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Dear Sirs:

The revolver about which you inquired in your letter of recent date is the .38 Hand Ejector, or .38 Military & Police Model 1899. This model was introduced in 1899 and designed to fire the .38 S&W Special cartridge. It has been in continued production since it was originally introduced. However, during the past years many design improvements have been made to this model to improve the revolver's function. The collector has classified all of the improvements which occurred before 1945.

Therefore, your revolver is classified as the .38 Hand Ejector, Military & Police First Model. This was the original design of our famous M&P Revolver, which was introduced in 1899 and produced until 1902, with a total production of 20,975 revolvers. These revolvers were produced between serial numbers 1 and 20975 of the .38 Hand Ejector series. The current production model of this series is known as the Model 10.

We have researched your Smith & Wesson .38 Military & Police First Model (Model 1899), caliber, .38 S&W Special cartridge, revolver in company records which indicate that your handgun, with serial number 11587 factory records list this revolver going to their distributor M. W. Robinson of New York City, NY from the Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, NY on October 28, 1901. The records indicate that this revolver was shipped with a 6.5 inch barrel, gold plated finish, engraved by Oscar Young, and pearl grips.

We hope that this information is interesting to you.

Sincerely,

SMITH & WESSON

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy G. Jinks".

Roy G. Jinks
Historian



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