche, the undersides engraved 'THE ROYAL MODEL', retaining full original colour-hardening and finish, 14 1/2in. highly-figured semi-pistolgrip stocks, gold escutcheons engraved 'E.P.C.', weight 6lb. 14oz., in a leather lightweight motor case with accessories, canvas outer (and provision for the extra barrels). The makers have kindly confirmed that the guns were completed in November 2007.

£80,000 – 120,000

J. PURDEY & SONS

AN EXCEPTIONAL PAIR OF UNUSED, COGGAN-ENGRAVED, 12-BORE ROUND-BODIED SINGLE-TRIGGER SELF-OPENING SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 30117 / 8,

28in. nitro chopperlump barrels, ribs gold-inlaid '1' and '2', tubes engraved 'J. PURDEY & SONS. LONDON. ENGLAND.', 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. 1/4 and 1/2 choke, self-opening actions with rounded bars, pinless lockplates, automatic safeties with gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details in gothic script, gold-inlaid cocking-indicators, non-selective single-triggers, the fences deeply carved in relief with grape and vine motifs, the actions, lockplates and furniture fully engraved with bold arabesques interspersed with floral bouquets, all on a matt background, the lockplates relief engraved and gold-inlaid with a single English rose, the makers name gold-inlaid in gothic script within a scrolled ribbon, the fore-end irons decorated en-suite and also gold-inlaid 'Purdey' in gothic script, the triggerplates signed 'S. COGGAN', bright finish overall, 14 1/2in. highly-figured stocks, gold escutcheons engraved 'E.P.C.', weight 6lb. 12oz., in their lightweight leather motor case with accessories and canvas outer. The makers have kindly confirmed that the guns were completed in November 2004

£70,000 – 90,000

E.J. CHURCHILL

A FINE, VIRTUALLY UNUSED PAIR OF BANKS-ENGRAVED 12-BORE 'PREMIERE' ROUNDED BAR SINGLE-TRIGGER SELF-OPENING SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 10150 / 1,

28in. nitro chopperlump barrels finely scroll-engraved at the breech ends, ribs gold-inlaid '1' and '2', tubes engraved 'E.J. CHURCHILL (GUNMAKERS) LONDON. ENGLAND.', 2 3/4in. chambers, Teague multi-chokes, Baker patent self-opening actions with rounded bars, removable striker discs, automatic safeties with gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details, pinless lockplates, gold-inlaid cocking-indicators, non-selective single triggers, double rolled-edge triggerguards, the actions, lockplates and furniture profusely engraved with fine acanthus scrollwork, the lockplates with the makers name gold-inlaid within a cartouche, the triggerplates signed 'S.A. BANKS 2005', bright finish overall, 14 5/8in. highly-figured stocks, weight 6lb. 8oz., in their brass-cornered oak and leather double case with accessories and canvas outer.
£30,000 – 50,000

J. PURDEY & SONS

A UNIQUE, DELUXE TALLETT-ENGRAVED 12-BORE SINGLE-TRIGGER OVER AND UNDER SIDELOCK EJECTOR, serial no. 29840,

28in. nitro barrels with matt game rib and side-ribs, scroll engraved at the breech end, over barrel engraved 'J. PURDEY & SONS. AUDLEY HOUSE. SOUTH AUDLEY STREET. LONDON. ENGLAND.', 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. 1/4 and 1/2 choke, hold-open toplever, automatic safety, non-selective single trigger, rolled-edge triggerguard, the action, lockplates and furniture deeply chiselled with bold acanthus and floral motifs on a matt background, the lockplates with vignettes of English partridge and mallard in flight and signed 'WEZ TALLETT', the underside with a pheasant, the side-bolsters carved in relief with the makers name, the fore-end iron decorated en suite, bright finish overall, 14 3/4in. highly-figured stock with Prince of Wales grip and carved steel pistolgrip-cap, gold escutcheon engraved 'E.P.C.', weight 7lb. 7oz., in its lightweight leather motor case with accessories. The makers have kindly confirmed that the gun was completed in May 2003.
£40,000 – 60,000

J. PURDEY & SONS

A MAGIFICENT PAIR OF DELUXE COGGAN-ENGRAVED 20-BORE SINGLE-TRIGGER OVER AND UNDER SIDELOCK EJECTORS, serial no. 30263 / 4,

29in. ribless nitro barrels, the breech ends with bold scroll engraving and gold-inlaid '1' and '2', over barrels engraved 'J. PURDEY & SONS. LONDON. ENGLAND.', 2 3/4in. chambers, bored approx. 1/2 and full choke, hold-open toplevers, automatic safeties with

gold-inlaid 'SAFE' details, rounded bars, gold-inlaid cocking-indicators, non-selective single-triggers, rolled-edge triggerguards, the actions, lockplates and furniture fully engraved with bold arabesques interspersed with floral bouquets, all on a matt background, the lockplates relief engraved and gold-inlaid in three colour gold with a single English rose, the makers name gold-inlaid in gothic script within a scrolled ribbon, the fore-end irons decorated en-suite and also gold-inlaid 'Purdey' in gothic script, the triggerplates signed 'S. COGGAN', bright finish overall, 14 1/2in. highly-figured pistolgrip stocks with carved steel pistolgrip-caps, gold escutcheons engraved 'E.P.C.', weight 6lb. 7oz., in their fitted reptilian skin motor case with accessories and canvas outer. The makers have kindly confirmed that the guns were completed in April 2007. £80,000 – 120,000

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