

C E R T I F I C A T E:

To Whom it may Concern:

I the undersigned do certify that the following statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

On June 29, 1964, the undersigned purchased a Deluxe Winchester Model 1886 Rifle, Serial no. I3I473 in caliber of .45-70 from Elmer Keith, the noted gun writer and outdoorsman of Salmon, Idaho. This specific rifle was the "lightweight" version with takedown frame, but which had been converted by Mr Keith to a solid frame and full magazine. He had purchased the rifle several years earlier, primarily due to its being a Deluxe with checkered wood and pistol grip. If one is familiar with Elmer's writings- he had no use for a takedown framed rifle, as it was by structure inherently inaccurate".

Shortly after acquiring the rifle he forwarded it to his favorite gunsmith- Mr Iver Henriksen of I2II-South 2nd St., in Missoula, Montana. The gun today is exactly as Mr Keith ordered Iver to accomplish: Make the takedown frame into a solid frame and make it into a full length magazine tube. Mr Henriksen, now deceased was one of the better Custom Gunsmiths in the western mountain states, and any Gun Digest publication of that era carries his name under the "Custom Gunsmith" section.

After the above work was accomplished and the gun returned to Elmer's residence in Salmon, Idaho was struck by a fire. He did save his gun collection, but some items were damaged. The 1886 rifle was covered by the foam from the fire fighting equipment used to control the fire. Later when the barrel and magazine tube were cleaned, the foam residue left a minor blemish in the bluing surfaces, which is still present to this day.

The rifle is sighted to hit center of a target at 150 yards with the government loading the 500 grain bullet, which was Elmer's choice. The undersigned, has never fired the gun, so it today would still be as Elmer originally sighted it in.

In a separate attached certificate, Elmer does describe his use of the gun when he was in the status as a Deputy Sheriff in Salmon.

Elmer is now gone, having passed away at his home in Salmon, Idaho on February 16, 1984. Born in Missouri, March 8, 1899, he spent most of his life in the game fields of Montana and Idaho. Known nation-wide for his expertise with the handgun, and development of the .44 Magnum handgun, he was equally adept with the rifle and shotgun. There is little need to expound on his numerous writings or his life. All is well covered in the nine books he wrote and published during that life time. The first two, "Big Game Rifles and Cartridges", and "Sixgun Cartridges and Loads" in 1936. "Keith's Rifles for Large Game" followed in 1944. "Shotguns by Keith" in 1950, "Sixguns by Keith" in 1955. "Safari" in 1968. "Keith- an Autobiography" in 1974. "Hell-I was There" in 1979.

As one of his publishers best described, "Men like Elmer Keith come down the pike maybe once in a hundred years.

The undersigned, was a life long friend of Elmer, and visited with him, as well as his family on every possible occasion. He did own at least one other 1886 Winchester. As he described, "It was one of the earlier models with a 28 inch octagon barrel and full magazine. Fanch wood and stamped on the barrel, "Browning Bros, Ogden, U.T."- but I let some Collector talk me out of it".

As of this date I pass ownership of Serial no. I3I473 to : Leyton Zane Yearout, Montana Outfitters, Bootlegger Trail Route, Box 77, Great Falls, Montana, 59401

Fred Schon  
I369 Hiway I72 South  
Durango, Colorado, 81301

STATE OF COLORADO :  
County of Montezuma :

On this 17 day of May in the year of 1991 before me Joyce Dils  
personally appeared Fred Schon known to me, as whose name  
is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same:

Joyce Dils

Fred Schon

# C E R T I F I C A T E

To Whom It May Concern:

I, the undersigned do certify that the following statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

