

Andrew Meaders
Nashville, Tennessee
1841 – 193?



CAPT. ANDY MEADERS,

I would like to nominate Andrew Meaders to the TSTA Hall of Fame. He is totally unknown to today's Tennessee Shooters. He was born about 1841 in Kentucky, served in the Civil War (I think on the Union side), was Chief to the Nashville Fire Department in 1884 and in the Fish and Ice Business in Nashville for many years. Andy was married and the 1910 census shows that he had one child that had died. Much more research

needs to be done on Andrew however the information below shows that he was one of the best known and maybe the most long lived shooters Tennessee has ever had. Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Pierce

July 30th 1870 Shoot between Meaders and George Campbell of Muary Co, Meaders won

PIGEON-SHOOTING AT NASHVILLE, TENN.—The test of skill between George Campbell of Maury and Andrew Meaders of Davidson, for a purse of \$100, came off at the race track on the afternoon of July 30. Although the bad weather kept away a large number who intended to be present, those who were on the ground made up for the deficiency by great interest and enthusiasm in the sport. As will be seen from the following summary, the contest was quite close. Campbell shot all of his first ten birds, and Meaders missed two. Of the second ten Campbell missed two, while Meaders brought down every one of his half score. Finally, five birds were let out for each of the sportsmen, Campbell missing one and Meaders dropping all. The score stood: Campbell, 22 out of 25; Meaders, 23 birds out of 25. Of the last seventeen birds shot at by Meaders every one was dropped within the ground. There was some lively betting on the result, and considerable money changed hands.

Aug 5, 1871 Match between Meaders and John Brooks, Meaders won

SHOOTING IN TENNESSEE.—"Sport" sends us the following items, dated Nashville, Aug. 5: The match of which I wrote in my last, between John Brooks and Andrew Meaders, took place to-day. Mr. Brooks being acknowledged as the better shot of the two, gave Mr. Meaders the advantage of allowing him to shoot a No. 11 gun with 1½oz. load of shot, while he was to shoot a 18 gun and 1oz. shot. He also allowed Mr. Meaders the choice of traps, when he chose a spring trap, one which he had been been shooting from, while Mr. Brooks had never shot from anything but a ground trap. The match resulted as follows:

Meaders.....	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—10
Brooks.....	1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—8

As soon as the match was over Mr. Brooks challenged Mr. Meaders to shoot with him, then and there, at 10 birds from a ground trap, 1oz. shot, for \$50 a side. Mr. Brooks remarked that he was confident that he could beat any man in Tennessee at single birds from a ground trap. Mr. Meaders accepted the challenge, and the following match was shot:

Brooks.....	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—8
Meaders.....	1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—10

Something very remarkable about Brooks' shooting is that he is only twenty-one years of age, and has only had one season's hunting for practice. Brooks has killed 63 birds out of 70 in the matches which he has shot previous to the two above given from ground traps. The above matches will make it 83 out of 90.

June 1-3, 1882 Chicago Tournament

Chicago, Ill. It rained without intermission every day, and the wind blew a small hurricane." The first shoot was a clay pigeon match, ten birds, eighteen yards rise, one barrel. Fred Kimble downed 7 birds to tie for fourth with J. J. Kleinman and S. H. Turrill among others. In the shoot off, Fred dusted 3 straight to tie once again and divided the money with H. Miller. The match that followed was a double bird match, five pairs to each contestant, eighteen yards rise. Kimble made a clean sweep to tie F. Campbell for first. In the first shoot off, both men bagged 4 of 6 birds. In the second shoot off both men shot 3 of 6. Finally in the third shoot off Fred popped 4 of 6 pigeons to win first money. In a final sweepstakes match, five single birds, Fred Kimble, [Andy Meaders](#), Nathan Dovey and others tied for second, each with 4 birds. In the first shoot off, Kimble, [Meaders](#) and others made clean sweeps of three birds apiece to tie yet again. In the shoot off that followed, both Kimble and [Meaders](#) lost. Notables participating in this tournament included A. Kleinman, J. Kleinman, S. A. Tucker, C. F. Stock, N. Dovey, [Andy Meaders](#) and S. H. Turrill (*Forest and Stream*, June 8, 1882; and *American Field*, June 17, 1882) [*Author's Note: Andy Meaders* was a crack shot from [Nashville](#), Tennessee, and considered one of the top contenders from the South.]

