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Donald L. Ware first became interested in collecting antique arms in the early 1950s and started researching Remington handguns in the 1980s. Don, who resides in Russellville, Arkansas, recently celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday.

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