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CERTIFICATE OF INVENTORY & DISPOSITION ABERCROMBIE & FITCH RECORDS

Woodward Over/Under Shotgun
Serial No. 7076

Woodward Over/Under shotgun, serial number 7076, was specially ordered at Abercrombie & Fitch on May 2, 1936 and received in inventory on August 31, 1936. The shotgun was entered on page 209 of Inventory Book No. 7, section 1 and the following specifications are recorded:

Gauge:	20 gauge
Barrels:	26 inch barrels, with ejectors and 2 ¾ inch chambers
Weight:	6 pounds, 1 ounce
Choke:	¾ choke & ¼ choke
Dimensions:	2 9/16 in. Drop @ Heel x 1 5/16 in. Drop @ Comb x 15 in. LOP
Trigger:	Single Trigger
Stock:	Straight Grip

On August 31, 1936, Woodward 7076 was sold to "Mr. Dean Witter" at a price that was not entered in the record. The catalog price of a Woodward O/U in 1936 was \$1,105 not including the extra charge for a non-selective single trigger. The cost of the shotgun to A&F was \$958.54 plus \$93.93 excise tax.

Griffin & Howe confirms that this information was extracted from the original Abercrombie & Fitch Inventory Records: Book No. 7, section 1, page 209 and a period A&F catalog on August 10, 2016.

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Woodward shotgun, number 7076, was a special order for “Mr. Dean Witter” and appears in the 1936 inventory of Woodward firearms received at Abercrombie & Fitch, then located at Madison Avenue & 45th Street in Manhattan, New York City. Woodward 7076 appears on page 209 of A&F Inventory Book No.7, Section 1 as the third entry from the bottom of the page. A new inventory was begun each February 1st and the date of the inventory year appears at the top left corner of the photograph of page 209. The date of acquisition is in the “Received” column and is followed by the serial number, gauge, and barrel length, weight, Ejectors, and chokes. The chokes are recorded in the British style as $\frac{3}{4}$ choke and $\frac{3}{4}$ choke. These entries are followed by the stock dimensions, type of grip (Straight grip, $\frac{1}{2}$ pistol grip, or Full pistol grip) and the chamber length which was first included in the records in 1936. As such, the chamber length was initially added in the column headed “L.F.S. No.” (Left For Sale Number – L.F.S. referring to consigned guns). The model appears in the column headed “Consigned” as “O&U”, or Over & Under.

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The "Sold" column has two dates. The earlier date of "5/2/36" would be the date that the order was placed and the later date of "8/31/38" would be the date that the gun was 'sold'. This date is the same date as the date of acquisition and would be in keeping with the standard practice at A&F when the gun was a special order for the customer.

The "Name" column contains the name of the buyer, "Mr. Dean Witter". This customer is almost certainly Dean Gooding Witter, born in Wausau, Wisconsin on August 2, 1887. Dean Witter was an investor and stockbroker and co-founded Dean Witter & Company, a major investment house. Dean Gooding Witter passed away in San Francisco, California on May 25, 1969.

The cost of Woodward 7076 was entered in code in the "Cost" column. This code is based upon the word H-Y-D-R-O-P-L-A-N-E, where H=1, Y=2, D=3, etc. The number '0' is indicated by the letter 'E', however, the letter 'X' is alternately used to indicate an additional '0'. Using this code, the cost Woodward 7076 on page 7, which appears as 'NOA.OR', translates to \$958.54. The letters 'IC.IC' below the cost code represent the excise tax. The code for the excise tax was a simple substitution where A=1, B=2, C=3, etc. with the numeral 0 represented by the letter "O". Using this code, the excise tax (IC.IC) translates to \$93.93. The retail price of Woodward 7076 was left blank, perhaps because the customer chose to pay the maker directly. According to the price list in a 1936 A&F catalog, the "Landed in U.S." price of a Woodward Over/Under shotgun would have been \$1105.00. A copy of that catalog page is enclosed.

I hope that this information adds to the appreciation of your firearm. If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.