July 5-6 1882 Delavan Prairie IL

July 5 and 6, 1882, a tournament of the Delavan Prairie Shooting Club was held at Delavan, Illinois. "Some of the most noted pigeon shots of the West were present, among them were [A. Meaders](#), of [Nashville](#), Tenn.; J. L. Brewer, of New Jersey; Mr. Main, of Pittsfield; Abe Kleinman and S. H. Turrill, of Chicago; F. Kimble, C. F. Stock, H. H. Fahnestock and J. N. Hotchkiss, of Peoria; John Berry, Jimmy Haines and Henry Sutton, of Pekin; J. R. Stice, Dr. C. Henry, Charles Strawn and W. B. Sage, of Jacksonville; Dr. Britton, and Messrs. Beesley, Harrison and Blaisdell, of Champaign, and, last but not least, especially when considering his feet, Mr. S. A. Tucker of Parker gun fame. ...Our thanks are due the Peoria Shooting Club for traps and score sheets, and to Mr. S. H. Turrill for valuable assistance." Shoot No. 1, five birds, twenty-one yards rise. Kimble, Stock, Turrill, Kleinman, [Meaders](#) and others tied for first, each making a straight run of 5 birds. In the first shoot off, twenty-six yards rise, Kimble, Kleinman and two others tied again with 3 in a row. Fred then lost the second shoot off and Kleinman divided the money for first.

March 28, 1883

Unparalleled Rifle Practice.

NASHVILLE, TENN, March 28.—Andy Meaders, the crack shot of this city, was a few days ago presented with a hammerless gun by a Chicago firm, and yesterday succeeded in breaking 98 balls out of 100 at the following ranges: 50 at 18 yards rise; 20 at 26 yards rise; 38 at 28 yards rise. This he accomplished with one barrel, beating both Carver and Bogardus, the latter's greatest score being 94 balls with two barrels.

June 26-29, 1883 Cincinnati, Ohio

June 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1883, a National shooting tournament was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. According to the *American Field*

report, "Messrs. Kimble, Teipel, Meaders, McGraw, Gastright, and Bagge were the principal winners." Also in attendance was A. W. duBray and this was his introduction to Fred Kimble. The first shoot, class shooting, ten single clay birds, eighteen yards rise, Stock took first money with 10 straight, and second money was divided among Kimble, Meaders and Teipel on 8 each. In the second shoot, five live pigeons, twenty-one yards rise, twelve tied with 5 each. In the shoot off at twenty-six yards, nine tied with 3 each. In the second shoot off at thirty-one yards, miss and out, seven tied and divided as follows: Kimble, Meaders, Stock, Greener, Bagge, Wicks, and Mason. The third shoot, ten single clay birds, twenty-six yards rise, Mason took first money; Meaders, Kimble and duBray divided second money. Second day, fourth shoot, ten clay pigeons, eighteen yards rise, Meaders and McGraw divided first with 9 apiece. Kimble, duBray and others tied for second, dusting 8 each. In the shoot off, twenty-one yards rise, Kimble won with a perfect 5. Fifth shoot, ten clay pigeons, eighteen yards rise, Kimble divided first with Meaders and Teipel, each crushing 9. Sixth shoot, ten clay pigeons, eighteen yards rise, Kimble divided first with McGraw, Teipel and duBray with 9 apiece. Seventh shoot, ten clay pigeons, eighteen yards rise, Kimble won first on 10 straight. Third day, eighth shoot, ten explosive balls, eighteen yards rise, Teipel and Skip divided first with 10 straight. Kimble tied for second lighting up 9 and in the shoot off at twenty-one yards, divided the money with Hudson and Stock, each with 3 straight. Ninth shoot, five live pigeons, twenty-six yards rise, miss and out, Kimble tied for first popping 5. In the shoot off, thirty-one yards, miss and out, Kimble, Teipel and Stock shoot off, thirty-one yards, miss and out, Kimble, Teipel and Stock divided first with 4 apiece. Tenth shoot, eight live pigeons, four double rises at eighteen yards, Kimble tied for second with 7 but lost in the shoot off. Eleventh shoot, five live pigeons, twenty-five yards rise, Kimble tied for first, grassing 5, but lost in the shoot off. Fourth day, twelfth shoot, ten clay pigeons, twenty-six yards rise, Kimble and Teipel divided first, pulverizing 9 apiece. Thirteenth shoot, ten clay pigeons, twenty-six yards rise, Kimble won first with 10 in a row. Fourteenth shoot, eight live pigeons, eighteen yards double rise, Kimble tied for first with 8 straight but lost in the shoot off. "C. F. Stock, of Peoria, Ill., won the Kittredge & Co. prize, \$50.00; and Andy Meaders, Nashville, Tenn., and Fred Kimble, of Peoria, Ill., divided the Gibson House prize, same

