

Colt's Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Past Historians
Arthur Ulrich 1903-1944
Harold Hart 1942-1945

Charles Eccles 1950-1965
Ren Wagner 1957-1972
Martin Huber 1972-1983

November 10, 1999

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

COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER

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| <i>Serial Number:</i> | <i>333587</i> |
| <i>Caliber:</i> | <i>.45/c</i> |
| <i>Barrel Length:</i> | <i>4 3/4"</i> |
| <i>Finish:</i> | <i>Nickel</i> |
| <i>Type of Stocks:</i> | <i>Pearl</i> |
| <i>Factory Engraved:</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Shipped To:</i> | <i>Stauffer Eshleman & Company</i> |
| <i>Address:</i> | <i>New Orleans, Louisiana</i> |
| | <i>c/o: A.J. Anderson Company</i> |
| | <i>Fort Worth, Texas</i> |
| <i>Date of Shipment:</i> | <i>August 17, 1916</i> |
| <i>Number of Same Type</i> | |
| <i>Guns in Shipment:</i> | <i>2</i> |

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

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Hoyt
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 Historian



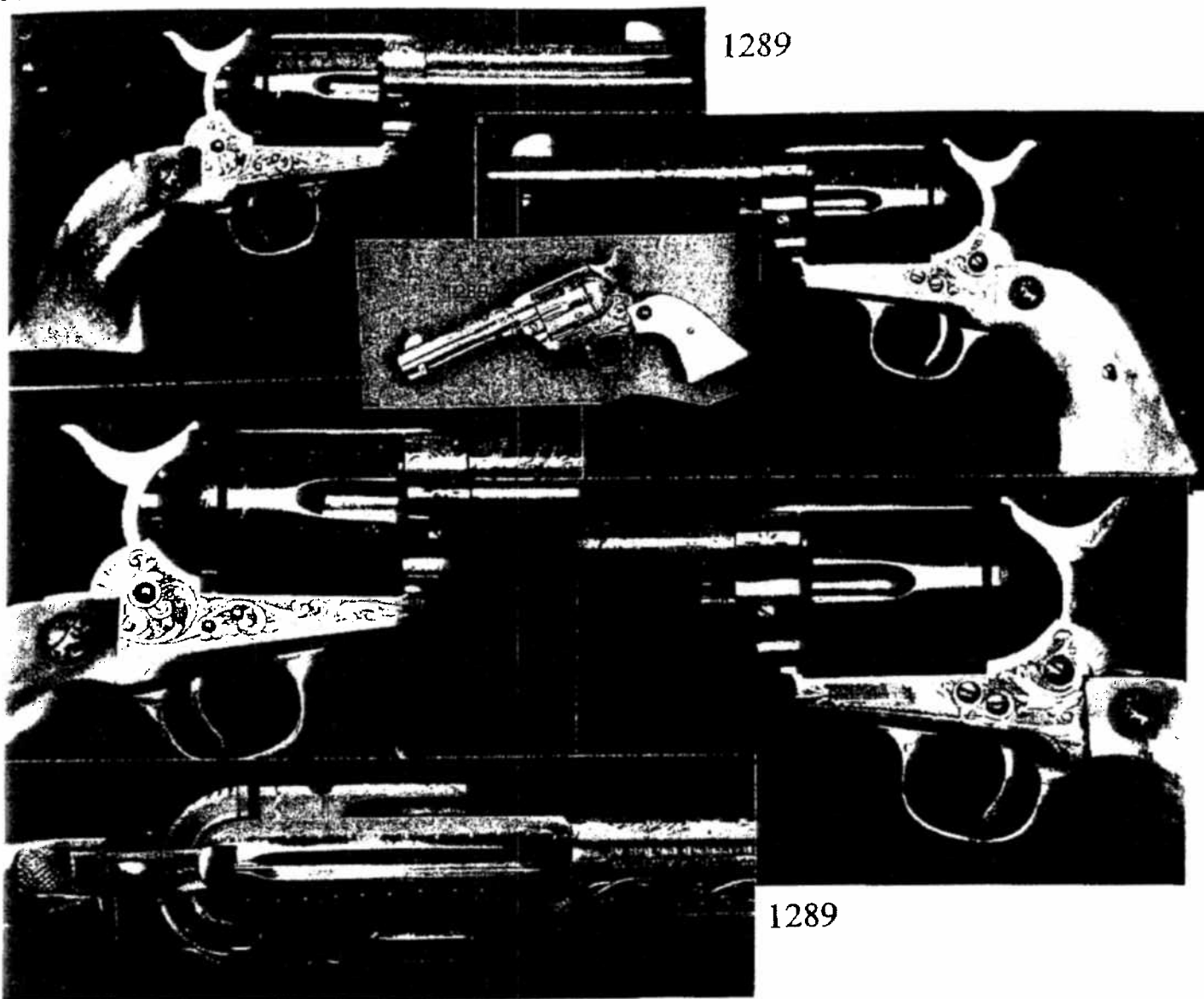
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HERE IS THE COLT LETTER AND THE PAGE OF THE AUCTION
THE 2ND GOW IN THE SHIPMENT WAS IN COLT SERIAL
333587 HAS NEVER BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE PUBLICLY
OR PRIVATELY UNTIL I PURCHASED FROM THE FAMILY
WHOM HAS OWNED IT SINCE IT WAS NEW, A MR.
ATKINSON WHOM I WAS TOLD WORKED FOR THE RAILROAD
IN WACO TX, HE LEFT IT TO HIS DAUGHTER WHOM WAS MARRIED
TO A MR. THOMAS R. McCLELLAN WHO FAMILY WERE PIONEERS
OF GATESVILLE TX, MR THOMAS R. McCLELLAN WAS ALSO A TWO
STAR REAR ADMIRAL AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS. HIS FATHER WAS
MR WILLIAM CLAY McCLELLAN OF CORYELL COUNTY TX WHO'S FATHER WAS
A JAMES RUFUS McCLELLAN BORN IN CORYELL COUNTY TX 2/16/1864
DIED 10/10/1929 GATESVILLE TX.

