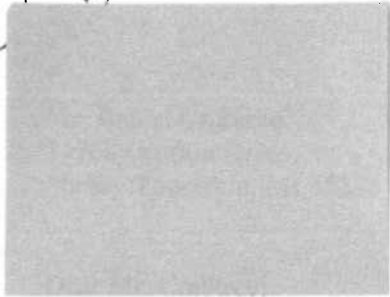




August 16, 2012



The manufacturer's data for Model 1876, serial number 18464, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in the museum, are as follows:

Serial number application date not available

Type: Rifle

Caliber: 45/60

Barrel Type: Octagon

Trigger: Plain

1/2 Magazine

Full nickel

Received in warehouse on November 8, 1881

Shipped from warehouse on November 8, 1881, Order number 29250

Repair and Return on August 25, 1896, Order number 16925

No other information is available for this serial number.

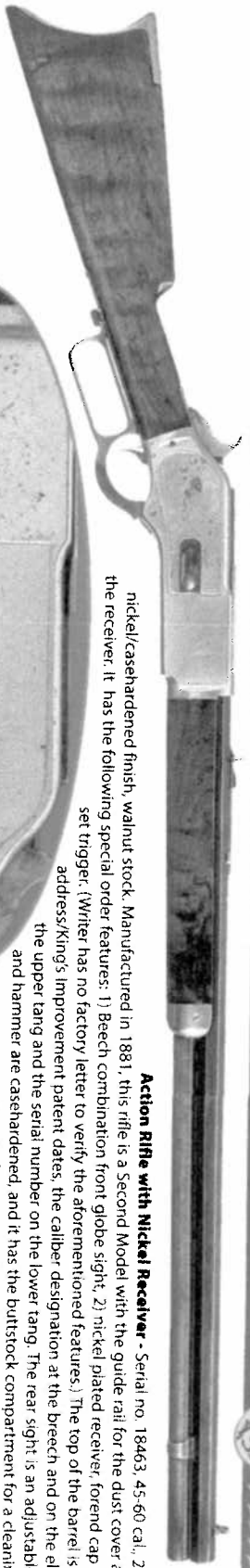
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bennett'.

Jessica A. Bennett
Records Specialist
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LOT 2310
Unique Winchester
Model 1876 Lever

Action Rifle with Nickel Receiver - Serial no. 18463, 45-60 cal., 28 inch octagon bbl., blue/nickel/casehardened finish, walnut stock. Manufactured in 1881, this rifle is a Second Model with the guide rail for the dust cover attached by two screws to the receiver. It has the following special order features: 1) Beech combination front dovetail sight; 2) nickel plated receiver, forend cap and crescent buttplate; 3) set trigger; (Writer has no factory letter to verify the aforementioned features). The top of the barrel is marked with the two line address/Kings Improvement patent dates; the caliber designation at the breech and on the elevator; "MODEL 1876" on the upper tang and the serial number on the lower tang. The rear sight is an adjustable sporting sight; the lever and hammer are casehardened, and it has the buttstock compartment for a cleaning rod (not included). It is very rare to find a Model 1876 with anything other than the standard blue finished receiver.

CONDITION: Fine. The barrel, magazine tube, hammer and lever have smooth brownish and gray mottled patina with some scattered minor dings and light spotting. The receiver, forend cap and buttplate retain approximately 90% nickel finish with scattered light flaking. The wood is very good with a wide tiger stripe appearance on the buttstock and scattered minor dings, dents and a couple of minor gouges. Markings are clear. The action is very good. Estimate: 5500 - 7500



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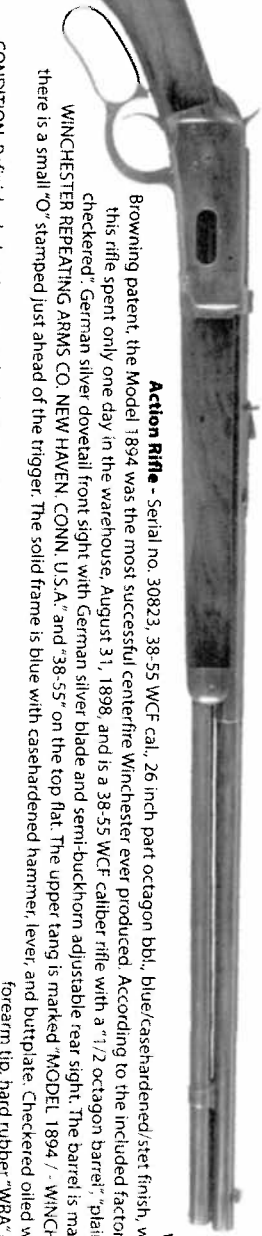
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LOT 2312
Winchester Model 1873

1.30 inch round bbl., blue finish, walnut stock. Made in 1891. This third model action to the rear of the ejection port. It has the standard two line marking on top; lower tang has the serial number followed by the letter B; for the variation in the receiver and on the elevator at the front of the action. The full length forearm has the socket style triangular bayonet that was available for these muskets. The single smooth straight grip stock with sling swivels and smooth buttplate with trapdoor compartment.

CONDITION: Near excellent (with exception), with 90% blue overall, showing some areas of brown patina, scattered pitting, and light scratches and dents overall. The stock is refinished, with moderate pressure dents, scratches, and darkening. Mechanically fine. Estimate: 2750 - 4250



LOT 2313
Antique Special Order
Winchester Model 1894 Lever

Action Rifle - Serial no. 30823, 38-55 WCF cal., 26 inch part octagon bbl., blue/casehardened/ster finish, walnut stock. Based on a John M. Browning patent, the Model 1894 was the most successful centerfire Winchester ever produced. According to the included factory letters (dated 1980 and 1991), this rifle spent only one day in the warehouse, August 31, 1898, and is a 38-55 WCF caliber rifle with a "1/2 octagon barrel", "plain trigger", and "Plain pistol grip, checkered". German silver dovetail front sight with German silver blade and semi-buckhorn adjustable rear sight. The barrel is marked "MANUFACTURED BY THE WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO. NEW HAVEN, CONN. U.S.A." and "38-55" on the top flat. The upper tang is marked "MODEL 1894 / - WINCHESTER - / PAT. AUG 21, 1894" and there is a small "O" stamped just ahead of the trigger. The solid frame is blue with casehardened hammer, lever, and buttplate. Checkered oiled walnut pistol grip stock with iron forearm tip, hard rubber "WR" grip cap and crescent buttplate.

CONDITION: Refinished, showing an artificial mixed brown and gray patina overall, along with some light handling marks, high edge wear, and spotting. The casehardening pattern remains strong, with original color in the protected areas. The stock is repaired and refinished, with some mended chips around the receiver tangs, a ding on the underside that crosses to the lower tang, and some light scratches and pressure dents overall. The action is fine. Estimate: 1600 - 2500