

1831.^[1] Corbett attended the local common schools and then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Cambridge, New York, in 1840.^[1] There he attended Cambridge Academy before he moved to New York City in 1843 where he worked at Williams Bradford & Co, dry goods merchants, for seven years.^[1]

Henry W. Corbett	
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United States Senator from Oregon	
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In office	
March 4, 1867 – March 4, 1873	
Preceded by	James W. Nesmith
Succeeded by	John H. Mitchell
Personal details	
Born	February 18, 1827 <div>Westborough, Massachusetts</div>
Died	March 31, 1903 (aged 76) <div>Portland, Oregon</div>
Political party	Republican
Profession	Merchant, Banker

Oregon territory

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Winchester Model 1866 Serial Number 28860

I have carefully examined this fine rifle, inside and out, and find that it is all original as made by Winchester.

The model 1866, carbines were most popular and rifles are more rare. This rifle has a twenty-four inch octagon barrel.

Another special feature are the sling loops.

Numerous early features are found on this Winchester; these include the original rear sight, the smaller lever loop, bronze foresight and buttplate and the scarcely seen comb of the stock.

One of the outstanding features of number 28860 is the high quality engraving seen on the receiver, foresight and buttplate.

A careful inspection of the engraving leads me to conclude that this is the fine work of L. J. Minick, an engraver of New York City who engraved at the time this rifle was made. The overlaid scrolls, shading and backgrounds all indicate this fine artist's work.

Also typical of Minick's

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fine work is the eagle engraved on the left sideplate and the geometric patterns and finials. The stars we see impressed in the pattern and the style of flowers engraved here all show the master hand of this great engraver.

The serial number as well as all markings on this rifle are correct, and the last digits of the serial number are found on the stock under the upper tang and on the inside toe of the buttplate.

Number 28860 has some of the finest engraving and with the rarity, historical importance and beauty of the engraving it will be an outstanding addition to any collection or museum.

George N. Moore

AVAILABLE WINCHESTER SERIAL NUMBER RECORDS		
MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER RANGE	NOTES
1866	125,000 - 170,101	Also available: 35,527, 35,952, 36,200, 96,740, 96,743, 96,745, 103,672, 104,463, 104,469, 104,470, 107,208, 107,209, 109,650, 109,651, 112,269, 112,270, 112,274, 119,180, 119,488, 119,567, 119,579, 119,739, 120,072, 120,593, 120,665, 121,191, 121,964, 124,005, 124,357, 124,876, 124,893, 124, 899.
1873	1 - 720,496	Not available: 497-610; 199,551-199,598.
1876	1 - 63,871	
Hotchkiss	1 - 84,555	May be referred to as Model 1879, 1880, 1883.
1885 (Single shot)	1 - 109,999	Not available: 74,459-74,556; Also known as High and Low Wall.
1886	1 - 156,599	Not available: 135,125-135,144; 146,000-150,799.
1887, 1901 (shotguns)	1 - 72,999	
1890	1 - 329,999	Not available: 10,809-10,884; 20,000-29,999; 32,629-32,698; 37,599-37,627; 234,061-234,140; 234,142-234,160.
1892	1 - 379,999	Not available: 374,851-376,100.
1893 (shotguns)	1 - 34,050	
1897 (shotguns)	34,051 - 377,999	
1894	1 - 353,999	
1895	1 - 59,999	
Lee	1 - 19,999	
1903	1 - 39,999	
1905	1 - 29,078	
1906	1 - 79,999	
1907	1 - 9,999	
21	Early records are sketchy; later are more complete.	May take longer to look up as research is done from original records stored in library.

Winchester Rifle Model 1866 (Yellow Boy)

This fine repeating rifle was manufactured in 1869 and then artistically engraved by master engraver L.D. Nimschke. Coverage on receiver, fore arm cap and buttplate. Included in the receiver engraving is a presentation banner displaying the initials H.W.C. The rifle was presented to and proudly owned by this person. To this date the initials H.W.C. are a mystery, but with the amount of research being done on this rifle I'm confident that this very special Winchester 66 s#28860 will soon be giving up its many historical secrets in names and events.