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July 3, 1969

Mr. Lewis E. Yearout
308 Riverview Drive East
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Dear Mr. Yearout:

The Model 1876 serial number records list number 23282 as a rifle, caliber 45-60, 24" 1/2 octagon barrel, casehardened. Checked stock ~~pistol~~ grip, shotgun butt, plain trigger, 1/2 magazine. It was shipped from the factory on September 13, 1883, no other information listed. It is not recorded as a "1 of 1000" or "1 of 100".

Model 1876, serial number 35104 is listed as a rifle, caliber Express, octagon matted barrel, engraved, plain trigger, casehardened, checked stock pistol grip, shotgun butt rubber buttplate, 1/2 magazine. It was shipped July 21, 1883, no other information listed.

The Single Shot records go to number 109,999, the remainder of these have been disposed of.

Single Shot, serial number 1 was caliber 45 Ely, number 2 was 45-70 and number 3 was 40-70 St.

We have no data on Browning Single Shot rifles.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Hall

T. E. Hall, Curator

TEH/s

Winchester Model I876
Cal.45-60 Serial no. 23282.

With 2X grade wood.
One letter states " Pistol Grip" which was
wrong and corrected later to "Straight Grip"

Letter and Factory data does not describe
the gun as Factory Engraved, but this is
a Special Order gun and the Engraving is
Factory. Lower Tang left side stamped
2X 232, Also in stock inlet ,74 inside
buttplate and both left and right side
plates stamped 22 and 82. for finishing.

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23282

Price 450.⁰⁰Rifle Deluxe
Factory Engraved

Overall Condition _____

Winchester

(Manufactured By)

~~1876~~ 1876
(Model)

(type)

45-60

(Caliber)

(Repeater or Single)

Half

(Magazine & Type)

24 $\frac{3}{8}$
(Barrel Length)half Rd half Och
(Type Barrel)

(Bore & Condition)

(Stock Length)

(Overall Length)

(Weight)

Shipped Sept. 13, 1883

(Date of Manufacture)

(Type Front Sight)

(Type Rear Sight)

Shotgun metal
(Type Butt Plat)Finish case hardened~~entire~~ - hoof Barrels made.

Remarks Marked inside on lower tang 2x5-232. Straight checkered Pistol Grip, Engraved. Case hardened Action.
orig short barrel. 5-232 marked 74 stamped in Buttplate 22 inside left side plate
82 inside right side plate.

Jim Aplan

(Bought From)

Boulder Canyon Rd.,
Sturgis, South Dakota.July 26, 1964

(Date)

\$400.⁰⁰

(Price)

(Sold To)

(Date)

(Price)

Bozeman Gun Show

23282

Engraved

45-60

only 773 guns made with half ock Berrels
only 750 guns made with 24" Berrels
only 2696 guns made with half magazine
only 3706 guns were case hardened.

Jim Apley told me at Kottspelt Gun Show March 1988 that he bought this gun
originally from Leroy Farley owner of a pawnshop in Junction City, Kansas.
for around 2 or 3 hundred dollars in 1963 or 1964.