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The manufacturer's data for Model 1894, serial number 141852, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in the museum, are as follows.

Rifle
Takedown
30 caliber
Barrel Shape: 1/2 Octagon
Plain trigger
Checkered plain wood stock with pistol grip
1/2 magazine
Shotgun butt with rubber butt plate
Received in warehouse on May 27, 1902
Shipped from warehouse on May 28, 1902, order number 141652
Return & Repair September 19, 1902 #155571

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,

Waddy Colvert
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Special Order 1894 Winchester Rifle Serial # 141852

As listed in the factory letter accompanied by this rifle , you can see that this rifle left the factory with (7) "Special Order" options *including the very rare " Rubber" shotgun style buttplate*. According to George Madis, very few guns were ordered with a shotgun butt, even fewer, with the hard rubber style.

Another interesting fact with this gun is that it has some options that were not mentioned in the letter which too, is not unusual according to Madis, do to the hand written nature of which the Winchester records were kept. One key to these options that may confirm that they were Winchester installed may be to the added line on the letter which reads; "Return & Repair" September 19, 1902. Madis states that when these repairs were noted, it meant the gun went back to the factory to have repair work done or alterations made to the gun. This *may* explain the "Special Order" sights that are found on the gun. The rear sight is a *Marbles "Flexible Sight"* and the front is an extremely rare and seldom seen, *Marbles "Duplex Sight"* that incorporates a fine bead on the fixed blade and a course bead on the hinged part. The Lyman receiver sight was then added later down the road. No doubt that this gun belonged to a very serious shooter.

All in all, this gun is now fitted with (10) options which makes it an "extremely rare" and sought after gun!

SPECIAL FEATURE	NUMBER MADE
Special shorter magazine	2671
Carbines with barrels shorter than standard	3985
Rifles with barrels shorter than standard	978
Rifles with barrels longer than standard	761
Rifles with part-round barrels	3633
Rifles with barrels heavier than standard	17
Engraved or inscribed	918
Plating, full or partial coverage	1639
Special buttplates	2179
Checking of stocks	1879
Special wood	2499
Pistol grip	2983
Set triggers	3277
Special sights	5791
Takedown rifles	2758