



November 04, 2008

Little John's Auction Services
31602 Crystal Sands Drive
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-2710

Dear Sir:

The manufacturer's data for Model 1873, serial number 70938, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in the museum, are as follows:

Type: Rifle
Barrel Type: Octagon
Trigger: Plain
Checkered stock
1/2 Magazine
Casehardened
Received in warehouse on April 18, 1881
Shipped from warehouse on April 18, 1881, Order number 25167

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JAB", written over a horizontal line.

Jessica A. Bennett
Records Specialist
Cody Firearms Museum

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This Factory Letter is a staff interpretation of handwritten, abbreviated records. Some errors may occur in transcription.*

Jim's FIREARMS

September 10, 2010

The addition of a **SECOND MODEL DELUXE, 1873 44-40 RIFLE**, paired with the First Model, is a pretty good accomplishment. It's a one-two punch for a collector.

The **SECOND MODEL DELUX RIFLE (SN. 70938)** with cooler case @ 75-80% and original blue @ 90% is rare on this model. That coupled with the octogan barrel, original wood finish @90%+ and the deluxe checkering job, is rare. The half magazine increases the value by 100%! A rifle of this quality and condition is a very rare find.

Based on recent Blue Book and action sales for this model rifle with the above variants and the condition of the case color finish and half magazine the value of this rifle exceeds \$26,000.00.

This is great and very valuable addition to your collection.



Peter a. Underwood,
Restorations, Custom and Appraisals