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Dear ~~REDACTED~~

Your Sharps Rifle serial number 161703 has been located in the Original Sharps Rifle Company Records of the Old Reliable Bridgeport, Connecticut plant.

This gun was originally invoiced at no cost on June 7, 1877, to Frank Hyde of the Sharps Rifle Company. It is noted as a Model 1877 Long Range #1 Target Rifle. It is also noted in the Sharps records as an Overbaugh or "O" rifle for the designer Charles E. Overbaugh. The gun is noted also as having heel sights only. Along with the gun went bullets 45-550 and cartridges 45-100-550 along with a bridle leather case.

Mr. Hyde was a shooter of note for the Sharps Rifle Company as well as at Creedmoor and the international matches. He returned this gun on September 26, 1877, with one set of sights and case.

The gun was again invoiced to C.S. Davidson of Hartford, Connecticut on October 4, 1877, with the same designation and also noted as Hyde's gun. It was returned but the date is not noted.

Again, on February 13, 1878, this exact rifle was invoiced again to S.A. Hubbard of Hartford, Connecticut. It is noted as a Long-range Model 1877 extra at no charge. It is again noted as Hyde's

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This is a very interesting rifle and in at least three entries in the Sharps records it is referred to as Frank Hyde's personal Model 1877 gun and we can be sure that it was in his possession and obviously used by him between June 6, 1877 and September 26, 1877.

It is nice to hear from you and especially from this most interesting and important Model 1877 Target Sharps.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S.

Frank Hyde shot a score of 214 out of a possible 225 at 1,000 yards on the National Rifle Association, rifle range at Creedmoore Long Island, New York in August of 1877 the highest score to date, shot on that range in practice for the upcoming International Matches of 1877

On September 13th and 14th the International Matches for 1877 were shot at the Creedmoore Range. Frank Hyde shot a 209 and was Third the first day. On the second day he shot a 205 Placing Fifth, securing the match for the American Team with a two day score of 3334 out of a possible 3600.