

Muskets and Rifles: The Soldier's Experience ^[1]

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In this video, reenactor Bill Thompson explains late eighteenth-century small arms, including how a flintlock works and the differences between rifles and muskets, and demonstrates the loading and firing of an English “Brown Bess” musket. Filmed during Living History Week at Alamance Battleground.

A [video transcript](#) ^[3] is available.

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