August 19-21, 1884 Bradford PA

August 19, 20 and 21, 1884, a clay pigeon tournament was held in Bradford, Pennsylvania. "The clay pigeon tournament of the Bradford Shooting Club was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 19, 20 and 21. There was \$1,500 in cash prizes, all guaranteed with nobody barred." Notables in attendance included J. R. Stice and Andy Meaders. The only match Fred participated in on the first day was Contest No. 3, five double birds, fifteen yards rise. Kimble won first blasting 10 straight. Stice and Meaders each broke 9 and Stice won second in the shootoff. On day two, Contest No. 4, ten single birds, twenty yards rise. Kimble scored 5 and did not place. Meaders. Stice and Kerstetter divided first after a shoot off. Contest No. 5, six singles at eighteen yards rise and three doubles at fifteen yards rise, Kimble divided first with Meaders and Whitney, each dusting 12 straight. Stice won second after a shoot off. Contest No. 6, fifteen single birds, eighteen yards rise. J. R. Stice divided first with 15, while Kimble, Meaders and others divided second with 14 each. Third day,

September 8-11, 1884 Louisville, KY

September 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1884, the Exposition Clay Pigeon Tournament was held in Louisville, Kentucky, "which was a very pleasant affair, although not so largely attended as our live bird tournaments usually are. The states represented were: South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York." Notables in attendance included J. R. Stice, L. S. Carter, Andy Meaders, Harvey McMurchy and Ben Teipel. First day, Match No. 2, five pairs of birds, sixteen yards

rise, Fred Kimble won, crushing 10 straight. Stice, Carter, Meaders and Whitney divided second. Match No. 3, ten single blackbirds, twenty yards rise, Kimble, Whitney and Albert divided second dusting 9 each. Stice scored 8 and divided third after a shoot off. Second day, Match No. 5, Interstate Team Match, fifteen single birds, twenty yards rise and five pairs at sixteen yards rise, the Illinois team of Carter - 19, Young - 17, Stice - 16 and Kimble - 18, placed second with a total score of 70. Third day, Match No. 6, five pairs of clay birds, sixteen yards rise, Meaders and Stice divided first with 9 apiece. Kimble failed to place with 5 and Carter failed to place with 6. Match No. 8, eight singles at twenty yards rise and four pairs at sixteen yards rise, Kimble, Stice, Meaders, Carter and Albert divided third, pocketing 14 each. Fourth day, Match No. 9, ten singles, twenty yards rise, Stice, Meaders and McDuff divided first. Kimble and others divided second, collecting 9 apiece. Match No. 10, five pairs at sixteen yards rise, Stice and Kimble divided first, each with a clean sweep of 10 saucers. Match No 11, ten singles at twenty yards rise, Stice divided first, Meaders divided second and Kimble tied for third with 8, but then lost out in the shoot off. (*American Field*, October 11, 1884) [*Author's Note: L. S. Carter was a crack shot from Decatur, Illinois.*]

October 10, 1884 Borgardus Record Broken by Meaders

Borgardus' Record Beaten.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 10.—Andrew Meaders, the crack pigeon shot of Tennessee, broke 94 clay pigeons out of 100 at the fair grounds here yesterday, at 18 yards rise. A strong chilly Northeast wind prevailed. This beats Borgardus' record of 88.

