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Mr Ron Wagner
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7-3-69
Talked to Alan
R. Wagner
They cannot find this #
but it was engraved +
number on each side
of the grips
I had good of a special
assumed that it is therefore
this gun is all
right.
P.O.C.

Dear Mr Wagner

Enclosed is a \$6.00 check on
Colt New Line 32 caliber Rim Fire
Ser # 9816. It appears to be

factory engraved, is gold plated
& has ivory grips.

Thanks for the other recent
answers. I've heard from all
my requests now except one that
was regarding, Colt New Line
Police (Cop + Thing model) in 32 caliber
& appears to be original factory, mahogany
or walnut casing. Ser # 17580. 6" BBL.
Cop + Thing grips.

Thanks for all your time + answers to
my questions. Yours + P.O.C.



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July 14, 1969

Dr. Robert G. Cox
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Dear Dr. Cox:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 30, 1969, requesting historical information on Colt New Line revolver, serial #9816.

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

Since we are unable to provide historical information regarding your old Colt revolver, 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

R. H. Wagner
Spare Parts Supervisor

RHW:bj

Mr. Robert G. Cox
804 South Sycamore
Palestine, Texas 75801

June 23, 1969

Dear Mr. Cox,

I noticed your advertisement in the July GUN REPORT concerning Colt New Line revolvers and thought I might write to you about two I have. The descriptions are as follows:

1. Colt New Line, cal. 32 rf, bbl. length 2 1/4", length oa. 6 1/2" factory engraved in the scroll and flower pattern most people call "Nimshke" these days. The piece is gold plated with ivory grips and blued screws. markings: top of bbl. Colt's pat. F.A. Mfg. Co.
Hartford Ct. U.S.A.

bottom of grip. 32 cal.

condition: frame, bbl., hammer, trigger, 99% gold; cyl. 90% gold or more, some little brown spots; screws, 99% bright blue; grips are like the rest of the gun and are a nice mellow color; bore, not that it matters, excellent.

This piece is completely factory original in all respects.

2. Colt New Line, cal. 41 rf, bbl. length 2 3/16", cyl length 1 1/8" fluted with stops on side, length oa. 6 1/16". I believe the short cyl. and short bbl. are considered odd. The front sight is german silver. This piece has a blued bbl., cyl, hammer and trigger. The frame is casehardened and the grips are varnished rosewood. The screws are also blued.

markings: top of bbl., Colt's Pat. F.A. Mfg. Co.
Hartford, Ct. U.S.A.
side of bbl. etched, Colt New .41
side of frame, 41 cal.

condition; blued parts have as a conservative estimate 98% very bright blue with some little brown spots which may be surface rust or hardened grease. This is why I say 98% instead of 100% blue. The frame has 95% bright casehardening with a little bit of fading at the grip. The grips have an easy 95% varnish. The bore is excellent with all the blue in the chambers of the cyl.

This piece is also completely factory original and I expect if it were on someone's list would be called mint.

Both these little Colts would be quite difficult to improve upon considering their condition and the fact that one is gold plated and engraved and the other is an uncommon variation. They are just very pretty little coffee table decorations. I've never been interested in little revolvers as I collect Sharps sporting rifles and flint lock Kentucky rifles. My prime requirement in collecting has always been condition. I bought these some time ago because they were too pretty not to buy.

Things around here are getting too crowded for a fellow who does not collect handguns so I've decided to sell the New Lines and put my little engraved silver

outline -
9816
Ser # 9316
9816
Foch's next des?

Ser # 3466

plated Volcanic on the coffee table instead. My taste in handguns is going more toward earlier things.

My price on the pair of New Lines is \$385.00. I think this is quite fair. Sometime in the future you might run into something I would like and I certainly would want you to be fair with me.

