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Fine American flintlock rifles in the English styles are even rarer than good Kentucky or Pennsylvania rifles. This one with its elaborate sterling patchbox, silver fittings and gold-inlaid barrel was made by James Haslett, noted 19th-Century American gunsmith, about 1820 and is now in the collection of W. Keith Neal, distinguished British gun collector. It has a double-throat cock or hammer, waterproof pan and safety bolt behind the hammer in English style. Considering its Anglo-American connections, it is interesting to note that the patchbox engraving combines colors of both countries. Shown with it are the bullet mold and combination powder-bullet flask. Photograph by W. Keith Neal.

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