

Jim's **FIREARMS**

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Your recent acquisition of the Merwin-Hulbert, 1st model large frame single action revolver is indeed a very rare find.

History shows this gun to be one of a matched pair presented to General Porfirio Diaz at the military weapon trials in 1878.

When later as President he was deposed and exiled to France, the pistols were confiscated. The right hand pistol has never surfaced, making the left hand pistol very rare.

Flayderman's Guide to American antique firearms list engraved models with no history or provenance in the \$30k-\$35k range.

Your pistol Sn. 5285 is 100% engraved w/Mexican Eagle & Snake, 100% condition with Ivory grips. Truly one of the rarest of all Merwin-Hulbert pistols. I would have to place the value (with history and provenance) at \$47500.00 to \$ 50,000.00. Auction prices would be higher.

Best regards,



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