

First Model Henry Rifle .44 RF s/n 1248 mfg 1862 – 24” barrel; double rear sight dovetail; early style small barrel address; correct 0 to 1000 yards “no-screw” rear sight; straight grain walnut stock w/visible Henry Bump; factory sling swivels on right side. Receiver retains medium to dark patina w/strong edges; stock is in very good condition and retains a high degree of original varnish finish; barrel has traces of original blue with plum patina mixing in; barrel address markings are strong. All numbers match. Original Henry Rifles with sling swivels are usually located on the left side and are considered scarce. Henrys with sling swivels on the right side are considered rare. As quoted from The Winchester Book by George Madis: “*Sling provisions were offered only as an extra feature on early arms; they would be fitted to the left side of the rifle unless the customer specified otherwise. Very few Henry rifles have this provision on the right*”.