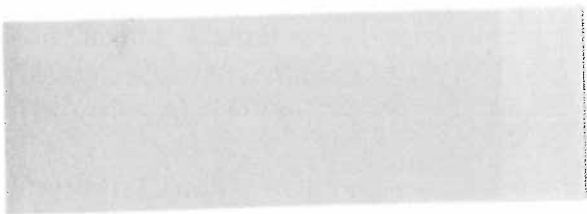




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The revolver about which you inquired in your letter of recent date is a Model 1, Second Issue. This model was introduced in the spring of 1860 and manufactured until 1868 with a total production of 115,000. The Model 1, Second Issue, is serial numbered between 11000 and 126000 of the Model 1 series. This model was designed to fire the old black powder .22 caliber short ammunition and it is not recommended that you fire any of the modern ammunition.

The Model 1, Second Issue, was manufactured with a 3 3/16" barrel and was available in either full plate or with a plated frame and blued barrel and cylinder. This model was a very popular revolver with soldiers during the Civil War and with individuals traveling west.

We have researched your Smith & Wesson Model 1 Second Issue, caliber .22 Rim Fire Short, revolver in company records which indicate that your handgun, with serial number 25870 was probably shipped from our factory on October 6, 1862 and delivered to J. W. Storrs Co., New York City, NY, Smith & Wesson's sole agent from 1857 to 1869. The record indicates that this revolver was shipped with a 3 3/16 inch barrel, blue & plated finish, and smooth rosewood grips. This shipment was for 50 units the engraving and ivory grips were probably handled by Mr. Storrs Company as this was the standard practice at this handgun was sold to fill a special order.

We trust that the information furnished will be helpful and of interest to you.

Sincerely,  
SMITH & WESSON

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roy G. Jinks".

Roy G. Jinks  
Historian