Feb 10, 1885

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On the evening of February 10th, 1885, there assembled at Rhode's gun store, on St. Charles street, New Orleans, La., a company of sportsmen for the purpose of forming a national gun association. The main idea was to draw all shooters, field and trap, to membership therein. It was to be a cohesive body, yet working in widely separate parts of the country for the advancement of field sports—forming local shooting clubs and doing everything possible, individually and collectively, to further the cause of game protection, and to bring about the holding of an international tournament once or twice a year at various places in

the country, under the auspices of the association. It was a grand scheme, to bring all the shooters in the United States together to work as a body in the common cause of furthering good and true sportsmanship. Stock was sold at a very nominal figure, giving holders all club advantages and a life membership in the association. It was a beginning of trying to do what was accomplished years later along the same lines, and it failed of its purpose because of a lack of club and individual interest. The originators of the plan were working in good faith, and sanguine that the association would fulfill its purpose. The Interstate Association to-day is doing what the National Gun Association hoped to do, increasing the number of shooters and sustaining local club interest in trap shooting.

There was a notable assemblage of sportsmen at Rhode's old store that February night. Mr. Bloom, president of the Ligowsky Clay Pigeon Company, Cincinnati, presided. Of the men present I remember C. M. Stark, Concord, N. H.; Frank Chamberlin, the inventor of the Chamberlin cartridge-loading machine; Colonel Cody ("Buffalo Bill"); Dr. Carver; William Perry, Worcester, Mass.; Capt. A. H. Bogardus; **Andy Meaders, Nashville, Tenn.**; George Ligowsky, inventor of the Ligowsky clay pigeon and trap; and Al Bandle, of Cincinnati. Others I cannot recall just at this moment. I do not remember how long the National Gun Association held together—not more than a couple of years, I think. I heard very little of it after the association's tournament, which opened the day following the organization. However, this initial move caused sportsmen to wake up. It attracted the attention of shooters towards club organization, and was undoubtedly the means of building up shooting clubs in many parts of the country.

Feb 8-10, 1885

CAPT. BOGARDUS NEARLY DEFEATED

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—The first of two matches for \$250 a side, between A. H. Bogardus and Andy Meaders, of Nashville, Tenn., was shot yesterday. The former used two 10-gauge hammerless Galt double-barreled guns, while Meaders used a double-barreled Hordshell gun, made in Chicago. The match was at single birds, 18 yards' rise, and the score stood 85 for Bogardus and 93 for Meaders. Time—1:20. To-day the contest was continued at double birds. Bogardus scored 91 and the latter 81. Last night's match left Meaders 7 ahead, and to-day's shooting gives the \$500 stakes to Bogardus by a score of 3.

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Won by Three Birds.

NEW ORLEANS, February 10.—The first of two shooting matches for \$250 a side, between A. H. Bogardus and Andrew Meaders, of Nashville, Tenn., was begun Saturday. The match was at single birds, eighteen yards rise, and the score stood eighty-five for Bogardus and ninety-two for Meaders. On Sunday the contest was continued at double birds. Bogardus scored ninety-one and Meaders eighty one. Saturday's match left Meaders seven ahead, and Sunday's shooting gives Bogardus the \$500 stakes by a score of three.

February 16, 1885

FEBRUARY 16. A clay-pigeon tournament was shot at New Orleans under the auspices of the Lagowsky company, with the following results: Team match,

open to all clubs, \$500, 3 men each; 10 singles, 18 yards, and 5 doubles, 15 yards. Boston, No. 1 and No. 2, Cincinnati, 40 apiece; Central Ohio, 38; Houston, 37; Kansas City, 36; on the shoot-off, Boston, No. 1 won. Individual match, open to all, \$400, 10 singles, 18 yards, and 5 doubles, 15 yards; championship and badge, McMurchy, Meaders, Dickey, Caver, Teipel, and Elliott had 16 apiece. In the shoot-off, Teipel and McMurchey again tied, and shot again, the former winning; Meaders, third position. Dickey and Caver, the latter won.

March 13, 1885

Last Wednesday, at the Chicago Driving park, Captain Bogardus and Andy Meaders, of Nashville, Tenn., shot a match at live pigeons for the championship of the world. The conditions of the match were to shoot first at fifty birds each, single barrel, at twenty-five yards rise, and then at twenty-one yards rise, double birds and both barrels. In the single barrel contest Captain Bogardus succeeded in killing 49 birds to his opponent's 41; but in the double rise event Meaders was ahead with a score of 41 to the Captain's 39. Captain Bogardus was, however, ahead on totals, thus retaining the championship which he has so long held against the cracked shots of the old world and the new. The birds were not very strong.

