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Overall Condition _____

Colt.
(Manufactured By)

1908
(Model)

(Type)

.380
(Gauge)

(Single or Repeater)

(Magazine)

(Barrel Length)

(Type F

(Bore Condition)

shipped engraved to Wages Brothers

(Stock Length)

(Overall Length)

(Weight

March 19, 1912

(Date of Manufacture)

with factory letter -

(Type Front Sight) (Type Rear Sight)

Finish Blued - Factory Engraved.

(Type Butt Plate)

Remarks Name "Otto Wages" engraved in grip frame (Grip Safety)

Robert L. Lowrey

April 24, 1923

150.⁰⁰

(Bought From)

(Date)

(Price)

(Sold To)

(Date)

(Price)

2913 - 7th Ave South
City

Serial # 8428 - Pictured Page 343 - Book "Colt Engraving by R.L. Wilson.

Colt Industries



Firearms Division
150 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06102
203/278-8550

August 28, 1975

Lewis E. Yearout
308 Riverview Drive East
Great Falls, Montana 59404

Dear Mr. Yearout,

Reference is made to your letter requesting historical information on Colt Model 380 Automatic Pistol, Serial Number 8428.

Upon researching our records, we located the information listed below which describes this arm as originally shipped from the Colt factory in 1912.

Caliber:	380
Barrel length:	-----
Finish:	Not listed
Type of stocks:	Not listed
Factory engraved:	Yes
Shipped to:	Woge Brothers
Address:	Not available
Date of shipment:	March 19, 1912
Number of same type fire- arms in this shipment:	1

Note: Engraved on the grip safety "Otto Woge".

We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

Sincerely,

M. S. Huber
Historian

MSH:skc

I CERTIFY that the following statement is true and correct:

A nickel-plated Colt single Action Army Revolver with Ivory grips bearing the "U.S." issue stamping and the serial numbering of 61259 and 61307 in caliber .45 Colt, is the gun formerly owned by my Great Grandfather, Preston H. Leslie. He brought this gun to Montana from his home state of Kentucky. He had, prior to coming to Helena, Montana, served as Governor of the State of Kentucky, where he was serving in the year 1886 when President Cleveland appointed him as Territorial Governor of Montana. As the next to last Territorial Governor of Montana he served from February 8, 1887 through April 13, 1889. Cascade County, Montana, was created as a separate county during his term in office. He later, on March 1, 1894, was appointed U.S. District Attorney for Montana. He served in that office for years. He passed away at the age of 88 in Helena, Montana on February 7, 1907.

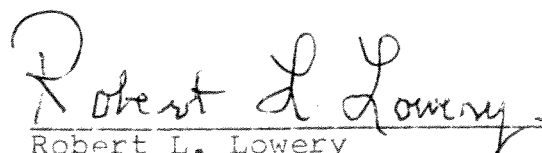
The leather cartridge belt and holster with this gun are also attributed as having been with the gun for as long as the gun has been in our family.

The second gun, a Colt automatic Model 1909 in .380 A.C.P. caliber, Serial number 8428 with Colt Ivory grips and factory engraved with the name of "Otto Woge" engraved in script on the metal grip, together with a box of cartridges, was formerly owned by District Judge Jere B. Leslie, my Grandfather. Judge Jere B. Leslie came to Great Falls, Montana in 1887 and was elected to the Bench in 1896. He resided in Great Falls for 38 years and at the time of his death February 6, 1925 he was 73 years of age and had served Cascade County as a District Judge for 29 years.

This Colt automatic had been given to my Grandfather by Robert Gordon who was at that time Sheriff of Cascade County.

Both guns currently owned by the undersigned have over the years come down through the family descendents of Territorial Governor Preston H. Leslie to his son, Judge Jere B. Leslie, then in direct family lineage to Judge Leslie's daughter, Mrs. Charles R. Lowery who was my mother. Mr. Charles R. Lowery, my father, is still living in Great Falls today.

As of this date I pass ownership of the above guns and related items to Lewis E. Yearout of 308 Riverview Drive East, Great Falls, Montana.


Robert L. Lowery
2913 Seventh Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana
April 24, 1973.

