

Colt, by means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

Serial Number:

59088

Caliber:

.45/c

Barrel Length:

Not Listed

Blue

Finish:

Type of Stocks:

Not Listed

Shipped To:

Hartley and Graham New York, New York

Address:

October 11, 1880

Date of Shipment:

Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:

100

Remarks: As noted above, the records do not provide information with regard to the barrel length of subject revolver or the type of stocks. However, this is usually an indication of a 7 1/2" barrel length and walnut stocks as these were considered standard issue for that time period.

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

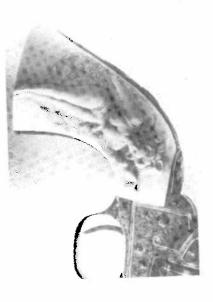
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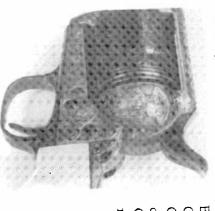
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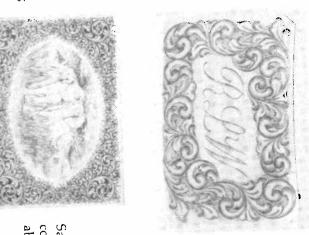




Can-can girl carved in relief on a custom pair of ivory grips. Courtesy of Mr. Philip R. Phillips.



Bust of General chiselled on a Custer relief George Armstrong revolver. Colt Single Action



Sample plates cut to illustrate a few of the comprehensive styles of engraving available from the White corporation.



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Custom Engravers in Steel, Gold, Silver and Platinum Carvers in Pearl, Ivory, and Rare Woods



114A (detail)

Custom Engraved and Gold Banded Colt Single Action Army Revolver

Serial no. 126466, .45 caliber. 7¹² inch barrel marked *Colt's Pt.F.A.Mjg. Co. Hartford, Ct. U.S.A. Depot 14 Pall Mall London* extensively scroll engraved and with double gold bands at breech end. Fitted with custom target blade sight. Top strap fitted with target rear sight. Frame, cylinder, hammer, trigger guard and back strap finely engraved with scrollwork and geometric motifs. Checkered trigger. Blued and casehardened finish. Hard rubber Colt eagle grips.

Condition: Near mint as refinished. Engraving and inlay non-factory.

Estimate 4,000/6,000

114A

A. A. White Engraved and Gold Banded Colt Single Action Army Revolver

Serial no. 345974, .45 caliber. 712 inch scroll engraved barrel with double gold bands at muzzle and breech and engraved behind sight with crossed sabers and numeral 7, for Seventh Cavalry. Blued and casehardened finish. Cylinder with double gold bands at rear. Frame with relief portrait of George Armstrong Custer on recoil shield. Gripstrap engraved John S duMont below low relief portrait of Sitting Bull. Mother-of-pearl grips.

Condition: Near mint as refinished.

Note: Made for collector John S. DuMont by A. A. White, circa 1960's. Pictured on Page 225 of The Book of Colt Firearms by R. L. Wilson and R. Q. Sutherland.

Estimate 8,000/12,000



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Custom Engraved Gold Inlaid Colt Single Action Army Revolver

Serial no. 5988, .45 caliber. 71/2 inch barrel marked Colt's Pt. F.A. Mfg. Co. Hartford Ct. U.S.A. Scroll engraved overall and gold inlaid by Alvin A. White. Special double gold bands on barrel and cylinder. American Indian head portrait in gold high relief on left recoil shield and on top of backstrap a bust in gold of Wild Bill Hickcock. High relief carved one piece ivory grip with dance hall girl motif on right side. Backstrap inscribed C.M. Williams. Signed by A.A. White under trigger guard strap.

Condition: Mint as customized.

Note: Number 59088 was custom engraved and inlaid by Mr. White in the mid 1950s. Only one other ivory grip with dance hall girl motif was carved by Mr. White.

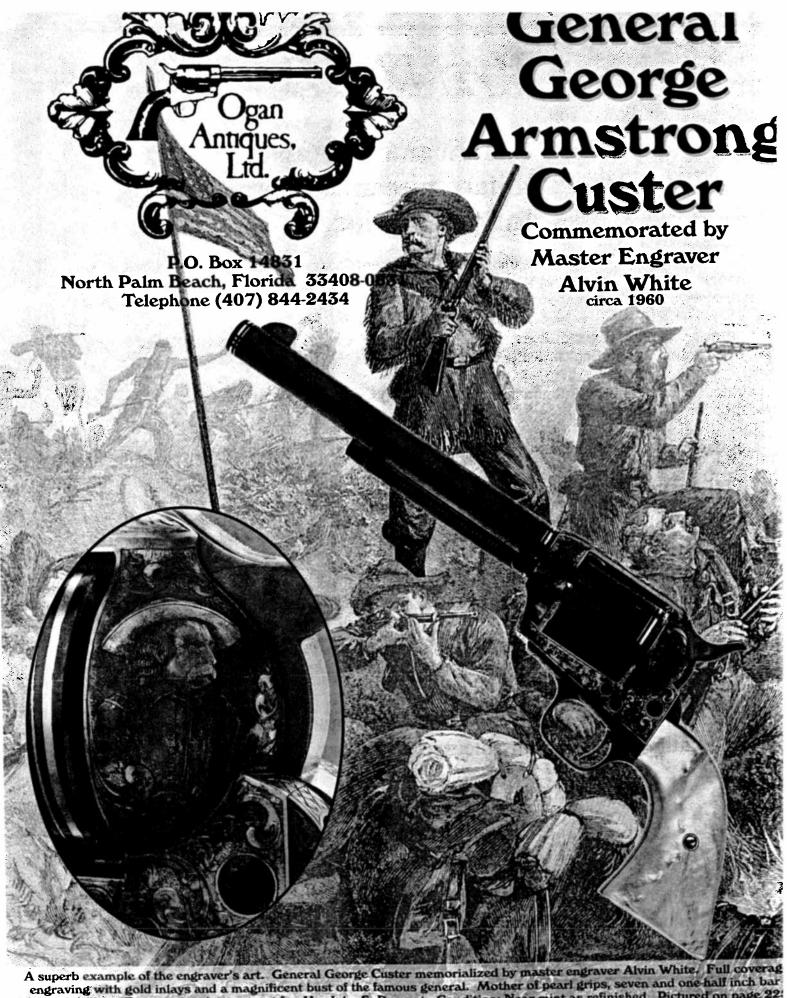
Estimate 8,000/10,000

Factory Engraved and Gold Inlaid Colt Single Action Army Revolver

Serial no. SA13404, .45 caliber. Profuse scroll engraved coverage. 71/2 inch barrel with gold band at muzzle. Cylinder with gold band at rear and framing flutes. Blue and casehardened finish. Ivory grips with Colt Custom Shop medallions.

Condition: Mint.

Estimate 7,000/10,000



engraving with gold inlays and a magnificent bust of the famous general. Mother of pearl grips, seven and one half inch bar rel, 45 caliber. Engraved under contract for Mr. John S. Dumont. Condition: Near mint as refinished. Pictured on page 22: of The Book of Colt Firearms, by R.L. Wilson and R.Q. Sutherland.

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