



December 2, 1975

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Reference is made to your letter requesting historical information on Colt Single Action Army Revolver, serial number 337288.

Upon researching our records, we located the information listed below which describes this arm as originally shipped from the Colt factory in 1919.

Caliber:	45
Barrel length:	4 3/4 inches
Finish:	Nickel
Type of stocks:	Pearl
Factory engraved:	-
Sold to:	State of Texas
Shipped to:	State of Texas
Address:	Austin, Texas
Date of shipment:	February 15, 1919
Number of same type fire- arms in this shipment:	1

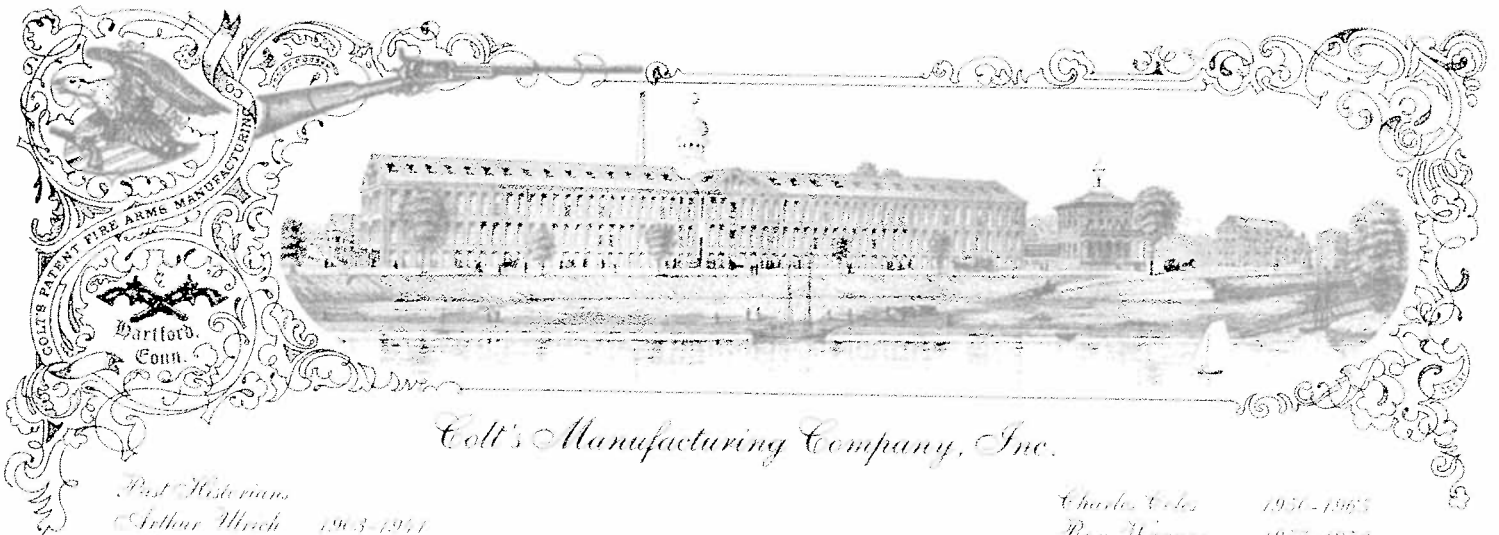
We trust the information supplied above will be of interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. S. Huber'.

M. S. Huber
Historian

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Colt's Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Past Historians
Sethur Wright 1903-1941
Harold Hart 1942-1943

Charles Colles 1950-1965
Ben Wagner 1967-1972
Walter Baker 1972-1993

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

<i>Serial Number:</i>	<i>337288</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>Shipped To:</i>	<i>State of Texas</i>
<i>Date of Shipment:</i>	<i>February 15, 1919</i>
<i>Number of Same Type Guns in Shipment:</i>	<i>1</i>

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

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Hoy
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Historian

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10 January 1919

Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co.,

HARTFORD, Conn.

Gentlemen : Please ship me at your very earliest convenience, open account, the following :

One 45 Single action, Revolver, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch barrel,
Nickel Plated, Pearl handles.

Also, please send me statement of balance owed you by this department that I may get same straightened out at an early date.

Thanking you for courtesies extended.

