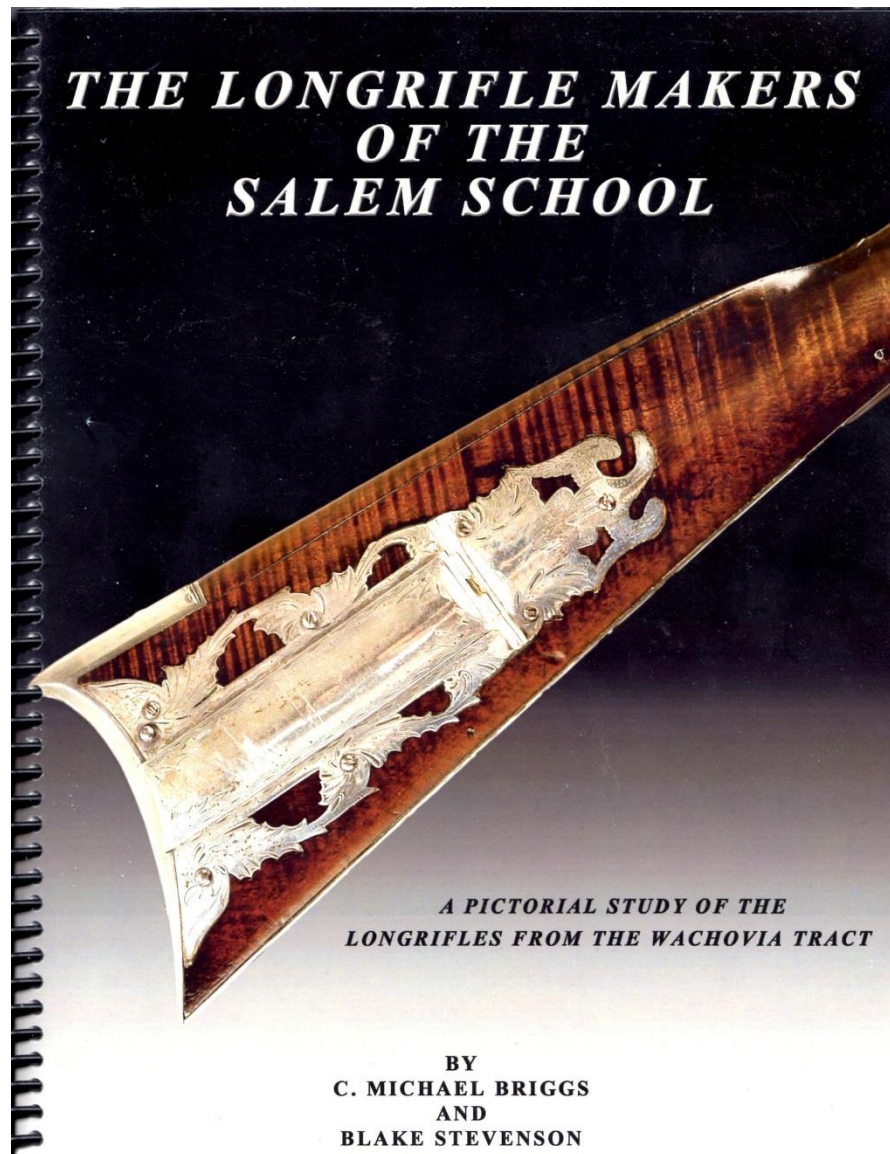


Review of *The Longrifle Makers of the Salem School*

By C. Michael Briggs and Blake Severson

By T. Dennis Glazener



Let me start this review by saying that I really enjoyed reading this book. It is, in my opinion one of the most informative longrifle books that I have read. Certainly it is the most complete and detailed book on the early makers of Longrifles in North Carolina (beginning with Andreas Betz circa 1754).

It is obvious that Michael and Blake have spent years studying the Salem School of North Carolina gun makers. They have provided page after page of information along with sources for this information. Many examples of these guns are presented using high quality photos by professional photographer Kenneth Orr, along with others I will not attempt to list fearing I may mistakenly miss one. The photos give the reader ample details of approximately 90 longrifles, pistols and hunting horns originally made in the area settled by the Moravians. Today this area is in Forsyth County NC, but in the 18th and 19th century it was known as the Wachovia Tract.

Below is a photo of the table of contents so you may see the areas that Michael and Blake cover in this book.

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I currently own, Bob Lineman and team's, two Moravian Gun Making books and this book will certainly augment those fine books.

Currently this book is available in soft cover but Michael is expecting to have the hard cover edition avail by the end of May. I am certainly looking forward to getting a hardcover copy of this book; it deserves a prominent place on my bookshelf!

Below is an order form for Michael's books, don't pass this one up, it's well worth the price.

Dennis Glazener

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