STATE OF MONTANA)
) ss.
County of Cascade)

On this 9th day of May, 1973, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared ROBERT L. LOWERY, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Robert E. Pearson
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Great Falls, Montana
My Commission expires

Local deaths

*Great Falls Tribune
Monday, Oct. 13, 1974*

Robert Lowery

Robert L. Lowery, 63, 2913 7th Ave. S., died at his home Sunday. No services are planned and there will be a private burial in Highland Cemetery. He was born in Great Falls, Aug.

26, 1917. He was raised here and attended school here, graduating from Great Falls High School. After graduation, he entered the service. After three years in the service, he moved back to Great Falls and has lived here ever since. He was part owner in the C.R. Lowery Insurance Co. and was an insurance salesman. He is survived by his father, C.R. Lowery of Great Falls; and two sisters, Mrs. Frank (Helen Margaret) Norris of Oconawoc Lake, Wisc. and Norma Hess of Great Falls.

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ODEGARD — Graveside services for Dale R. Odegard, 49, of Sun River, will be held (today) Monday at 11 a.m. in the Sun River Cemetery with Rev. Grover Briggs officiating. Military honors at the graveside by the Sun River Valley veterans. Memorials are preferred to the Simms Tiger Booster Club, c/o Simms High School.

SORENSEN — Services for Mrs. Eileen (Billie) Sorensen, 72, of 3705 5th Ave. No., will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Croxford & Sons Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Burns officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Memorials are preferred to the Shodor Childrens Hospital.

BURESH — Services for Joseph Buresh, 65, Rt. No. 1 Ft. Shaw are pending and will be announced when complete.

LOWERY — No services are planned for Robert Lowery, 63, 2913 7th Ave. S. Private burial Highland Cemetery.

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apparatus is replacing the primitive means previously used.

SWEETHEART MOURNS

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 6.—"A solitary figure stood in a glow of a hill top campfire last night watching silently the shaft being sunk inch by inch to Floyd Collins. The light's reflection revealed after a minute, two streams of tears on the watcher's face, but they were never brushed away," says a copyright story of the Courier-Journal from Cave City today.

"This silent observer was Alma Clark, 22, living eight miles from Cave City, come to mourn on what was to be her wedding day and for him who was to have been her husband. Alone she stood as scores of workmen exerted themselves to force a way through rock and earth into the cavern.

"Around her many were talking, calling to one another, and some were laughing. They didn't know, they didn't even see this figure, nor did she see them. She held her eyes on the new made shaft. She turned, finally, and in a moment was lost in the darkness.

"Her tears, her expression and her walk told plainly that her hopes are no more, that she feels the cave which Floyd Collins set out to explore will not release its grip until he dies. It has held him seven days. It has held out hope to him time and again, but it shattered them beyond recall when it closed the one avenue to the world outside.

"Floyd Collins and Miss Alma Clark were to have eloped today, but only a few of their friends knew the secret. One of them, a man, saw the girl at the shaft and saw the saddened face. He saw and understood and he turned his eyes as she passed him.

"Others, of course, knew of the friendship and some might have known that the wedding day was set for March 2. But very few knew that Floyd Collins and Miss Clark had decided definitely to steal away today and return as man and wife.

"It was said that objections to the marriage had been made and that the elopement was planned as a means of overcoming it.

"And this may be why Floyd Collins wouldn't give up his fight for life when he knew the fight seemed lost. It may explain why Collins

now claims endured torture with a smile at times through the six days in the grip of a stone in the cave and it may show the power that kept alive that spark of faith he cherished."

SECOND RADIO TEST

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 6 (By The Associated Press.)—A second radio amplification test at 3:30 a. m. today convinced rescue workers that Floyd Collins is alive in his Sand cave prison after an entombment of a week, says the Courier-Journal today in a copyrighted dispatch from Cave City, Ky.

The test, made by a small radio amplifying set, determined definitely that the electric light placed around Collins' neck by William Burke Miller, reporter for the Courier-Journal, Louisville, on one of his numerous trips to Collins' side in the cave, still burned. A lighting system battery was used in conjunction with the amplifier.

