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Thank you for writing and for your interest concerning your Ansley H. Fox single barrel shotgun.

This past week, I was able to search for and locate the record card for your single barrel trap gun that bears S/N 400106. The card shows that this shotgun was originally manufactured as follows:

Grade- J Grade

Gauge- 12 gauge

Barrel- 30",

Stock- 14-1/2"length of pull, 1-1/8" drop at comb

2-1/4" drop at heel, full pistol grip

Weight- not specified

This Fox trap gun was completed at the Philadelphia, Pa. Factory of the A.H. Fox Gun Co. and shipped on June 18, 1920. The original consignee is recorded as the E.K. Tryon Co. of Philadelphia, PA.

All of these single barrel shotguns were built in 12 gauge and were available with 30 or 32 inch barrel. They were first offered in the 1919 catalog in four different grades. They were specified as the "J", "K", "L" and "M" grades. The engraving applied to these unique shotguns was particularly more elaborate than that found on the doubles. Stocks could be specified in straight, half or full pistol grip with straight or Monte Carlo comb. The fore-arms were heavy and hand filling. Special dimensions and features were of course available on request and at extra cost. In 1920 the price was \$155.50.

I hope this information enables you to further enjoy this fine

example of American gunmaking.

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