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April 17, 1979

Lewis E. Yearout
308 Riverview Drive East
Great Falls, Montana 59404

Dear Mr. Yearout;

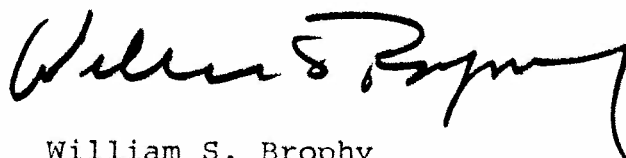
Thank you for your nice letter and my apologies for not answering sooner. Have been very busy and my hobby interests must take a back seat.

I have the Krag items you mentioned in your letter, and except for the canvas covered scabbard, have all the '03 types.

There are no records for the L. C. Smith manufactured three-barrel Baker guns; however I do know that the 5 Grade is very scarce. In fact, I have only seen one 5 Grade and that was after the book was done and at the publishers. Sorry I cannot be of help on this one.

Again, thanks and hopefully I can be of help next time.

Yours very truly,



William S. Brophy
Senior Technical Manager

WSB:mc



L.C.SMITH, 3 barrel Breech loading gun. Serial no. I497.
Side by side 30 in. barrels are IO Gauge with the rifled barrel underneath in .44 Center^l
(.44-40 ?) Stamped or engrav d on the sighting plane "L.C.SMITH-MAKER, -SYRACUSE, N.Y. -
DAMASCUS STEEL". "L.C.SMITH" engraved on both sides of locks. Pistol grip with cap.
According to the L.S.Sith book by Lt. Col William Brophy the gun is the top grade ever made
and known as the No. -5 with full engraving and cheked wood.
Cost new \$205.00 as the gun has a full pistol grip at \$ 5.00 extra.

Such guns pictured and described in Chapter One of Brophys L.C.Smith book.
All grades are described and priced. The only year that reflects the 2 and 3 barrel
guns being I88I with 2,225 two barrel and 279 three barrel guns manufactured.
An estimate for production of the years such guns were made being I880 to I884 with a
a possible total of 9,49I guns reflecting as 8,305 total double barrel guns and a total
of I, I86 being three barrel guns.

According to Mr Brophy he has knowledge of only one other grade 5 three barrel gun other
than this one serial no. I497. See Brophy letter enclosed.

The Gun Report of April I979 also is a reference.

When originally purchased in June I5, I979 Serial no. I497 was missing the rear tang
sight. As such a shorttime later purchased Serial no. 668 a standard grade one gun
from which I removed the original rear tang sight and put it on no. I497 as the sight
is a special sight not commonly located. Both guns being IO Gauge with 30 in. barrels.
668 having a semi-pistol grip plain stock.


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Serial no.668 being an earlier gun has a different barrel address:
"L.C.SMITH-MAKER, MAKER OF BAKER GUN, SYRACUSE, N.Y.-STUB TWIST".
LOCKS NOT MARKED.

new,
SOLLY TO HEAR YOU WON'T BE
HERE AGAIN THIS YEAR.

I TOLD WARREN NEWMAN THAT
LEYTON WOULD BE BRING IN 4000 COLTS
AND HE JUST ABOUT TOOK MY HEAD OFF.
HE STARTED IN A NASTY TONE TELLING ME
LEYTON WOULD HAVE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS
TO BRING THE GUNS IN, BECAUSE THERE
WERE 100'S BEING BROUGHT IN AND HE
DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO CATALOG
THEM AS THEY CAME IN. I TOLD HIM
"DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER" I JUST
PASSING THE INFORMATION ON.

I WILL TELL LEYTON TOMORROW WHAT
WARREN SAID AND HE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO TAKE THEM IN.

JUST ANOTHER STRIKE AGAINST THE
MUSEUM AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED.
THE MODEL 94 #16053 WAS LISTED AS

FOLLOWS:

INTO WAREHOUSE 9-10-1896

RIFLE-30WCF ROUND BARREL, PLAIN TRIGGER

CHECKERED STOCK PISTOL GRIP, TAKE DOWN.

NAME PLATE IN STOCK ENGRAVED:

D.L. GOE FROM MR. & MRS. FRANK M. STONE

YOU WILL GET A OFFICIAL YELLOW SHEET

PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.

WE COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING ON THE
H.C. SMITH #1497

I WILL TAKE MY CAMERA & CALIPERS TO
RECORD MEASUREMENT ON THE HOLLOW POINTERS.

MIKE GINN HAS A 50 CALIBER MOULD
WITH TWO HOLLOW POINTERS. THEY HAVE THE
WOODEN HANDLES.



OVER

THANKS FOR THE STAMPS, BUT PLEASE
DO NOT FEEL YOU HAVE TO BUY ME STAMPS. I
DON'T MIND SPENDING A LITTLE ON MY FRIENDS.

I LOOKED THROUGH THE SHOW THIS
AFTERNOON AND DID NOT SEE ANYTHING THAT
I WANT IN MY COLLECTION. DON'T GET ME WRONG,
THERE IS SOME NICE STUFF THERE, BUT NOT WHAT
I AM LOOKING FOR.

HOPE YOU GET TO FEELING BETTER.

AS EVER,
John

VALUE 3500.00

3 Berry Gun
Drilling
SHOTGUN 9 RHE

CATALOG NO. _____

N.R.A. CONDITION

(MANUFACTURED BY) L. C. Smith

(MODEL) 3 Berry Gun

(TYPE) 30"

(GAUGE) 10 Gauge 44 wcf.

(SINGLE OR REPEATER)

(MAGAZINE)

(BARREL LENGTH)

(TYPE BARREL)

(BORE & CONDITION)

(STOCK LENGTH)

(OVERALL LENGTH)

(WEIGHT)

(DATE OF MANUFACTURE)

(TYPE FRONT SIGHT)

(TYPE REAR SIGHT)

(TYPE BUTT PLATE)

(FINISH)

REMARKS #5 Engraving

(FORMER OWNERS)

(DATE) June 15, 1979

(PRICE) 1500.00

(DISPOSITION)

(DATE)

(PRICE)

(ADDRESS)

THIS ITEM WAS: DONATED, LOANED, PURCHASED
(CIRCLE APPROPRIATE)

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L. C. Smith 3 Berry

1497

#5 Engraving

106.44 wcf