The wires which lead from outside the cave 150 feet inside the tomb to Collins, were taken quickly from the battery and switched to the radio set. This caused the light to go out, the experimenters said and at the same time permitted them to listen for sounds from the cave explorer. They listened and they heard, they said, something they were convinced was Collins.

Sudden darkness inside the cave caused by the switching of the wires by workers outside caused Collins to move and slightly raise his body to determine what had taken his only means of warmth and light from him. Roy Cooks, who conducted the test, declared this action jarred the light bulb, creating the noise carried out to them over the radio.

INCREASE BREAD PRICE

Paris, Feb. 6.—Alarmed at the continued increase in the price of bread, which reaches one franc, 52 centimes per kilogram today—a price unheard of since the siege of Paris in 1870—the government introduced a bill today tending to prevent further advances. The bill includes the compulsory declaration of all wheat stocks of over one thousand kilograms in France and provides for the requisitioning of such stocks when incorrect declarations have been made or where there has been a failure to declare. The measure demands a credit of 100,000,000 francs for the purchase of foreign wheat and for establishing opposition to speculation.

that he might at his discretion withdraw from the conference since it appeared that no agreement could be reached which would be satisfactory to the American delegates.

REQUEST REMOVAL OF BONE

Washington, Feb. 6.—Removal from office of Governor Scott C. Bone of Alaska was asked in a formal complaint filed at the White House today by John W. Frame, who declared the governor had been instrumental in depriving him of the office of republican national committeeman from the territory after he had been duly elected as such. The complaint was referred to Secretary Work of the Interior department.

I KNOW THE END

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til his death and January 1, 1925, saw him entering upon his 29th consecutive year as district judge here.

He was married in 1881 to Miss Helen Trabue of Glasgow, Ky., and of this union there are two surviving daughters, Mrs. C. R. Lowery and Mrs. R. P. Jackson of Great Falls. A brother, Dr. R. M. Leslie, of Great Falls, survives, as do his sisters, Mrs. T. T. Cheek, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. S. E. Winn, San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Walter Shobe, Helena. S. C. Ford, former attorney general of Montana, is a cousin and Mrs. Ford is a niece of Judge Leslie.

Judge Leslie was of a philosophical mind and during the last two years, when his health failed rapidly, and especially during a recent trip to Seattle in search of health with Mrs. Leslie, from which he returned but a few days ago, and even up to the last hour in the hospital here, he cheered his family with affirmation that he did not fear death and that it was "all right" and that they must not grieve.

Judge Leslie's father had been governor of Kentucky twice, once by death of other officials and later by election, before being appointed by President Cleveland to the Montana territorial governorship. Following his term as governor, he entered law practice in Helena and later was United States district attorney for four years before his death in Helena February 7, 1907. He advised his son, Jere, to enter practice in Great Falls and it was during his term as governor that Cascade county was created.

A successor to Judge Leslie will be named by Governor J. E. Erickson to serve out the term.

Our luck when eating in a diner is to have the train stop by a freight car where nobody can see us.

Atlanta, Ga. reported loss of 21 robberies of January 1, a firm today informed burglars they would be three of their side.

The firm said being taken to ter work need goods and wh intruders.

Advertiser to confide that three designate said, "if one of handy and you er store or st us and we wil hanging out f Then, exclu stores, the fir reward for ev of burglary an of its other stor

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SENATE CONF S

Washington, F the nomination of Stone to be a sup was confirmed last ate, 71 to 6. Mr. able to take his pl until March 2, wh venes after its pre

Mr. Stone can qu however, by taking office. Should be p Assistant Attorney will become acting justice department acts on the appoin D. Warren of M the retiring attorn

Mr. Warren's re before the judiciary nomination probabl ered next Monday.

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JUDGE J. B. LESLIE

"Great man has fallen this day in Israel."—11 Sam-3:38.
 Jere B. Leslie, 73, for 38 years a resident of Great Falls, for 29 years of that time district judge, and for all that time the community's most loved and respected citizen, passed peacefully to rest at the Columbus hospital at 11:30 last night. His last words, addressed to his wife were:
 "All right, my dear—don't cry."
 His brother, Dr. R. M. Leslie, and other relatives, a short while before, he said:
 "I am not afraid to die. Death is inevitable and I do not fear it. I know the end is near, but I am very peaceful and happy."

