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January 31, 2003

Re; Enclosed One Antique
Arms Item

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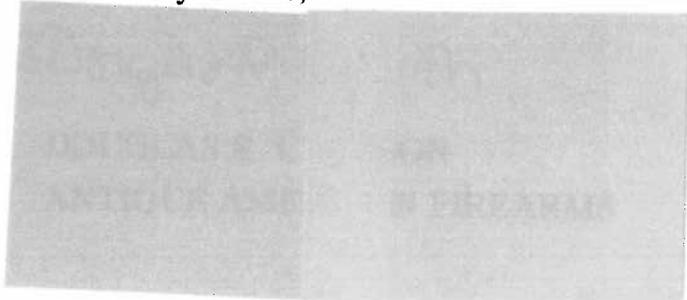
Dear Mr. Stewart;

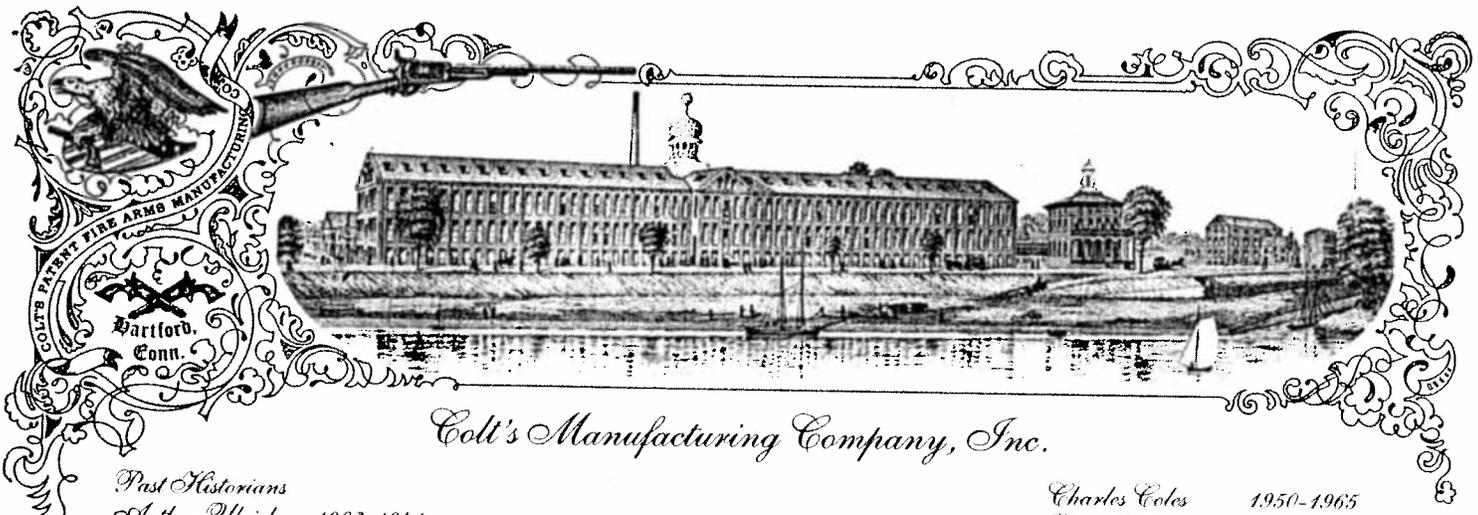
I am in receipt of your letter of January 23rd. and your check No. 2151 in the amount of \$1,795.00. Enclosed please find the item from your recent telephone order.

(B11,857) Colt Model 1877 Lightning Double Action Storekeeper Revolver, 38 Long
 Colt Black Powder Caliber, 4½" Long Barrel, Without Ejector, Nickel Plated Finish,
 Hard Rubber Grips, Serial Number 44760, With Colt Factory Letter As To Original
 1883 Shipment, As Per Catalog No. 108 Description, Copy Attached-----\$1,770.00
 Packing, Shipping & Insurance-----\$25.00
 PAID-----\$1,795.00

Thank you for your valued order. If you have any specific items you are looking for to add to your collection please let me know !