I have two other pieces I'd like to sell and would appreciate it very much if you would mention them to anyone you know who might like them. They are as follows:

1. Colt Single Action Army, cal. 45, 7 1/2" bbl. U.S. marked, inspectors marks on cyl, bbl., frame, and grips "DFC". Grips have inspectors marks on both sides; right side is "DFC", left side is "DAL - 1880". All numbers match, 50,000 range. The piece is completely original as issued. The bbl., cyl., and ejector tube have 95% blue beginning to turn brownish but it is still very definitely blue and not patina. The frame has all its casehardening which is beginning to fade but is still clear and has color. The trigger guard and strap have 60% blue, faded only by the grip. The grips are excellent with very sharp inspectors marks. The bore is very good to excellent; it is excellent unless one is a competition target shooter, to them it would be only very good.

This Colt also has its holster with it. It is an odd holster, but it is Govt. issue. It is a flap holster, black leather, but it has loops for 11 cartridges on the top edge covered by the flap. The belt loop is very wide and its bottom edge is secured to the rest of the holster by a little belt that goes around the holster four inches from the bottom. It is also different from the standard holster in that when worn on the right side the butt of the Colt faces to the rear instead of being butt forward as on most government holsters.

This Colt would be considered far above average. It is not a Govt. refinished piece, as are most of the ones about and it is completely original in every way. The price for this piece is \$525.00

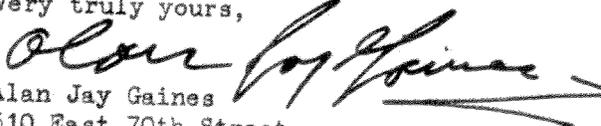
2. Smith & Wesson No. 2 Army revolver. This is the 6" bbl. . 32 rf that was very popular in the War Between the States. This piece has at least 95% bright blue with varnished rosewood grips. It is the early two pin frame model, whatever that means.

This is a presentation piece. The left side of the frame behind the cyl. is covered with the following inscription: "2nd. Lt. Wm. J. Sherman, Presented by the Scranton Guard". Lt. Sherman was in Co. D 14th Regt., Connecticut Vol. infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Antietam, Aug. 20, 1862.

The price for this one is \$250.00 It is a nice gun, and comes with its holster and a letter from the Conn State Library.

Please let me know if any of the pieces described are of interest. I do not wish to sell the New Lines individually. I bought them as a pair and will sell them the same way.

Very truly yours,


Alan Jay Gaines
310 East 70th Street
New York City, N.Y. 10021

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Mr Alan TAY Gains
310 East 70th St.
N. Y. N.Y., 10021

Dear Mr Gains,

As per our correspondence today,
please ship the 2 new fins.

I will get a letter off to
the Cost Factor, regarding the
32 cal engraved model.

Enclosed is check for \$385⁰⁰. My
calculations are that I'm paying about
250⁰⁰ for the engraved 32 & 135 for
the 41 caliber.

Should they not be as I think
or if the 32 is not factory engraved
or the equivalent I will ship back for
refund & also pay your shipping cost.

Yours truly,

R. H. Kay

(279)
COLT NEW LINE 32 REVOLVER Ser# 8054

CAL: 32 LONG R.F.
BBL: 2 1/4" RD - TOP 2 LINE ADDRESS WITH +
- LEFT ETCHED COLT NEW 32
- BIT SER # NEAR MUZZLE END. FULL LENGTH
SILKES! SLADE FRONT GROOVE IN FRAME REAR FOR CYL PIN
GRIPS: IVORY-AGED COLOR + NEAR MINT. NO CHIPS
COND: NICKEL PLATED 80% OF BBL, 65% ON CYL,
80-90% ON FRAME. 1ST MODEL WITH OUTSIDE
LOADING NOTCHES. BORE V.G., CYL GOOD.
#1 MATCH. HAND MISSING

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 from Mike Clark, Houston 1984-150.00
 Part of 500.00 purchase 1980-90.00
 this year — 60.00 — with 35.00
 + ~~100.00~~ case for 2 months
 — 240.00

Average 32 1st wheel new tire
 was very nice heavy grips.