

Questions related to Gun Rights and Gun Control through the 19th Century

1. Identify the three limitations placed on having arms in the English Bill of Rights.
2. Name the state constitution, which existed prior to the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution, that referred to a right to bear arms for self-defense.
3. Would the Massachusetts law from 1783 have made it difficult to use a firearm for self-defense in one's home in the town of Boston? Explain.
4. What is ambiguous about the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution?
5. Between 1850 and 1890, which seven states had constitutions that explicitly declared that carrying concealed weapons was beyond the scope of the right to bear arms?
6. Between 1870 and 1900, which six states had constitutions that gave their legislatures the power to regulate how arms were carried in public?
7. Did the 1871 Texas law, the 1890 Oklahoma Territory law, and the 1893 Florida law restrict concealed carry, open carry, or both?
8. How does the 2010 decision in *McDonald v. City of Chicago* compare with the three U.S. Supreme Court decisions between 1875 and 1895 (all came post-14th Amendment)?