On December 1, 1965, the undersigned purchased the Smith and Wesson Revolver Serial no. 4I538 maked on the barrel ".38 Special". This gun as noted in a separate letter was originally owned by Elmer Keith of Salmon, Idaho. As noted in that letter, Elmer had sold the gun to Mike Wilkins, a Game Warden for the State of Idaho. The undersigned purchased the gun from Mike Wilkins. The main reason of my purchasing this specific gun, was the guns importance. It had been originally presented as a gift to Elmer Keith from Major Douglas B. Wesson, when he was President of Smith and Wesson. The gun is specifically mentioned in Keiths book, "Sixguns by Keith". See pages 4I,III and I26. Page I26 reflects Keith holding this gun. Mike had, as attested by the attached certificate by Elmer Keith, purchased the gun from Keith after witness to its accuracy in the hands of Elmer. Mike had prior to my purchase carried the gun while on duty as a Game Warden, and in a Shoulder Holster readily available under the seat of his pick-up truck. Elmer had told me many times that this gun was " the most accurate handgun he had ever owned, and was always sorry that he had let Mike talk him out of ". He had even offered to buy it back several times, but to no avail. Elmers favorite load was with the KeithI73 grain bullet with I3.5 grains of 2400 powder. With the gun is also an extra set of wood grips, made expressly for Elmer's hands. This set was special made by the famous, and now deceased Walter F. Roper, an accomplished handgun expert and designer of special handgun stocks. From a personal standpoint, this gun is also the finest and most accurate revolver the undersigned has ever owned. Having made a fatal shot at I80 yards on a rockchuck, further attests to its fine performance. A further accomplishment on the Glen McFarland ranch at Salmon, Idaho, with three witnesses, reflected a six shot group at 300 yards which was covered with one hand. Probably the best shooting the undersigned ever accomplished with any revolver, and as Elmer stated, " Long range shots sometimes happen by accident- -yet the more practice- -the more accidents".

There is little need to expound on the life and accomplishments of Elmer Keith. His life and accomplishments are well documented in the nine books he authored and published. Born in Missouri, March 8, I899, he spent most of his life in the game fields of Montana and Idaho, and passed away of a stroke in Salmon, Idaho February I6, I984.

His first two books, "Big Game Rifles and Cartridges" appeared in I936. The price was \$ I.50 each. The second was entitled, "Sixgun Cartridges and Loads". "Keiths Rifles for Large Game" appeared in I944. "Shotguns by Keith" in I950. "Sixguns by Keith" followed in I955. "Safari" in I968. "Keith-an Autobiography" in I974, with " Hell-I was There" in I979. As one of his publishers best described, " Men like Elmer Keith come down the pike maybe once in a hundred years."

The undersigned, was a life long friend of Elmer Keith, and visited him and his family on every occasion possible.

As of this date, I pass ownership of Serial No. 4I538 to : Leyton Zane Yearout, of Montana  
Outfitters, Bootlegger Trail Route, Box 77, Great Falls, Montana, 5940I.

Fred Schon  
I369 Hiway I72 South  
Durango, Colorado, 8I30I

STATE OF COLORADO :  
County of Montezuma :

On this 17 day of May in the year of 1991 before me Joyce Dils  
personally appeared Fred Schon, known to me, as whose name is  
subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same:

J. Joyce Dils  
Notary Public for the State of Colorado  
My Commission expires 4-24-93

[Signature]  
Residing at:

# Guns&Ammo

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May 28th-72

Mr. Fred Schon,  
1425 3rd Ave.,  
Rockford, Ill. 61108

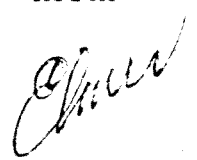
Dear Fred:

See McFarlands every so often and they are all well. He has quit he guideng business however. Had record run steelhead up river and they had 4500 in traps up Pahsimeroi but they also closed the season on us soon as Ice went out so we got no spring fishing. Maybe next year these damn fool fish biologists will wake up, They kill them all to get spaun instead stripping and turning hem loose so they would fattern up and we cpuld catch them in two months.

Saw Hoening some months back when had him take p little black im hinge pin on a 500 double. He ass doing well and has made a profile machine hat caneactly copy bet inletting on side lock rifles and shotguns.

