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5533

Price 250.⁰⁰Revolver ~~Pistol~~

Overall Condition _____

Colt
(Manufactured By)1873
(Model)"V.S."
(Type)45 Colt
(Caliber)_____
(Cylinder)_____
(Magazine)7½
(Barrel Length)_____
(Type Barrel)_____
(Bore Condition) (Smooth-Rifle)_____
(Stock Length)_____
(Overall Length)_____
(Weight)_____
(Date of Manufact.)_____
(Type Front Sight)_____
(Type Rear Sight)Finish Blue-Remarks "A" Inspector on barrel, & back of hammer & frame for AinsworthPaul Moss
(Bought From)June 3, 1970
(Date)210.⁰⁰
(Price)_____
(Sold To)Bowman Corners
Montana._____
(Date)_____
(Price)

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See Article Gun Report Sept. 1977 pgs 16 on Serial # 5128.
 Matching Mentsels - G.R. - Sept. 76.

#5921 - Gun Report Page 22, June 1998. "Dr. Holmes Ottley Polding - M.D."

(Cylinder)

(Cylinder)

(Cylinder)

(Bore Condition) (Standard)

(Type Head)

(Barrel Length)

(Date of Purchase)

(Height)

(Overall Length)

(Overall Length)

(Type Head Sight)

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(Price)

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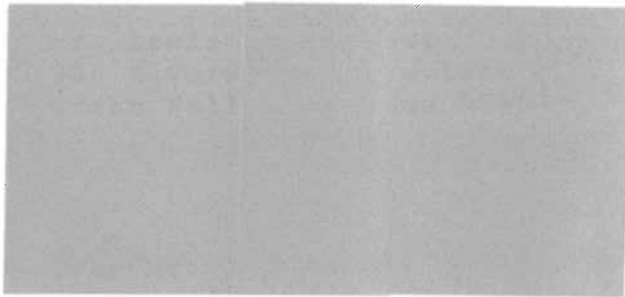
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July 1, 1970



Reference is made to your letter dated June 14th, requesting historical information on Colt 45 Single Action Army revolvers serial #5533 and 5549.

We have made a long and careful search of our records and we are sorry to inform you we were unsuccessful in locating the shipping record or any information pertaining to these arms. The records apparently were lost or destroyed years ago.

Since we are unable to provide historical information regarding your old Colt revolvers, we are making arrangements with our Accounts Payable Department to return the remittance sent with your letter.

We regret we are unable to be of assistance to you at this time.

Yours very truly,

R.H. Wagner

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A Study of the  Single Action Army Revolver (1976)

Author of:


 **COLT.** Revolvers and the U.S. Navy - 1865 to 1889 (1987)

 **COLT.** Single Action Army Revolvers and the London Agency (1990)

 **COLT.** Single Action Army Revolver Study Addendum

 **COLT.** Single Action Army Revolvers - U.S. Alterations (1999)

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Have had a little more time to go over your most welcome letter of the 17th inst. again and will expound on what has already been sent to you. First, it is hoped you were able to shoot a nice large elk. There is only a small herd of elk here in Pennsylvania and we are only allowed to look at them. Used to apply for a moose license in Maine but never got one. Have given it up as to get a 800 to 1200 pound animal out of the woods is a real tough job. Did shot one in Canada in 1968 and had to carry it out on our backs (had three others helping) - took two days.

Comments on your guns are:

- 4167 Cannot say with any certainty what the meaning of the S on the frame - it might indicate a movie rental company. This might explain the 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " barrel.
- 5533 and 5549 Both great guns no matter who originally used them. "Think" Kopec/Fenn claim them to be Custer guns. However, no one knows the serial numbers of the Custer guns - all are only guessing.
- 6154 and 7494 Even though no serial numbers are visible on the cylinders, the cylinders are probably original to these guns. From my experience, it seems the cylinder serial number was the first to go.
- 8793 The triggerguard serial number 8627 is included in the Factory records as being shipped commercially, shipped 7-8-1874 in a lot of 50 to S.H.&G.
- 9398 There is nothing I can say about this pistol, you should just feel great that you have it.
- 10705 This serial number is listed as being reshipped 7-1-1903 in a lot of 250 to Springfield Armory. Thus the date 1903 on the grip is correct. The frame for serial number 112911, number of backstrap for this gun, was reshipped 10-5-1901 in the 2nd lot of 50 to Springfield Armory. If you send the sub-inspector's initial(s) for the barrel and cylinder there may be more data that can be provided.
- 49470 There is nothing I can add to this one except you have another good one for your collection.
- 49870 Why this gun and the preceding one are/were not stamped U.S., I know not. I am inclined to agree with you but have no way to prove it. It just does not seem reasonable Colt's would fail to stamp U.S. on so many guns in this serial number range. Buybacks - the only recorded buybacks by Colt's are in the 92XXX- 96XXX serial number range. All others I believe were sold directly to dealers by the various states.

61259/61307 A wonderful history behind this gun. Wonder if the governor had 2 guns and someone cleaning them for him mixed up the parts. Have you advertised for or in any way tried to locate the frame #61307 to learn what was attached to it? Had nothing here on these serial numbers until your letter arrived.

81926 This gun was reshipped 6-16-1903 in a lot of 200. Thus the date on the grip is correct. The frame for the barrel number 47972 was reshipped 2-13-1903 in a lot of 150 to Springfield Armory.

112166 You are mighty lucky to have this one - none better that I know of.

120291 This one was reshipped 7-24-1901 in a lot of 50 to Springfield Armory. The frame for the triggerguard #96034 was reshipped 2-13-1903 in a lot of 150 to Springfield Armory.

137674 Another of your great guns. Keep trying, you may be able to obtain the original grip yet.

The only civilian serial numbers of interest anymore are those under serial number 200. Have so many above this number I just can't handle any more of them. Please do not reveal where you obtained the shipping information in this letter. Do hope you and all yours had a great Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerest regards,

Ken