March 27, 1885

Andy Meaders has signed articles to shoot at 200 clay pigeons, at Nashville, Tenn., with A. H. Bogardus for \$250 a side April 2.

March 30, 1885

Captain A. H. Bogardus has accepted the proposition of Andy Meaders to shoot a match at 200 clay pigeons, National Gun association rules to govern, for \$250 a side. The match will be shot at Nashville, Tenn., April 2.

April 2, 1885

The match between Captain Bogardus and Andy Meaders, which was to have been shot at Nashville to-day, has been postponed until April 15, on account of an injury to Bogardus' hand.

April 15, 1885

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 15.—Captain Andy Meaders of Nashville defeated Capt. Bogardus 184 to 175 in a shooting match to-day, with 200 clay pigeons each, eighteen yards rise, for \$250 a side. Meaders beat all previous records.

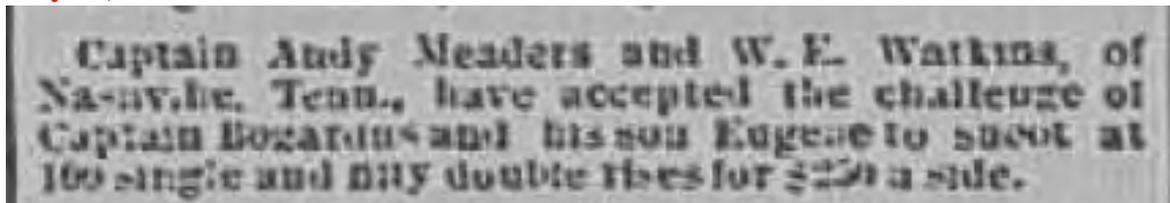
LINCOLN, Ill., April 16.—Six imprisoned

May 2, 1885

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May 13, 1885



Captain Andy Meaders and W. E. Watkins, of Nashville, Tenn., have accepted the challenge of Captain Bogardus and his son Eugene to shoot at 100 single and fifty double flies for \$250 a side.

June 11, 1885

Wednesday Captain A. H. Bogardus defeated Andy Meaders by a score of 87 to 82 birds at the Chicago driving park in the contest for the world's championship trophy for pigeon-shooting.

March 31, 1886

—Capt. Andy Meaders, of Nashville, has accepted the challenge of H. A. Penrose, to shoot three matches for \$250 each, first match 100 live birds, thirty yards rise from live traps. The conditions of the other two matches are to be named by Meaders. The first match will take place at Memphis April 7th.

April 7, 1886

MATCH AT 100 PIGEONS, 30 YARDS RISE, FOR \$500.—About 500 people assembled at the Ball Park, Memphis, Tenn., April 7, to witness the shooting match between Capt. Andy Meaders, of Nashville, and Capt. Penrose, the champion wing shot of Texas. Five traps were used, and these were deficient in every particular, and, to add to this unpleasant feature of the exhibition, the birds had been so cramped from long confinement that it was with the greatest difficulty at times they could be induced to rise after the traps had been sprung. Several deliberately walked toward the grand stand, where the shooters were in readiness to bring down the next bird. Meaders used a breech-loading gun with hammers, and Penrose a hammerless affair that appeared to be out of order at all times. Neither man made a miss until after the twelfth bird. Meaders continued his good work until the seventeenth shot, when he, too, missed. This they kept up at long intervals, finally Penrose finishing by the very close score of 88 to 87. Although about equally matched, yet it was apparent to all that Penrose was the better shot at long range, invariably bringing down his bird at 60 to 75 yards with a second shot. The second match of the series takes place at Nashville, Tenn., at an early day. The third is to come off at Louisville early in May. Neither of these gentlemen have ever participated in a single match together, although in a sweepstake at New Orleans. Negotiations are now pending to prevail on Bogardus to match his skill against that of Penrose, and, from present outlook, some may result satisfactorily. M. S.

July 23, 1886

The third match between A. H. Penrose, the Texan shot, and Andy Meaders, of Nashville, was shot at Nashville, Tenn., recently. It was for \$250 a side and at 100 clay pigeons at 21 yards rise. Penrose won, breaking 95 birds to Meaders' 93.

