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The original manufacturer's data for the Winchester Model 21 shotgun, serial number 3837, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in this museum, are as follows:

First Final Inspection Form:

Tournament skeet Grade

Symbol: G2136B

12 gauge

Barrel Length: 26 inches

Straight grip stock

Pitch - 1 in., Pull - 14 in., Drop at heel - 1-15/16 in., Drop at comb - 1-7/16 in.

Weight: 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Comb width: Tournament

Grade of wood: Tournament

Made For: Stock

Order number: G55A, Item 2

Inspection started: August 22, 1934

Inspection finished: August 31, 1934

Repair #18564

January 21, 1949 (*hardly legible*)

Second Final Inspection Form:

Skeet Grade

Symbol: G2122B

20 Gauge

Barrel Length: 28 inches

Right Barrel - WS1, Left Barrel - WS2

Single trigger

Selective ejector

Non-automatic safety

Pistol grip stock

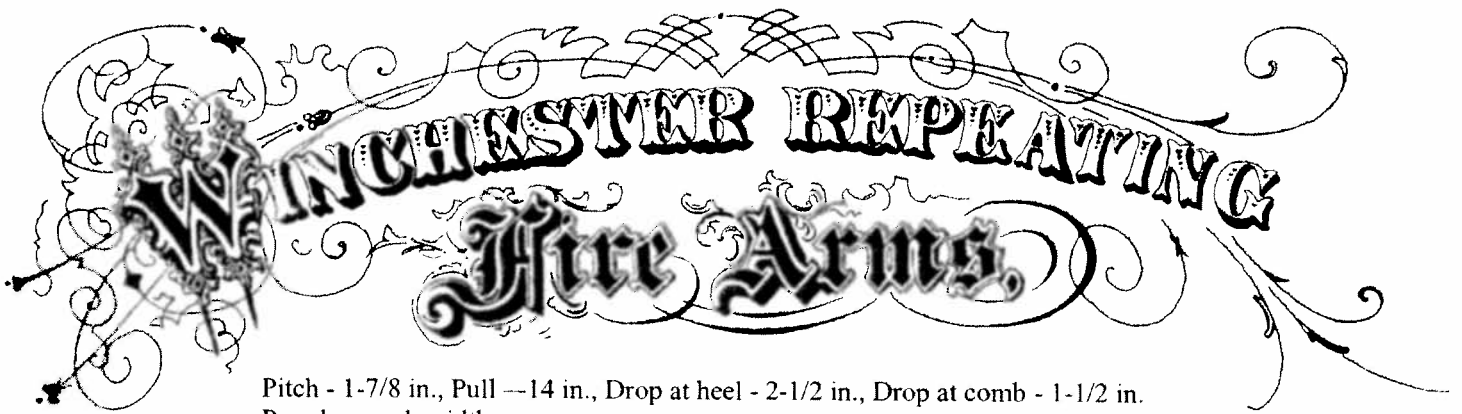
Beavertail forend

Skeet finish

Checkered butt

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Pitch - 1-7/8 in., Pull --14 in., Drop at heel - 2-1/2 in., Drop at comb - 1-1/2 in.

Regular comb width

Order Number: Stock

Made For: Stock

Inspection started: June 25, 1948

Inspection finished: July 8, 1948

January 21, 1949 (*hardly legible*)

No Order Sheet available for this serial number.

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. A. Bennett', written in a cursive style.

Jessica A. Bennett
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Factory Letter Information

1. The information provided in this factory letter is from the original company ledgers archived at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.
2. The Cody Firearms Museum of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center makes no representations concerning the authenticity of the firearm, its value, or the history of ownership.
3. If the content of this letter does not match the current configuration of your firearm, please contact the Cody Firearms Museum Records Office. Acknowledging that many firearms have been modified over the years, we will be happy to double-check the entry.
4. In accordance with our policies and federal law, we are not allowed to provide appraisal services. Basic information on firearm values can be found in books listed in the Firearms Bibliography available on the Cody Firearms Museum Webpage.
5. Letters listed as part of the serial number on Winchester Model 1873 and Model 1895 firearms (ex.: 56789B) identify variations in the production series of these models. These letters have no bearing on serial number records and are not represented on your letter.
6. While the record may list an order number, it is very rare that we have information on a shipping destination. If this information is not listed, it is not available to us.
7. If the caliber/gauge, barrel length, etc. is not listed on your letter, this information is not listed in the record. This signifies that this component should be standard to the model for the period. For example, a blank caliber entry for a Model 1866 would be .44 Rimfire, whereas a blank caliber entry for a Model 1873 would be .44 WCF. More information on these components can be found by referring to Madis, Flayderman, or various books by North Cape Publications.
8. Beginning May 2006, we began using a printed watermark on our Winchester Repeating Arms Company stationary. This change took effect regarding The Marlin Firearms Company stationary in June 2006. This mark will generally show up as a light-colored smudge. However, it may also have a half-tone or darker appearance. The use of this mark is an attempt on our part to prevent fraudulent use of our stationary and to protect our Members and Customers.