Dont remember where I got that 45-70 fancy model 86 I sold you but was from Shotgun News I belive, never shot any game with it as used my other one on elk and deer and bear. Did hang it on the back of the neck of a damn murdered that texas wanted badly for bank robbery and murder when I was depu y sheriff here and the sheriff Jom Egge went forwaed and looked in the car. I told him to keep hands up in sight in rear winder or would scatter his brains on the windshield and he did just that or would have blow his head off. He had a c cked model 94 win 30-30 and hand full of sheels laying in seat by him and intended making a fingt of it. That was as close as I come to using that gun and then on two legged game Best wishes to you and the family.

Sincerely  
Keith





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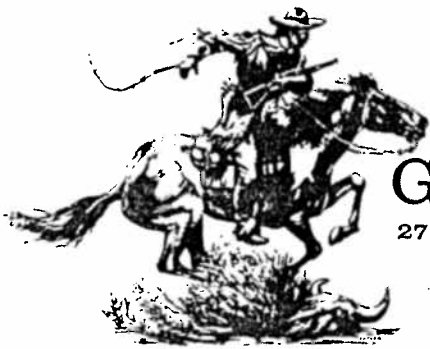


To Whom It May Concern .

June 29th\_1964.

I haVE THIS DAY SOLD TO Fred Schon one model 1886  
light weight nickel steel barrel full magazine 22" bbl 45-70  
carbine, serial number 131473. I have received one 45 auto on this  
deal.

Elmer Keith.



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April 18, 1972

Mr. Fred E. Schon II  
1425 3rd Avenue  
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Dear Mr. Schon:

The Winchester Model 1886 serial number records list number 131473 as a rifle, caliber 45-70, 22" round barrel. Plain trigger, takedown, 1/2 magazine. Extra light. Checked stock, pistol grip. Shotgun butt, rubber buttplate. Oil finish. Shipped September 13, 1904, no other information listed.

The Model 1894 records we have go to number 353,999. The remainder of these, to number 2½ million, have been disposed of.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "T. E. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

T. E. Hall, Curator

TEH/s

Dec 21st-1965

To Whom it may concern. Smith & Wesson outdoorsman revolver No41538 was given to me by ,aj. D.B.Wesson then heading the S & W plant in the thirties, after I helped him develop the first heavy 38 Special loads known as the 38-44 by Remington. I had previously put 1000 rounds of heavy Keith 173 grain bullet loads through a heavy duty S & W 5" that averaged 42,000 pounds pressure on the Remington Chronograph to see if the guns would stand it.

This is one of the most accurate sixguns I ever owned and I made many long range game kills with it. One in particular was a goshawk at 200 yards from the road at the Hoacum ranch

I killed the hawk resting both hands out of Jerry Ravedahl's car window and he promised to go get him if I hit and he found a fresh killed rooster pheasant that the hawk had killed and just eaten the head and neck. He brought both back and I had pheasant for dinner that eve. I made many hored owl and hawk kills as well as woodchuck and jack rabbit kills out to 200 yards using the Remington 38-44 ammunition. Later after an argument in a Saloon with Mike Wilkins the game warden that no one could hit anything at long range with a sixgun a bunch of us drove out past the graveyard and I proceeded to hit a rock some 18" square six times straight at 400 yards. This was too much for Mike and he had to have the gun so I sold it to him and it has been in his possession all these years until purchased from him by Fred Schon. D.W. King fitted the reflector front sight soon after Wesson gave me the gun.

Elmer Keith




C E R T I F I C A T E

As of this date: March 1 1996.