Sept 30, 1886 Meaders breaks 100 Blue Rocks with Gun made in Chicago

The American Field prints a clean score of 100 "blue rocks" broken by Andy Meaders of Nashville, with a gun made in this city.

Feb 22, 1887

BOGARDUS STILL THE CHAMPION.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—Capt. A. H. Bogardus, champion wing shot, and Andy Meaders shot a championship match here to-day. The weather was bad, but nevertheless the attendance was large. By the terms of the match both men were to use 12-bore guns. W. L. Colville was referee. Bogardus won by remarkable shooting, and will now retire on his laurels. The terms were 100 birds, each 30 yards rise, ground traps, \$500 a side, and the championship American field trap. Both men used four drams of powder and one and one-fourth ounces of shot. Capt. Meaders decidedly had the hardest birds of the day, and many of his kills brought down the spectators. The score was: Bogardus, 93; Meaders, 69.

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March 18, 1887

March 19, 1887. Captain Bogardus replied to an earlier challenge made by Dr. Carver in the *American Field*. "I see that Dr. Carver has offered me \$200 to beat him at 100 pigeons with a light 12-bore gun. Now I do not want him to give me a cent, and if he wants the American Field Championship Twelve-Bore Cup, all he has to do is to send in his forfeit to your office and I will have to shoot in three months or give up the trophy. If he wins the championship he and Mr. Graham might then shoot a match for it.

Not long ago Dr. Carver issued a challenge to shoot all comers and "drive them off the face of the earth," where-upon an amateur -

Mr. Fred Kimble of Peoria - accepted the challenge, but Dr. Carver did not 'show up.' Since then he has kept silent so long that I thought he might have gone where he said he was going to drive the shooters of this country.

I have held the championship of America since 1871, won the championship of the world in 1875 and have never been defeated for either, although I have shot everyone who has put up his money. I will now bet Dr. Carver \$500 to \$250 that he cannot equal the scores I made in the two last matches which I shot with a twelve-bore gun weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces - one match with Mr. J. R. Stice, Jacksonville, Ill., on March 6, 1886, and one with Mr. Andy Meaders, St. Louis, Mo., February 22. The scores were 93 out of 100.

Mr. Graham has not been defeated by American shooters because he has shot but one match of any consequence - the one with Mr. Budd - and then he was tied. I have put up my forfeit on two different occasions to shoot with him and let him have the match his own way, under Hurlingham rules; but he has failed to come to time. It is hard to beat a man if he will not shoot. Although I am fifty-four years old I think I can yet beat any man in the world with a twelve-bore gun, under Hurlingham rules, for \$1,000 to \$5,000 a side. Capt. A. H. Bogardus Champion Wing Shot of the World" (*American Field*, March 19, 1887) [Author's Note: Graham was the English champion who had come to America to test the waters and his skills.]

1887

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From 1872 to 1885 wild pigeons were largely used in America for trapshooting, being trapped on their feeding grounds and shipped to St. Louis or Cincinnati, and from these cities the clubs throughout the country were supplied. These birds, if well fed and cared for, were very swift of wing and called forth the best efforts of aim and steadiness. The last time I have any recollection or memorandum of wild pigeons being used in the traps was at the match for the *American Field cup and a stake of \$300, between Bogardus and Andy Meaders*, shot at St. Louis in 1887. It was stipulated that wild birds must be used, and great difficulty was experienced in providing the 250 birds required. At last a small lot were found in the Indian Territory, and from these 300 were sent to St. Louis. The wild pigeon has disappeared—gone no one knows whither. He disappeared suddenly and not after gradually increasing scarcity. The draft made on the

flights for market and trapshooting was but a small inroad on the original numbers of pigeons and does not satisfactorily account for their disappearance. The bird simply dropped out of sight in the course of two years or so. Vain efforts have from time to time been made to locate the flights, but all failed. The passing and disappearance of the American wild pigeon has been the subject of much argument and speculation. Where could they have gone in their still countless thousands as we last saw them? It is a mystery as yet unsolvable.

1895

At Nashville Cumberland Park Traps, Capt. Andrew Meaders, shooting the Parker gun, broke 99 out of 100; a remarkable performance. Mr. Meaders continued shooting after the event was finished, to warm up his Old Reliable, breaking 25 more straight, making a total of 124 out of 125.

