

THE BOOK OF WINCHESTER ENGRAVING



Presentations from Oliver F. Winchester are *rare*; quite a contrast to the relatively large number of gift arms from Samuel Colt. Model 1866 rifle number 16001 bears an inscription to Edwin Hunt, a former New Haven Arms Company employee. (Richard P. Mellon Collection)



One of the earliest of engraved Model 1866 Winchesters; number 16172. The frame, buttplate, and forend cap plated in nickel. Engraved c. early 1868, the scroll is the so-called American style, done by a German emigrant craftsman, or an engraver taught by one. Jacob Glahn (see *THE BOOK OF COLT ENGRAVING*, Chapter XII) is known to have engraved for Winchester in this period, and the style may be attributable to his hand. Note lack of panel scenes, or special area for inscription on the sides of the frame. Also note the lack of coverage on the barrel, lever, and hammer, parts rarely engraved on the 1866 models. A lesser amount of coverage, as on Model 1866 rifle number 20833, features a wolf head finial central in the scrollwork on the left side of the frame. Compare with various Model 1866 rifles on page 245 of the *ANTIQUARY ARMS ANNUAL*, 1973. (Richard P. Mellon Collection)