

Price 65

Rifle
Shotgun

Overall Condition 32 W.C.F

(Manufactured By) Winchester

(Model) 1885 Highball

(Type) Deluxe

(Gauge) 32
half round
half adams

(Single or Repeater) Single

(Magazine) 28"

(Barrel Length) 28"

(Type Barrel #) 2

(Core Condition) Shipped as described

(Stock Length) 1887

(Overall Length) 41 1/2

(Weight) 9 1/2

(Date of Manufacture) April 14 1887

(Type Front Sight) (Type Rear Sight) 1896

(Type Butt Plate) Correct with cream colored wood

Finish Black and pistol grip

Remarks 3X grade marked "3-13" on upper tang and "30 XXX on lower tang inside

"30" on top (inside) of B.H.H. "With Triplock-B.H.H. & red in butt, with set trigger.

(Acquired From) Ralph Coope

(Date) Nov 29/1912

(Price) \$50.00

(Sold To) Self H/ers, Martine

(Date)

(Price)

9178

Deluxe

32 W.C.F

A-"SPECIAL SPORTING RIFLE".

Winchester Model I885, Serial no. 9I78. Cal..32 W.C.F. Which fits the first such description of a "SPECIAL SPORTING RIFLE" which is first announced and pictured in Catalog January I887. at a price of \$ 27.00. (with a few extra items: Set trigger at an extra \$ 2.00

Half rd Hafoct barrel -no extra charge
Jointed rod in butt stock - .50

The catalog description of a "Special Sporting rifle" being as follows:
Octagon barrel, plain trigger, Fancy Walnut checked Pistol Grip Rifle or
Shotgun Butt stock.

The factory data is as follows: Model I885, Rifle, Cal..32 W.C.F., 28 in half octagon barrel.
No. 2, checked stock, pistol grip, Rod in butt. Rec. in warehouse
April 7, I887. Shipped April I4, I887, 9 lbs weight.
Shipped to order no. I6467.

by
The rifle ~~in~~ ^{XX} factory letter does not specify that it is a "SPECIAL SPORTING RIFLE" yet no such classification has been located ~~on any factory data~~ all were just noted as "rifles".

The actual gun is as described in the factory letter and the lower tang designated the wood as 3 X grade (but wood classification is seldom mentioned in any factory data). And pistol grip is the early graceful curvature of the wood to the balance of the stock. with an ebony "V" shaped insert imbedded in the wood (same as the ebony insert in the wood forearm (Win. rubber pistol grip caps came later in production). Casehardened frame panelled to round to The buttplate is the standard crescent steel with sliding brass door and rod in butt as will be found on any Model I873 in the calibers other than the .22 R.F. Solid frame long spring acti

With the stock removed: -the lower tang is stamped "3" "I3# "50 XXX" designation of the 3X grade wood and assembly number. Stock upper tang channel also stamped "50" and "50" appears on toe of (inside) buttplate.

With the forearm removed:- underneath of barrel stamped "W.C.F." (no specific caliber).

The .32 W.C.F. as a Winchester developed cartridge, for the Model I873 rifles and carbines was first loaded by Winchester in the year of I882 as a Black Powder item. Progressing to Smokless powders in I894, and Lesmoke in I9II.

The Winchester Single Shot Rifle would have been available for manufacture with the first announcement of the rifle in Catalog dated November I885. (But it was not specifically listed), as an available caliber, until announced and listed in the Catalog dated October I886. It would continue to be listed as available thru Catalog No. 8I dated I9I9. A continuous availability of over 34 years. (This caliber should also be noted as available in a takedown frame beginning with catalog No. 76, dated June I9I0 through catalog No. 80, dated I9I6. 50th anniversary. In a takedown version, it was also available with interchangeable barrels in the calibers of : .32 Ideal (I caliber only.

Factory records reflect a total of I2,897 guns were shipped in .32 WCF. Caliber through serial no. I09,999

(There are a number of rifles in existence that carry serial numbers higher than IIO,000 in the .32 WCF caliber that are factory original.

Front sight is a ~~XXXX~~ ^{XXXX} target hooded with interchangeable aperatures. Rear barrel sight is a
Globe

Win. sporting with finger grooves and a Mid-range tang sight.

CODY FIREARMS MUSEUM
Serial Number Research Request

104153
10721

Request Received: _____ Time: _____ Date: 8/20/98 By: Jan
Requestor: _____ Levin Year out
Address _____
Phone _____
Category _____
Paid: _____ How: _____
Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Information Requested: yellow / just mail

Winchester <u>85</u>	Marlin _____	L.C. Smith _____
<u>9178</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Response Time Requested: _____

Response Data:

Date: <u>4-7-87</u>	Butt: _____
Type: <u>Rifle</u>	Shipped: <u>4-19-87</u>
Caliber: <u>32 WCF</u>	Remarks: _____
Barrel: <u>12 RCF 28" #2</u>	<u>w/o # 11.467</u>
Trigger: <u>SET</u>	<u>Rod in Butt</u>
Stock: <u>checkered, pistol grip</u>	<u>9 lbs</u>
Sights: _____	_____
Magazine: _____	_____

Type of Request: _____ Telephone: _____ Walk-in: _____ Written: X
Other (Specify): _____

Answered by: Jan Date: 8/20/98 Res. Svc. Time: _____

This will confirm the information provided to you in your telephone call to the Historical Center. The foregoing information has been provided at your request as a courtesy furnished to our Cody Firearms or other special patrons interested in firearms. It is an abstract from the original Winchester/Marlin/L.C. Smith records housed in our Center. We make no representations concerning the accuracy of the records, the authenticity of the firearm, its value, or its present ownership. Our interpretation of the record we believe to be accurate but disclaim any responsibility for errors that may have occurred in our abstract of the record.

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WINCHESTER

December 5, 1972

Mr. Lewis E. Yearout
308 Riverview Drive East
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Dear Mr. Yearout:

Model 1885, serial number 9178 listed as a rifle, caliber 32 WCF, 28" 1/2 octagon barrel, set trigger, checked stock, pistol grip. Rod in ubtt. Shipped April 14, 1887, no other information listed.

Model 1885, serial number 2676 rifle, caliber 22 RF, round barrel #1, plain trigger. Shipped June 2, 1886, no other information. *Lowell - with ~~castel~~ block*

Model 1876, serial number 53479, rifle, caliber 40-60, octagon barrel, plain trigger. Shipped July 13, 1886, no other information. *George's*

Model 1886, serial number 3013, rifle, caliber 45-70, octagon barrel and plain trigger. Shipped December 7, 1887, no other information. *Sammy's*

Model 1895, serial number 46972, rifle, caliber 405. Shotgun butt, rubber buttplate. Shipped December 24, 1904, no other information. *Sammy's*

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Hall

T. E. Hall, Curator

TEH/s