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Henry "Silver Plated Engraved" First Rifle
.44 Henry Rim-Fire caliber
Serial # 1293 circa 1862

I have carefully examined Henry rifle serial number 1293. All the barrel markings are correct for this variation. The rifle has all matching numbers on the barrel, frame, butt-stock, butt-plate, and fitted screws. The sights are correct in placement and type. The plating and engraving are also correct for the period of manufacture.

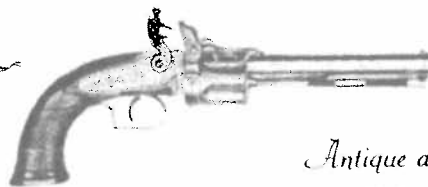
The overall condition of the rifle is antique fine in all respects. The barrel retains 20% blue in protected areas with the balance patina. The frame is excellent with traces of silver plating and the balance an aged mustard yellow color. The hammer and lever are patina. The butt- stock is very good with high gloss finish showing minor handling marks.

This is an extremely important Henry rifle with period engraving and therefore most certainly would be a welcome addition to any firearms collection.

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Reference: The Winchester Book of Engraving, R.L. Wilson
Henry Rifles serial number 1441, pg. 20, and 1100 pg. 21

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As per your request, we have carefully examined the engraved Henry rifle which you recently purchased from us. In our opinion, this rifle is original in all respects and we would describe it as follows:

A brass frame Henry rifle, caliber .44 rimfire; serial number 1293. All matching and manufactured in 1862. This gun is factory engraved. While the engraver cannot be definitely identified, the engraving is typical of the early styles pictured in both *THE BOOK OF WINCHESTER ENGRAVING* and *THE WINCHESTER BOOK*. The engraving consists of scroll patterns with a punch dot background as well as a border line pattern. The tangs which extend from the frame over and under the wrist are also engraved. Both the brass frame and early rounded style butt plate show good traces of the original silver plating. The 24" barrel is in very good condition, the metal clean and smooth with just a hint of blue remaining otherwise an aged brown patina. All markings are excellent. The adjustable rear sight is complete and original. Walnut stock is sound showing only a few small nicks and dents of use. Altogether a fine and completely original Henry rifle.

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