11-5-1898

GILBERT WINS THE CUP.

RESULTS IN THE LIVE-BIRD MATCH AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Nov. 4.—The Cincinnati Gun Club live-bird tournament ended to-day, with the result that "Fred" Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, won the silver cup and the live-bird championship of America. When yesterday closed twenty birds of the twenty-five had been scored. The remaining five birds were shot off to-day with clean scores. First money went to W. E. Elliston, "Fred" Gilbert, Charles Budd and C. Young, of Springfield.

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Ohio. The second money on twenty-four live birds each went to J. S. Fanning, Rolla Helkes, Hallowell, Fulford and L. C. Smith. Third money on twenty-three birds each went to J. A. R. Elliott, F. Alkire, G. H. Casy, "Andy" Menders and Nye. Fourth money on twenty-two birds went to M. F. Lindsley, A. W. Du Bray, R. G. Falls, West, R. L. Trimble and A. C. Courtney. Settle got fifth money on twenty-one birds and his share was much larger than that of any in the higher classes that divided money.

Only Elliston, Gilbert, Budd and Young contested in the shoot-off for the cup. Elliston lost three of the first twenty-five birds and dropped out. Gilbert, Budd and Young tied on twenty-four. In the second shoot-off they tied on twenty-three each. In the third twenty-five Gilbert killed twenty-four and won the cup, with Budd and Young each scoring twenty-three. It required one hundred birds to decide the championship contest, of which Gilbert killed 96, Budd 95 and Young 93. The wind was high to-day, and the shooting more difficult. The birds throughout were strong flyers.

December 3, 1907

TRAP IN TENNESSEE.

Harold Money and Andy Meaders Take Prizes at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3. — Gun Editor "Sporting Life."—Quite a crowd was in attendance last Saturday afternoon at Cumberland Park to witness the shooting of professional and amateur cracks and when the final count of the day was made Harold Money had captured the dainty dog-head and whip stickpin, and Capt. Andy Meaders has won the solid silver military brushes, each being high gun in his respective class.

On the program of 200 Money best Fred Gilbert two targets, getting 196 to Gilbert's 194. The amateur high gun of Capt. Meaders was 187, which is shooting at a 93½ per cent. clip. Money's average was 98 per cent. for the day.

Several of the local amateurs made most creditable scores. Leon Cheek, Jack Hooper, Poe Poyner, Flavel Barton, Irby Bennett, M. E. Derryberry and others shooting over 84 and 85 per cent. Totals:

	Sh.	Bk.		Sh.	Bk.
*H. B. Money...	200	196	J. Hooper	200	170
*Fred Gilbert ...	200	194	L. T. Cheek	200	100
*Ed. Banks	200	190	J. F. Pointer	200	160
*H. G. Taylor ..	200	188	*Irby Bennett ..	200	168
A. Meaders	200	187	F. Legler	75	70
C. N. Gilbert ..	200	183	Derryberry	50	43
O. Ewing	200	183	H. J. Lyles	50	38
J. Campbell	200	183	J. M. Coady	25	10
F. W. Barton ..	200	181			

*Professionals.

June 19, 1913 Meaders ties for Preliminary Hdc

Richardson Wins Shoot.

DAYTON, Ohio, June 19.—Alden B. Richardson of Dover, Del., amateur champion of that state, won the grand preliminary handicap shoot here yesterday afternoon, defeating a field of 371 of the best trap shooters in the country. His most formidable contender was Andy Meaders, the 73-year-old expert from Nashville, Tenn. In the shoot off Richardson won with two targets to spare, the score being 18 to 16. The Grand American handicap will be shot today.



ANDY MEADERS

This veteran shot is one of the oldest men in active service in the sport of trap shooting, he being close to the four-score mark in trap shooting. He still competes in all the big events, especially the Grand American, and at last year's event led for the Preliminary Handicap with 98 out of 100.

“During the recent Grand American Handicap in Chicago, Miss Lucille MEUSEL, seventeen years, was one of the fairest of the fair competitors. She is pictured at the right. Captain Any MEADERS (center), seventy-nine years, had the distinction of being one of the oldest shooters entered. George Miller, nine years, was the “baby” competitor. Master George hails from Brenton, Ala. He is shown at left.”