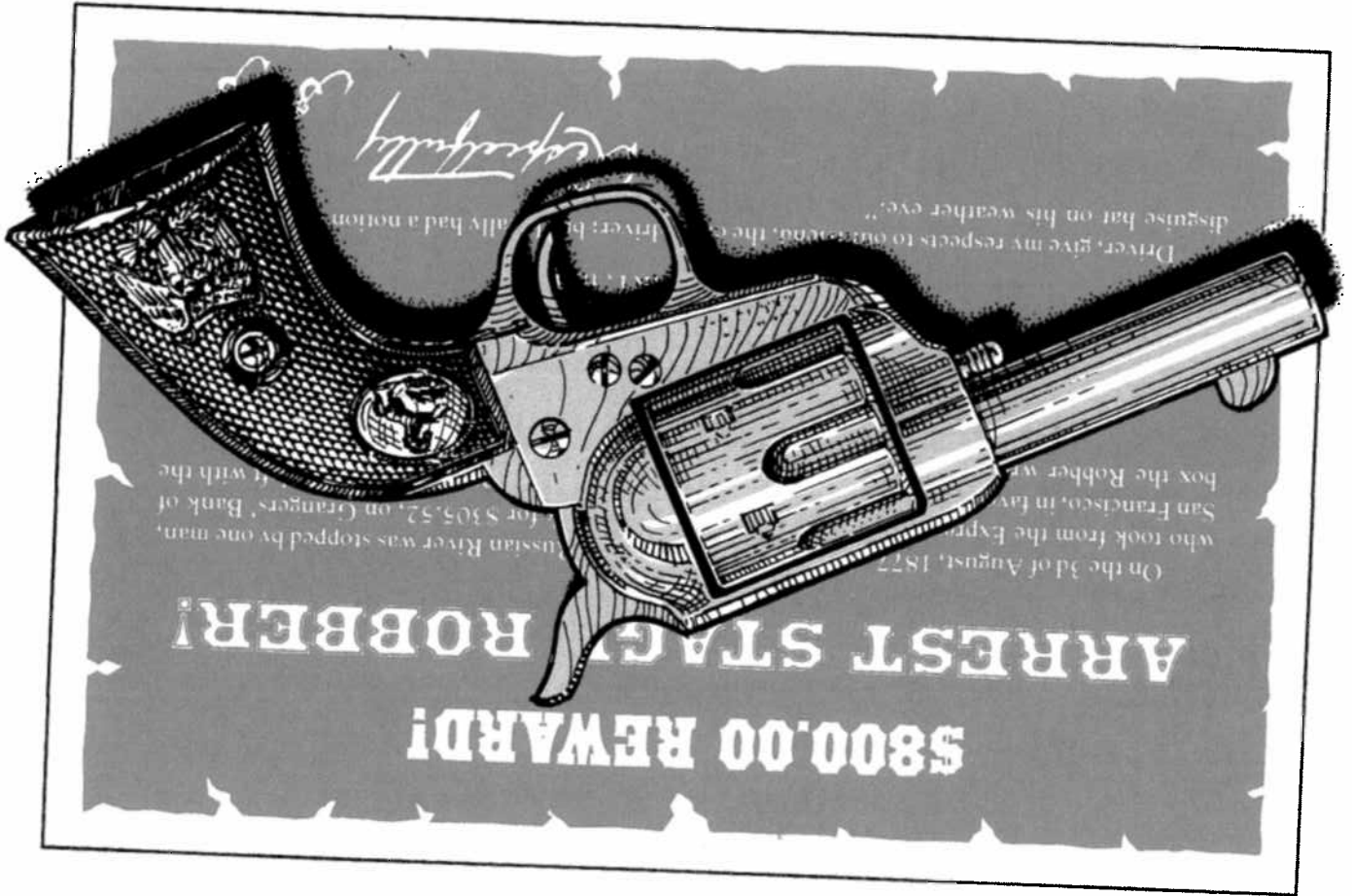
Yours very truly,

H. M. Johnston

Quartermaster Texas Ranger For

The Only Documented Colt Single Action
Army Purchased Directly by The Texas
Rangers From Colt Manufacturing Company