To: Ray Brazille of Tulsa Triumph, 27401 East I29th Street, South, Coweta, Oklahoma,  
74429-3315

I as the lawful and legal owner of the following:

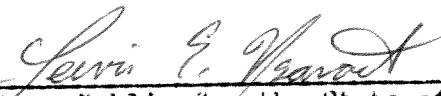
One each Smith And Wesson Revolver Serial number 41538 in .38 Special, a gun  
formerly owned by Elmer Keith of Salmon Idaho  
With certificate of ownership as signed by Elmer Keith on Guns and Ammo stationery  
(magazine) dated Dec. 21, 1965.  
with certificate of ownership as Notarized at Durango, Colorado passing title  
from Fred Schon to Leyton Z. Yearout, Montana Outfitters, Bootlegger Trail Route,  
Box 77, Great Falls, Montana, as of May 17, 1991  
With attached Certificate (hereon) passing that same title by Notarized  
signature of Leyton Z. Yearout to Ray Brazille as of the above date:

  
Leyton Zane Yearout  
Montana Outfitters  
Bootlegger Trail Route, Box 77  
Great Falls, Montana, 59401

Phone : 406-727-4560

STATE OF MONTANA:  
County of Cascade:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1996, before me the undersigned,  
a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared:  
Leyton Zane Yearout, known to me Personally to be the person whose name is  
hereon subscribed, and he executed the same: In Witness whereof, I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year first  
above written:

  
Notary Public for the State of Montana  
Residing at Great Falls, Montana  
My Commission expires May 1st, 1998.

5/1/91

Dear Leo,

Here is your book and  
the two letters on Elmer's guns.  
Let me know what you want to  
do with them.

The book was \$59.95 and  
is a first edition. Hard to  
find now. Hope you enjoy it.

Sincerely,  
Frank



4/10/91

Dear Lew,

Enclosed find copies of  
some of the letters and bill of  
sale I have on the two guns I  
shipped to you.

When you find a buyer I  
will also write a narrative or to  
history while in my possession.

Thanks for your help and  
assistance. Best to Teddy & family.

Sincerely,

Paul

4/24/90

To Whom it may concern:

On Dec. 1, 1965, I purchased a 38/44 S & W from Mike Wilkins Serial # 41538. This 38/44 was presented to Elmer Keith by Maj. Wesson for the work he did developing the 357 magnum cartridges and loads. Mike bought the S & W from Elmer after a shooting demonstration in which Elmer used it to show Mike some long range shooting at 400 yards. I bought it from Mike after he showed it to me one day while he was on duty as an Idaho game warden. Mike carried it under the seat of his truck in a shoulder holster.

Elmer told me many times that this was the most accurate handgun he ever owned. His load was 13.5 grain of 2400 and his 173 grain Keith bullet. The letter he wrote me that accompanied the gun explains some of his shooting with it. There is two sets of grips with the gun. One set of original S & W diamond grips with

4/24/91

To Whom it may concern:

On June 29, 1964, I purchased an 1886 lightweight Deluxe Winchester 45/70 from Elmer Keith, #131473. I have had this rifle in my possession since that time. The rifle is sighted for the 500 Gr. government load to hit center at 150 yards. The rifle has been in my collection and has not been fired since I purchased it. The full length tube was added by Elmer and the work was done by his gunsmith, Iver Henriksen of Minnoka, Mont. The light spot on the cooling tube is from from from the fire dept. when Elmer had a fire at his home. The from left a mark on the bluing but saved his entire collection.

Elmer and I were lifelong friends from 1956 to the day he died. He prized this rifle highly and tried to buy it back from me several times.

Sincerely,  
Fred Schme

grip adapter. Also, one set of Roper grip made by Roper for Elmer.

This is one of the finest handguns I have ever owned also. I made a shot with it on a rockchuck at 180 yds. I also fired a six shot group on Glen McFarland ranch at Salmon, Idaho, with three witnesses, that you could cover with your hand. The distance was 300 yds. It was a fixed group but as Elmer used to say "long range shots sometimes happen by accident. The more practice you do, the more accurate you have. This pistol appears in Elmer's book "Sixguns" on page 126.

Sincerely,

F. Selan