

WINCHESTER REPEATING Fire Arms

May 20, 1994

The statistical data for Model 1876, serial number 37569, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in this museum, are as follows:

45/60
Round barrel
Extra heavy
Plain trigger
Special Leaf sight
Sling and swivel
Received in the warehouse on January 12, 1884
Shipped from the warehouse on January 12, 1884,
to order number 9994

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,



Howard Michael Madaus
Curator
Cody Firearms Museum

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April 21, 1997



According to the extended research requested by you on your Model 1876, serial number 37569, it is found to be one of five Model 1876's, that are all heavy or extra heavy round barrels (in the records the terminology means the same thing). It is one of two guns that are heavy round barrels, in 45/60 in which the barrel length is 28-inches. The following is a breakdown:

<u>Serial number</u>	<u>barrel length</u>	<u>barrel description</u>	<u>caliber</u>
37569	28-inches	Heavy round barrel	45/60
	22-inches	Heavy round barrel	45/60
	28-inches	Extra heavy, round	45/60
	26-inches	Extra heavy, round	45/60
	24-inches	Extra heavy, round	40/60

(We are not giving out the serial numbers of the other firearms to avoid forgery by other collectors)

This research is based on the original Winchester factory records housed in this museum on the Model 1876, serial number range 1-63,871.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dena Hollowell", written over a horizontal line.

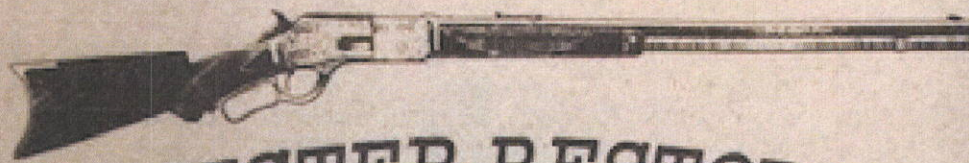
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WINCHESTER RESTORATIONS

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WINCHESTER MODEL:	1876
SERIAL NUMBER:	37569
ASSEMBLY NUMBER:	1012
CALIBER:	45-60
BARREL:	Round, Extra Heavy weight
MAGAZINE TUBE:	Full length
TRIGGER:	Standard
WOOD:	Walnut, Standard grade
SIGHTS:	Special leaf sight, Knife blade front
FINISH:	Blued receiver
OTHER OPTIONS:	Sling and swivels

The above Winchester Rifle was restored in this shop to a 90+ condition. No additional options or modifications were made which were not a part of the original rifle as received and/or recorded. Every effort has been made to match the original Winchester shop records, on file at the Cody Firearms Museum, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY.

The condition of this firearm prior to restoration, and any parts replacement, was as follows:

This firearm had been badly refinished at an earlier date with much damage being done to the original markings and metal edges by unskilled mechanics.

The wood had been overly sanded below the adjacent metal surface. The barrel, breech bolt and dust cover had been badly polished with many ripples showing on the surface. Several of the edges on the receiver were rounded over and a few screw holes were funneled from poor polishing.

1. The stock and forearm were replaced with new wood, matching the original figure and color as closely as possible.
2. A new barrel was manufactured conforming to the original dimensions. The manufacture's address marking and caliber designation were stamped, matching the original.

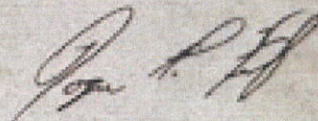
Win. Mod. 1876
Ser. No. 37569

3. The receiver was remachined to try to restore the contour edges and correct the screw holes.
4. The following parts were replaced because the originals were either missing or damaged beyond repair:

Magazine tube and plug
Carrier
Tenon screws
Lever spring screw
Dust cover stop screw
Forearm tenon

Magazine tube ring
Sideplate screw
Tang screw
Carrier arm screw
Sear spring screw
Sling swivel set

5. All components of this firearm were finished and aged as a whole to the final determined percentage of restoration. There are several places on the receiver where the contour lines and edges could not be corrected to the original design. It is unfortunate that this firearm was so badly abused in the earlier attempt at refinishing.



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Received: Jun. 20, 1994
Completed: Apr. 12, 1997

Roger F. Kurtz
dba "Roger's"

Date