He came following many years of suffering, and two years of a very serious nature, in which he was complicated heart condition, and rheumatism. With the Leslie kept up his work until two months ago. He was then in the hospital at the University of Washington in the hope of restoring the former's health, but he failed to come back at once and his condition was impossible.

He had repeatedly, during the last few years expressed the wish that his body be cremated, and today, and probably will be carried out, with cremation taking place in Spokane. The place in which there is a crematorium. Arrangements are being made as yet, the body being taken to the W. H. George funeral home, where it is expected to be held. The funeral will be held by cremation in Spokane.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, 309 Fourth avenue north, at 2:30, according to plans announced by Dr. R. M. Leslie, brother of Judge Leslie. The Rev. Van Engelen, at present conducting a series of lectures at the First Baptist church, will officiate. Rev. Van Engelen was a member of the local church in Great Falls about 30 years ago and was a friend of the family and a warm personal friend of Judge Leslie. He is now located in Missoula.

Judge H. H. Ewing, who presided in the department of the district court opposite Judge Leslie for the past 10 years, today called a meeting of the members of the bar in Cascade county for tomorrow morning at 10 a. m. in department of the district court to take

was a resident of Great Falls, he made a record for honesty and ability seldom equalled. His decisions were just, and always tempered with mercy; that they were based well also on legal grounds is testified in that Judge Leslie had fewer reversals than any judge in Montana through the supreme court. His philosophy in life was patterned on the Golden Rule, and his friendships were strong and lasting. Of a perfect judicial temperament, he was the ideal judge, and his court a revelation of justice tempered with mercy. He never lost his poise and never was swayed by heat or passion, either in his private or judicial life, and he was a man one would better for having known.

He belonged to no lodge or order, other than the bar association, his brotherhood being universal, and his death like unto "one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams." A community grieves at his passing but will be better for his having lived.

Judge Leslie was the son of the late Preston H. Leslie, eighth territorial governor of Montana, and was born in Monroe county, Kentucky, April 12, 1853. He was educated in the public schools at Glasgow, Ky., and later in Washington and Lee university from which he was graduated in 1875. Taking up the study of law with his father in Glasgow, he was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1876.

In 1887 the elder Leslie was appointed territorial governor of Montana and the Leslies gave up their practice in Kentucky to come to Montana. A short time later the younger Leslie opened a law office in Great Falls, and in 1890 went into partnership with the late W. G. Downing, remaining in that firm until 1896, when he was elected to

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 6.—Hotel keepers and brewers, who fought hardest against prohibition and won, have found a fly in the ointment and a new battle between the two factions is waging in "rock" all night.
 The bone of contention is the price of beer.

Hotel keepers, determined to beat down the price, and consequently boost their own profits, propose to establish a great co-operative brewery in an effort to create a beer monopoly in the province. Under the present laws beer is sold direct by brewers to consumers by the car or in hotel bars by the glass or the bottle.

Envoys of the hotel keepers are to be sent to the one time big brewing centers in the United States in an effort to pick up machinery for a big brewery cheap, the assumption being that such equipment is being begged in the great Volstead act.

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WINNING BATTLE
 The battle was won by the hotel keepers, who have secured the right to sell beer in the province without any license, and the hotel keepers are determined to beat down the price, and consequently boost their own profits, propose to establish a great co-operative brewery in an effort to create a beer monopoly in the province.

WATER USERS ON SUN RIVER WANT THEIR APPROPRIATION

Water users on the Greenfield bench are willing to accept the provision suggested in the senate at Washington to the Sun River Irrigation project appropriations, and so wired Senator T. J. Walsh last night through Earl G. Wood, president of the Greenfield Waterusers association.

Great Falls Commercial club received the following telegram from Senator T. J. Walsh in Washington: "Conference committee on interior department appropriation bill denominated on Sun River and other items. It seems possible that agreement might be reached if senate conceded so much of provision put on in the house, which read as follows:

"That no part of this appropriation shall be used for construction purposes until a contract or contracts in form approved by the secretary of interior shall have been made with an irrigation district with irrigation districts organized under state law providing for payment by district or by individual

Mr. Jones at once, with George Stanford, in charge of the Greenfield waterusers association, that a telegram was sent to Senator T. J. Walsh before 10 o'clock from the water users, hoping that such action would be taken as to the bill, which was sent by the senate.