April 19, 1914

April 19.—Birmingham, Ala. (Grand Birmingham Handicap, 100 targets): Capt. Andy Meaders, 18 yards, 99.

May 12, 1915

Memphis Shoot.

Memphis, Tenn., May 12.—J. I. Chipley, Greenwood, S. C., today won the preliminary handicap match in the southern tournament of the Interstate Trapshooters' association with a score of 93 breaks of a possible 100. Chipley shot from the 18-yard line. J. I. Austin, Monroe, La., won second place by breaking 19 of 20 targets in a shoot-off with six other contestants who made scores of 91 and I. Andrews, Spartanburg, S. C., who broke 18 in the shoot-off, was placed third. The others who broke 91 were S. I. Dodd, Hickman, Ky.; Bart Williams, Greenville, Miss.; W. S. Henderson, Lucy, Tenn.; E. R. Tansill, Blytheville, Ark., and Andrew Meaders, Nashville, Tenn.

Only amateurs competed for trophies. Of the professionals, Walter Huff, Macon, Ga., was high gun with a score of 93.

A. B. Richardson, Wilmington, Del., an amateur, who made the long run yesterday, 113 breaks of 150 targets, made the best run again today, 58 breaks without a miss.

The tournament will end tomorrow with the southern handicap.

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Old-Time Shooters of the Nation To Have Reunion

The trap shooting calendar offers something new this year in the "old-timers' shoot."

These "old-timers' shoot" will be staged by the gun clubs of this broad land during the months of May and June, and will in a way take the place of the Beginners' Day shoot which were so successfully staged the past two years.

The aim of the old-timers' shoot is to get together at least once each year the "old-time" trapshooters, and as many others as care to attend, and hold a shoot in honor of the veterans. It is a reunion event which deserves to be encouraged.

An "old timer" does not necessarily mean an old man. The definition of an old-timer in trapshooting is a person who has been shooting at the traps for 15 years or more.

Every gun club and every locality where there ever has been a gun club have their "old-time" trapshooters—pioneers in the clay target game, veterans of the best of outdoor pastimes.

For several years "old-timers' shoot" have been staged by a number of clubs and have proven very successful—and the success of these shoots prompted the idea of making the "old-timers' shoot" a National proposition.

Whether the shoots will be handicap events is a matter of the clubs conducting the same to decide. The contestants are to shoot at 20 targets. Every entrant in the various shoots will receive a bronze "old-timers' shoot" lapel button. The old timer who makes the best score will be given a gold lapel button in addition. The shooter who makes the best score and has not been shooting 15 years will get a silver lapel button.

Indications are that there will be 200 of these shoots held. There are more veterans in trapshooting than in any other sport. Trapshooting has fewer backsliders than any other pastime. There is a saying which we believe is true that "once a trapshooter—always a trapshooter."

Trapshooting is the sport of the nation. If any sport should be encouraged that sport is trapshooting. It behooves everyone in the times to know how to shoot. Everyone who can shoot is of help to his country. If American fighting men are to live up to the reputation of their forefathers it will be due in a measure to their shooting ability.

During recent years trapshooting has been the greatest single factor in keeping alive the interest in firearms and their effective use and in maintaining the deadly aim of Americans. More than one hundred thousand men who learned to shoot over the traps are waiting to be invaluable in forming the new National Army.

There are thousands of men who have been shooting over the traps for 15 years or more and therefore are known as old-timers. The oldest trapshooter we know of is Uncle Joe Heineman of Waukegan, Ind. He shoots occasionally at the Waukegan Gun Club and on his 81st birthday broke more than 20 targets in 100. The oldest active trapshooter is Andy Meaders of Nashville, Tenn. Captain Meaders broke 29 targets from 15 yards in

the Grand American Handicap last August. Capt. J. F. Bristow of Burlington, Ia., is two years younger than Captain Meaders.

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Questions and Answers.

Question—What has become of Andy Meaders, the veteran trapshot of Nashville, Tenn.?

Charles McQuinton.

Answer—Am glad to advise you that Andy Meaders still is in the game and just as popular as he was in bygone days. He is certainly shooting, as his scores will verify. He entered the recent Grand American handicap. He has been a contestant since the G. A. H. became a feature sport.

Andrew Meaders at the 1929 Tennessee State Shoot