Sincerely Yours,

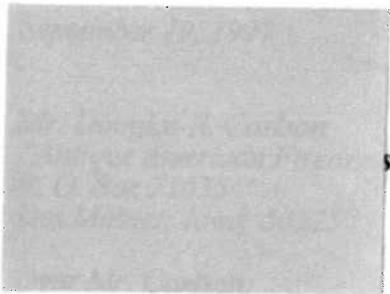




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Past Historians
Arthur Ulrich 1903-1941
Harold Hart 1942-1945

Charles Coles 1950-1965
Ron Wagner 1957-1972
Martin Huber 1972-1993



Colt, by the means of this letter, is proud to authenticate the manufacture of the Colt firearm with the following serial number:

COLT DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER MODEL OF 1877

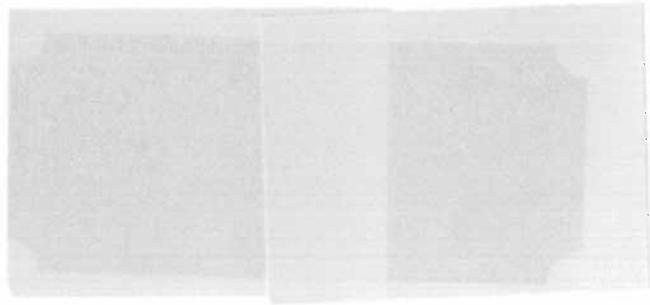
<i>Serial Number:</i>	44760
<i>Caliber:</i>	.38/c
<i>Barrel Length:</i>	4 1/2"
<i>Finish:</i>	Nickel
<i>Type of Stocks:</i>	Not Listed
<i>Shipped To:</i>	E. K. Tryon, Jr. & Company
<i>Address:</i>	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<i>Date of Shipment:</i>	July 3, 1883
<i>Number of Same Type</i>	
<i>Guns in Shipment:</i>	5

We trust you will find the historical information, retrieved from the original Colt shipping records, to be of interest.

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Hoyt
Historian

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29. (B11,857) EXCELLENT AND CRISP CONDITION COLT MODEL 1877 "LIGHTNING" DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER IN THE "STOREKEEPER" VARIATION MADE WITHOUT THE SIDE ROD EJECTOR, ALSO MADE IN A FAIRLY SCARCE BARREL LENGTH, 38 Long Colt Black Powder Caliber with a non standard 4½" Long barrel, Flayderman #5B-182, other than the longer 4½" barrel this is a standard 1877 Storekeeper made without the side rod ejector, the most common 1877 Storekeeper barrel length is the 3½" barrel followed by the 2½" barrel, the 4½" barrel Storekeeper is very seldom encountered, one of 166,849 of these First Model Colt Double Action Revolvers made from 1877 to 1909, mechanically and markings are very fine, crisp and tight gun, very fine ETCHED "COLT D. A. 38" side barrel panel markings, all markings are as per Flayderman's, very fine edges, sight and screws, overall retains about 85% fine original Nickel Plated Finish, mostly nice bright Nickel with just a little light age clouding, the missing finish is mostly gone off of the cylinder where it has turned a little darker with some light surface crud where the Nickel is gone, also a little gone at the end of the barrel and on the straps, otherwise fine clean metal, NO unusual roughness or bad spots, fine bright bore and chambers, retains about 75% bright blue on the back of the hammer, 45% blue on the trigger, 75% bright blue on the protected screw heads, nice dull blue on the long knurled headed cylinder pin, excellent condition Black Checkered Hard Rubber grips still retain some of their nice original Luster, No cracks or chips and a perfect original fit to the gun, serial number 44760, matching number 760 on the back of the cylinder, overall an excellent and untouched gun that has just lost some Nickel on the cylinder and at the end of the barrel from normal wear and use, not abuse, the Colt Factory Research Letter shows that this gun was shipped on July 03, 1883 to E. K. Tyron, Jr. & Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a 38 caliber with a 4½" barrel in nickel finish with the grips not listed in a shipment of 5 similar guns, this Model is very popular with today's Collectors as reasonably priced guns in excellent original condition are still available, this gun looks better and brighter when you hold it in your hand than it does in the picture----\$1,795.00