Weather

Forecast for the week ending Feb. 10, 1919. High 60, low 30. Windy, with light snow or rain, and a few flakes of snow. The weather is expected to be clear and cold, with a high of 60 and a low of 30. The wind is expected to be from the north, with a velocity of 10 to 20 miles per hour. The weather is expected to be clear and cold, with a high of 60 and a low of 30.

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CAUSTIC REPLY TO WEEKS

Assistant Chief of Army Air Service Replies to a Request From Secretary Weeks for an Explanation of Recent Statements by Saying That the Present Management of the Air Service Is Detrimental to the Country's Good and May Seriously Compromise Our National Defense Should Emergency Arise.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, informed Secretary Weeks today that he believed "the present war department organization and its administration quite incapable of creating, handling or administering air power in an efficient manner." In the letter replying to a request from the war secretary for all facts upon which the assistant army aircraft chief bases recent statements: "seriously reflecting" on the army's air arm, General Mitchell said he was convinced the system of aircraft management in operation in the United States "is detrimental to the country's good and will seriously compromise our national defense should an emergency arise."

The general's letter was placed before the house aircraft committee which had met to hear both General Mitchell and Brigadier General Drum of the army general staff. "The general view of the war department," General Mitchell wrote, "is to limit the ability of aviation in a military sense and in spite of the billions of dollars army aviation has cost the country, the

craft are of limited power against battleships.

"The resistance of the war department to the creation of an independent aeronautical personnel is insistent and constant."

"I have fully criticized the system now in operation which I am convinced is detrimental to the country's good and which will seriously compromise our national defense should an emergency arise."

General Mitchell said since the war \$433,000,000 "has been put into aviation" but that he did not believe that "the appropriations are economically administered on account of the duplication of land bases between the army and navy." He declared that Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service had, like himself, endorsed a "united air force" although such a move is opposed by Secretary Weeks as well as Secretary Wilson.

From the report of a joint army and navy department study of 1921, of which General Patrick was senior member, which was the subject of Secretary Weeks' and Secretary Wilson's report as follows:

Lewis E. Yearout

Colt Model I908, .380 , Cal..380 , Serial no. 8428
Factory Engraved and "Otto Woge" engraved on grip.

As per affidavit this gun belonged to District Judge
~~Jere B. Leslie, Judge of Cascade County, Montana in~~
Great Falls, Montana, was the son of Terr. Mont. Gov.
~~Preston B. Leslie. A picture of the Judge still hangs~~
in his old court room in the Cascade County Building.
located in Great Falls. A partial Box of .380 cart.
marked "Western Cartridge Co." also came with the gun.

Lewis E. Yearout

GOVERNOR PRESTON H. LESLIE

About the middle of the session, February 7, 1887, Governor Hauser resigned, being succeeded the following day by Preston H. Leslie, also a Kentuckian. He had already served as governor of Kentucky, first by death and resignation of intervening state officials, and then by election, the popular verdict spelling the defeat of the distinguished jurist, John M. Harlan. Afterward, he served as a circuit judge in Kentucky and in 1887, on the recommendation of his old political opponent, Justice Harlan, President Cleveland appointed him governor of Montana. Governor Leslie was accompanied to Montana by his family, and at the end of his term as governor resumed the practice of law at Helena. Later, he was United States district attorney four years, and died at the state capital on February 7, 1907. One of his sons, Hon. Jere B. Leslie, at one time served as judge of the District Court, residing at Great Falls.

Although there was an extraordinary session of the Fifteenth Legislative Assembly, extending from August 29th to September 14, 1887, no laws of moment appear to have been enacted except the creation of the County of Cascade from Meagher, Chouteau, Fergus and Lewis and Clark.

CREATION OF A CODE COMMISSION

The last territorial legislative Assembly (the sixteenth), covered the period from January 14th to March 14, 1889—sixty days—and its great