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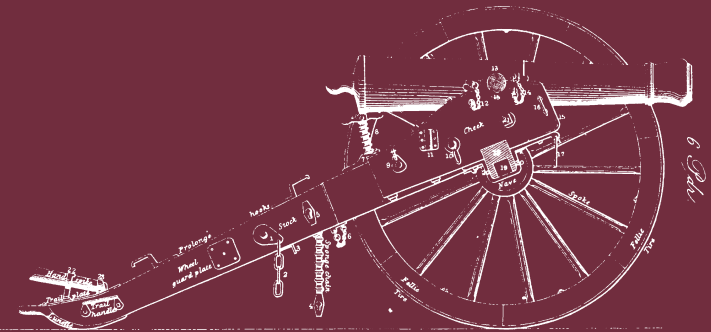
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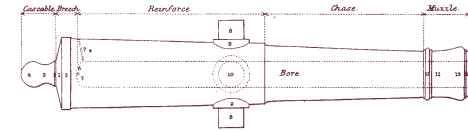
### HISTORY OF THE CANNON

Duffy Neubauer  
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### CLOSING REMARKS

Frances Coleman  
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*Reception to Follow*



## MODEL 1841 “6 POUNDER”

This rare Model 1841 “6 pounder” was loaned to Mississippi State University and the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. This U.S. artillery piece was cast in bronze and produced in 1846 by N.P. Ames in Springfield, MA.

Weighing 876 pounds and measuring 65.6” in length, the Model 1841 could fire its 6-pound projectile 1,500 yards. Produced from 1841 to 1862, it was a critical asset of the U.S. Army’s 19th-century field artillery arsenal and saw extensive service in the Mexican-American War and the Civil War.

The markings “J.W.R.” on the muzzle are the initials of James Wolfe Ripley, the government agent who inspected the tube. The carriage was donated to MSU by the Shiloh National Military Park and was restored by students at East Mississippi Community College. This carriage was made from cast iron in 1901 at the Chattanooga Foundry.

Together, the Model 1841 and the carriage are a wonderful addition to the invaluable treasures of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library and the Mitchell Memorial Library.

*By Eddie Rangel and Duffy Neubauer*