THIS COLT SHOULD DRAW SOME ATTENTION TO THE SALE
FOR REASONS LISTED ABOVE. PLEASE WRITE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION
FOR THE FINE PIECE OF COLT TEXAS HISTORY

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1289. ***FACTORY ENGRAVED COLT SINGLE ACTION.** All matching serial number 333530, 4-3/4" barrel, 38ECF, Colt medallion pearl grips, engraved with medium coverage often referred as "Grade B". The Factory Records confirm the engraving, barrel length, grips, and nickel finish and the sale to A.J. Anderson Company, Fort Worth, Texas, with shipment to Stauffer Eshleman and Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 17, 1916, one of two of the same type guns in the shipment. The Factory Records, however, list the caliber as "45/c". I believe this to be an error in the Factory Records, and that the Shipping Dept. recorded the caliber incorrectly. The most likely reason for this error would be mixing the calibers of the two guns in the shipment. The only possible way of confirming this would be a search of the Factory Records to find the details of the other pistol in this shipment, and then examining that pistol! Which may be a 45 caliber, or a 38. If it's listed as a 45 and actually is one it's very possible the Shipping Department looked at both serial numbers, but assumed if one was 45 the other was 45. It's listed as a 38, but actually is a 45, there is no question they mixed the calibers and serial numbers! This conclusion is supported by a long detailed letter by Davic J. Palmiter, Firearms Appraiser Specializing in Colt Arms. **CONDITION:** absolutely original throughout, in almost new condition with 99.9% original nickel plate overall: on close examination there are a few extremely small spots of rust discoloration: on the left and right sides of the edges of the trigger guard bow, one spot on the wide upper left section of the backstrap, a very narrow one on the upper edge of the right side of the cylinder strap, and a very small area on the inner edge of the muzzle chambering. The perfect pearl grips with a very light age patina. No inventory control number/tag. 4-30752 EV115 (20,000-25,000)

Factory engraved

Ser. No. 333,530 (1916)

This Single Action was factory engraved in grade "B" style. Caliber is .38-40, barrel is 4 3/4 in., and the gun retains approximately 99% of the original nickel finish. The grips are two piece smooth pearl with medallions.

Shipped August 17, 1916 to Stauffer Eshleman and Company, New Orleans, LA, two gun shipment as .45 caliber. Records possibly mixed with other gun in the shipment. Sold to A. J. Anderson Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

At the James Julia auction, October, 1996, the estimate was \$20,000 - \$25,000. For sale at