

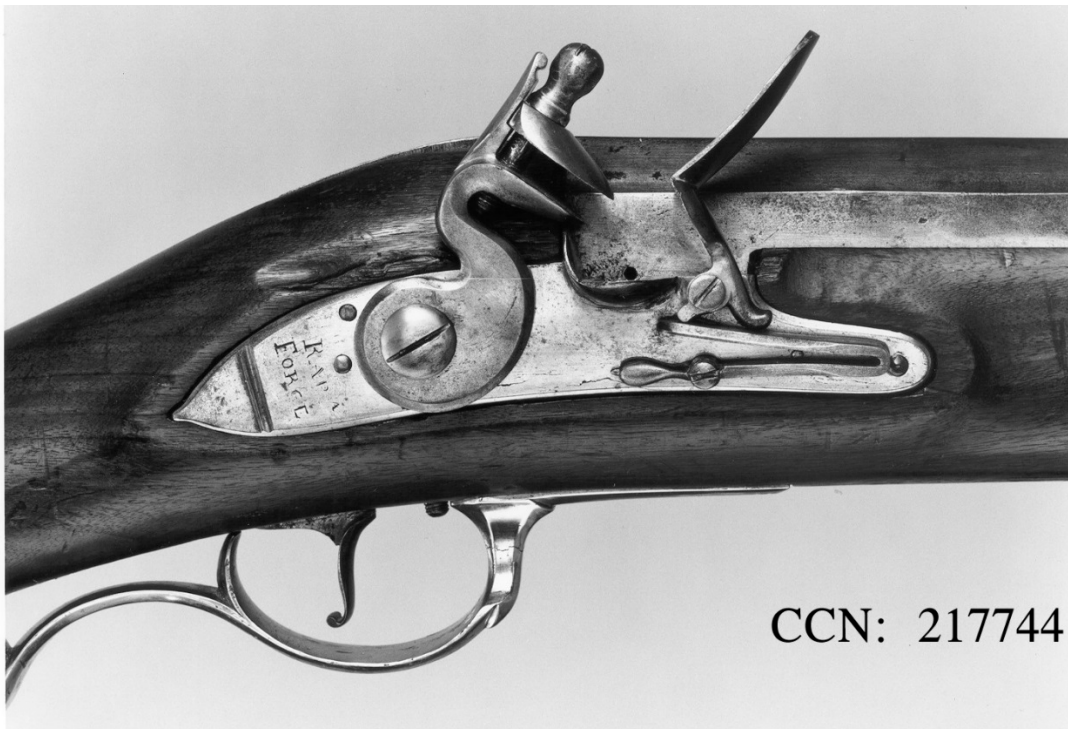
Wall Gun



Wall guns filled the tactical gap between hand-held firearms and cannon. They were mounted on the tops of fortification walls by means of the yoke attached to the stock. The guns were then easily aimed in all directions despite their considerable weight. This weapon weighs 50 pounds.

The wall gun was made between 1775 and 1780 at the Rappahannock Forge, established in Falmouth, Virginia by James Hunter. Besides wall guns, Hunter manufactured muskets, pistols, bayonets, and swords.

Only five Rappahannock Forge wall guns are known to exist. Two are in the museum's collection. The West Point Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, and Springfield Armory each have an example.



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