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Interpreting the VL&D and A&F Records

The VL&D Record Books begin in 1901 and cover the period through 1929. There are 3 volumes: Book 1 covers 1901 to 1909, Book 2 covers 1910 to 1922, and Book 3 covers 1923 to 1929. Most pages are limited to one make and model and each list for a given year begins on February 1st, probably following a January inventory of the firearms. The books include both new and used firearms. Used guns owned by VL&D are called "Second Hand Guns" while consigned guns are called "Guns Left for Sale".

Although there are exceptions to each of the following, generally the firearms in Book 1 describe only the gauge, barrel length, weight and D@H. The name of the purchaser is recorded if other than a 'cash sale'.

The firearms in Book 2 list the dates of acquisition and sale, most gun specifications and the purchasers but not the cost or price. The firearms in Book 3 list all of the above plus the price at which the gun was sold, in code.

Book 4 is a Von Lengerke & Antoine stock list of for 1913-1914 and includes many gun and non-gun items. The guns in Book 4 show only make, model and serial number. VL&A was purchased along with VL&D in 1929.

Beginning in 1929 the record books are labeled A&F and there are 28 volumes up through 1977. The A&F volumes cover a period of 1, 2 or 3 years. From this point the records show all of the above information in the VL&D books plus the cost to A&F and the retail price of the firearm. These costs and prices are shown in code until Book 16 in 1960 when they began to be recorded in dollars.

A line drawn through a serial number simply means that the gun had been sold. Unsold guns were transferred to the next year's inventory pages as of February 1st. Those transferred are often indicated by a red check mark. A large 'X' drawn across a page indicates that the inventory page had been completed. Serial numbers are almost never written in sequential order; rather they are by date of acquisition.

The name of the purchaser is often shown with an initial instead of the first name. The clients of A&F include some recognizable names and occasionally one will see entries for: WR Hearst, K. Roosevelt, (Kermit, son of TR), or JP Sousa, Jr (son of the conductor) among many others of note.

Stock dimensions, when listed, are in the order: Drop @ Heel, Drop @ Comb, LOP. Grip styles are listed as: "Str" (straight grip), "½" (semi-pistol grip) or "F" (full pistol grip).

Occasionally new gun sales were cancelled or the guns were returned by the buyer and resold. These were re-entered in the new gun listings with the name of the former owner written above the date of acquisition.

All of the records were handwritten by human beings. As such, there is always the possibility of human error. Occasional serial number and date errors have been noted therefore it is quite reasonable to assume that there will be some mistakes in measurements as well. You own a piece of firearms history. Please accept the documents for the historical perspective that they add to your firearm and do not be too disappointed if they fail to meet 21st century standards for mechanical precision or computer accuracy.

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Dean G. Witter

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Dean G. Witter (August 2, 1887 in Wausau, Wisconsin – May 1969 in San Francisco, California) was an American businessman, stockbroker, and investor who co-founded Dean Witter & Company, which became the largest investment house on the West Coast.

Witter's family had moved to Northern California from Wausau, Wisconsin, settling in San Carlos, California in 1891. Witter graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1909. At Berkeley, Witter distinguished himself for rowing.^[1] Upon graduation, Witter worked as a salesman for Louis Sloss & Company.^[2]

In 1914, Witter partnered with Charles R. Blyth to found Blyth, Witter & Co., a San Francisco based brokerage. Witter left the partnership to found his own company, Dean Witter & Company, in 1924. With its original offices at 45 Montgomery Street in San Francisco, California, Dean Witter would be among the largest West Coast brokerage firms in the U.S. Among Witter's original partners were his brother Guy and their cousins Jean C. Witter and Ed Witter as well as Fritz Janney.

In its early years, Dean Witter focused on dealing in municipal and corporate bonds. The company was highly successful in its first five years, purchasing a seat on the San Francisco Stock Exchange in 1928 and then opening an office in New York and purchasing a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in 1929. Although a relatively young company, Dean Witter survived Wall Street Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression, posting profits every year during the 1930s and into the 1940s. Dean Witter would lead his company until his death in 1969.

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- The Blue and Gold (<https://books.google.com/books?id=Z1UMAQAIAAJ&pg=PA206>). University of California, Berkeley, 1908
- Dean Witter Foundation (<http://www.deanwitterfoundation.org/>).

