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Modeled after an original triggerguard from an antique flint trade musket marked *Barnett - 1816*. We recommend using this triggerguard on our fully pre-inlet Northwest Trade Gun stock. These forged steel triggerguards were retained by screws, not pins. The front screw is generally a round head lock bolt, serving as a tang screw. Inserted upside down from the triggerguard, it engages threads in the plug's tang. No other gun is made with this odd screw arrangement. See our full scale plans for details and variations.

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**Northwest Indian Trade Guns**

were uniquely shaped smoothbore muskets, loosely styled after the earlier Queen Anne muskets that were sensationally popular when sold as surplus to the Indians.

Surface mounted or very slightly inlet, one or two wood screws retained the back of the guard, while an inverted tang screw (actually a lock bolt) was used at front. The use of screws on such an inexpensive early gun reveals the Birmingham, London, Liege or Philadelphia factory origin. America's frontier longrifle makers used pins on the triggerguards of their handmade arms.

Made with a large bow to permit the use of two trigger fingers. Northwest Trade Guns nearly always use iron 'guards with flat brass buttplates.

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