Keith Cochran



VOLUME 2

COLT PEACEMAKER ENCYCLOPEDIA

Colt Peacemaker Encyclopedia/Volume 2

Texas received twenty-five Cavalry Model revolvers June 8, 1891
Texas, State of, Austin, 1919, No. 337,288
Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, 1887, No. 124,319
Texicole Charley, Texas Ranger and Wild West performer
Thacker, John W., agent for Wells Fargo and B. C. M. T.
Thewby, H. G., Chicago, Illinois, 1896
Thielman, Julian, Bastrop, Texas, 1895, Omaha, Nebraska, 1896, No. 163,282 Sheriff's Model and No. 164,469
Third Cavalry received revolvers from Rock Island, Illinois Arsenal in 1874
Thomas Hardware Company, Chicago, Illinois?, 1925
Thompson, George, Troop I 1st U.S. Vol. Cavalry used Artillery Model No. 10,139 in Spanish-American War, 1898
Thornton, F. W., Wheatridge, Colorado, 1957, No. 357,514
Thorsen, Chester J., 1893
Thrall, D. W., January 12, 1893, Sheriff's Model No. 145,300
Tiball, Zan L., U.S. Marshal 1883-1887
Tiffany Company, New York City, supplied ornate grips
Tiger Gold Company, Prescott, Arizona
Tilghman, William, lawman, U.S. Marshal
Timkins, H. H., Hardware, Denver, Colorado, 1917
Timstall and Haraday, 1875
Tips, Walter, Company, Austin, Texas, 1892, 1894, 1900, 1903, 1904, 1910, 1931, (see Schkade, J. A.)
Tisdall, Charles E., Vancouver, British Columbia, 1906



Charles E. Tisdall, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Todd, W. E., Saint Louis, Missouri?, (see SHERIFF'S MODEL No. 264,646) 1905
Tomboy Gold Mine, Telluride, Colorado
Tompkins Hardware Company, Saint Louis, Missouri?, 1890, 1892
Tompkins, LaSalle Hardware, 1896
Topperwein Hardware, San Antonio, Texas, 1926
Torbett, John T., Troop I 1st U.S. Vol. Cavalry used Artillery Model No. 5,420 in Spanish-American War, 1898
Townley Metal Hardware Company, Kansas City, Missouri, 1905, 1906, 1927

Townsend Oldham Company, New Orleans, Louisiana?, 1900, ordered guns from A. Baldwin Company
Traver, Woodrow, Cascade County, Montana, 1915
Treadway, Graham, Horton Manufacturing Company, Bristol, Connecticut, 1949, No. 357,446
Treasury Department, (see United States Secretary of the Treasury Trego, F. H., 1927)
Tremont King & Company, Ithaca, New York, 1927, (see Arthur C. Harwood)
Triangle Pictures, Hollywood, California, 1919
Triggs, James, artist, 522 Walnut Street, Mamaroneck, New York, received No. 357,611 December 7, 1955
Tritch, George, Hardware, Denver, Colorado, 1902, 1903, 1907, 1915, 1925
Tritz, William H., Troop I 1st U.S. Vol. Cavalry used Artillery Model No. 34,361 in Spanish-American War, 1898
Trumbull, Charles P., Adams Express Company, 1895
Truscott Company, J. L., Glasgow, Montana, 1899, received gun from Farwell, Osman, Kirk and Company
Tryon, E. K., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1885, 1900, 1902, 1907
Tucker, G. R., Arizona
Tufts-Lyons Arms Company, Los Angeles, California, 1910, 1917, 1926
Turner, G. W., and Ross, Boston, Massachusetts, 1883
Turner Hardware Company, Muskogee Indian Territory, (Oklahoma), 1894, 1902, Sheriff's Model No. 154,205
Turner, John, Weatherford, Texas, No. 356,678, 1939
26 Glasshouse Street, London, England, 1892-1904, (see London)
Two Moons, Cheyenne Chief, Artillery Model No. 119,707
Twyman, John L., Troop I 1st U.S. Vol. Cavalry used Artillery Model No. 132,599 in Spanish-American War, 1898

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Underwood, Clarence H. (trumpeter), Troop I 1st U.S. Vol. Cavalry used Artillery Model No. 116,694 in Spanish-American War, 1898
Union Hardware and (metal) Manufacturing Company, Los Angeles, California, 1920, 1937
Union Metallic Cartridge Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1890
Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska, 1875, No. 16,005 and others
United States Assay Office, Deadwood, South Dakota, two revolvers, March 5, 1898
United States Assistant Treasurer, Baltimore, Maryland, two revolvers, November 1886
United States Congressman, (see Morano, Albert Paul)
United States Express Company, No. 12,246

TO: JAMES JULIA CO.