External links

- The Dean Witter Foundation (<http://www.deanwitterfoundation.org/>)

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	Dean G. Witter
Born	August 2, 1887 <div>Wausau, Wisconsin</div>
Died	May 1969
Education	University of California, Berkeley (1909)
Occupation	Investment banking, Stockbroker
Years active	1914 - 1969
Known for	Founder of Dean Witter Reynolds

Dean G Witter

in the California, Death Index, 1940-1997

Name: Dean G Witter
Social Security #: 553223939
Gender: Male
Birth Date: 2 Aug 1887
Birth Place: Wisconsin
Death Date: 25 May 1969
Death Place: San Francisco
Mother's Maiden Name: Gooding

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Source Information

Ancestry.com. *California, Death Index, 1940-1997* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

Original data: State of California. *California Death Index, 1940-1997*. Sacramento, CA, USA: State of California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics.

Description

This database is an index to the death records in State of California, USA, from 1940 through 1997. The database provides such valuable information as first, last and middle names of the descendants, birth dates, mother's maiden name, father's last name, sex, birth place, death place, residence at time of death, death date, social security number (when available), and the age of the individual when they died. [Learn more...](#)

Suggested Records

- U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current
Dean Witter
- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
Dean Witter
- U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918
Dean Gooding Witter
- U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925
Dean Witter
- California, Biographical Index Cards, 1781-1990
Dean Witter
- U.S., Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1956
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Dean Gooding Witter

in the California, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1895-1985



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Name: Dean Gooding Witter
 Gender: Male
 Race: Caucasian (White)
 Birth Date: 2 Aug 1887
 Birth Place: Wisconsin
 Age: 81
 Death Date: 25 May 1969
 Spouse: Helen Perkins
 Father: Willis Guy Witter
 Mother: Elizabeth Gooding
 Funeral Home: Martin and Brown Funeral Directors



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Source Information

Ancestry.com. *California, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1895-1985* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

Original data:

San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1895-1985. Microfilm publication, 1129 rolls. Researchcity. San Francisco, California.

Description

These records are from funeral homes within the San Francisco area from 1895 to 1985. Recorded on the forms are most of the information that would be found on a death certificate about the deceased such as name, surname, death date, place of death, place of burial, and possibly other information like gender, age, parents' names, birth dates and places, etc. [Learn more...](#)



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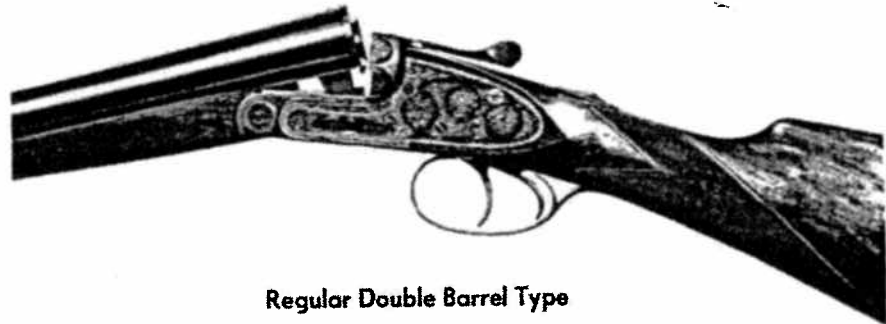
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Woodward Best Quality "Under and Over" Gun.....	150-0-0	1,105.00
Woodward Best Quality "Under and Over" Gun, Trap Model with Ventilated Rib.....	135-0-0	1,140.00
Woodward Best Quality Single Barrel Trap Guns.....	100-0-0	746.00
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Fitted with Non Selective Single Trigger extra.....	10-0-0	71.50
Recoil Pad	2-5-0	16.00
22 Karat Gold Name Plate.....	2-15-0	19.50
Best Oak and Leather Covered Trunk Case with canvas cover and full set of cleaning implements.....	22-0-0	157.00
Best Quality Featherweight Case with cleaning implements...	13-0-0	92.75

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