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So nice to hear from you again and that you have another Sharps Rifle serial #157757. I've just located this gun in the original Sharps Rifle Co. records.

Your gun was invoiced from the Bridgeport works to one Geo. W. Yale July 29, 1876. It was listed as a Model 1874 Long Range #2 complete with wind-gauge and spirit level front sight and an Extra long Verneir sight on the stock. It was of .44 calibre and had a 34" barrel. There was no list price on the gun.

It was returned on Dec. 22, 1876 by one Frank Hyde at no credit.

I contend that this was a company gun probably used by these men as a shooter or demonstrator. Yale & Hyde were both shooters for the Sharps Rifle Co. and both were on the winning American Centennial Rifle Team. Yale was Supt. of the plant in the early 1870's and later traveled for Sharps in Europe, etc. Hyde was also a traveling agent for Sharps and was responsible for the sale of many rifles.

Trust the above factory data to be of value to you.

Accept thanks for the \$5 research fee.

Sincerely,

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