Provenance on Colt SAA s/s:337288

Attn. Francis Lombardi/Tom Power

Crockett Keller

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Enclosed are ~~1~~ additional pages containing information on a certain COLT SAA s/n 322288

April 3rd. 1919

Colt's Patent Fire Arms Mfg. Co.

Hartford, Conn.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith New York exchange for \$26.93
in payment invoice #3284.

Yours truly,

Captain Texas Rangers,
Quartermaster.



ESTABLISHED 1836

COLT'S PATENT FIRE ARMS MANUFACTURING CO.
HARTFORD, CONN., U. S. A.

INVOICE No.

3284

FEB 18 1919

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PACKAGE	No.	Gross	NET
Box	3		

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The State of Texas,
Adjutant's General Dept.,
Austin, Texas.

TERMS: 30 DAYS NET OR 2% DISCOUNT
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ORDER No.	SHIPPED BY				
	P. P. Ins.				
1/10/19	1 45/Cal. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Single Action Army Rev. Nickel plated, Pearl.	18. 8.50	26	50	
		Postage & Ins.	43		
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COLT'S PATENT FIRE ARMS MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.					



Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co.

Hartford, Conn. *Jan 15, 1919*

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*State of Texas
Adjutant General's Dept.
Austin, Tex*

We today enter your order No. _____ dated *1-10-19* which
you desire us to ship
by *pp. Ins.* for:

Mark H. M. Johnston 2.M.

We will make shipment on or about *as soon as possible*
With thanks for the order, we are,

Very truly yours,
Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Co.

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To whom it may concern:

Re: Colt Single Action Army Revolver, serial number 337288, Caliber, 45 COLT, barrel length $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches, nickel plated finish and fitted with pearl stocks. Sold to the State of Texas, and shipped to the Capital in Austin, on February 15, 1919. This was a special order, one gun shipment.

Popularity of the Colt Single Action in the State of Texas is legendary. Thousands of the first production run revolvers were sold to, and shipped to, that states wholesalers, retailers and private parties during that nearly seventy year production period.

Serial number 337288 is the only Colt Single Action Army revolver known to have been Colt factory shipped directly to the State of Texas, Adjutant General's Department,





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Austin, Texas, during those seventy years. That special purchase was requested by Quartermaster H. M. Johnston, on January 10, 1919. H. M. Johnston was a Texas Ranger Captain.

The Texas State Archives, and Colt's factory records, have provided substantiating information regarding this Single Action's history.

An examination of 337288 also provides substantial information of Colt collector interest. Its serial number stampings; the 45 COLT caliber designation on the $4\frac{3}{4}$ " barrel; the two-line, roll-die, address marking for that barrel length; the two-line, three patent date and uncircled Rampant Colt, left frame panel stampings; and the hammer's short, fine, double underlined checkering are all correct for a 1919 manufactured Colt S.A.

Also correct for 1919 production are the left triggerguard, , verified proof stamp, and assembler Arak R. Libby's number "1"





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mark. Bin number "201" is seen on the loading gate.

Indications of this revolver's special order assembly are the last four serial number digits (7288) stamped on the rear cylinder face, and the lack of a hammer slot inspector's stamp. Absent hammer slot stamps are much more common for special order, and limited production, single actions than for regular production guns.

This revolver's nickel plated finish and mother-of-pearl stocks were requested in Quartermaster Johnston's letter to the Colt's Manufacturing Co. in January of 1919.

Another very important observation regarding this Colt is that, with the exception of minor use and holster wear, it remains in factory original condition.

Special order firearms always pique the interest of advanced gun collectors.





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Serial number 337288 is a special order, Colt Single Action Army revolver that is the only known SA that was sold, and shipped, directly to the Adjutant General's Department of the State of Texas, by the Colts Patent Firearms Manufacturing Co.!

Nothing else need be said or written.

Sincerely,
Ron Graham

