

**Winchester 1873 First Model Deluxe Rifle .44 WCF s/n 28059 mfg 1878 – 24”** octagon barrel, case hardened receiver w/set trigger, nickel-silver knife blade front & clover leaf rear sporting sights, deluxe fancy checkered straight grip walnut stocks w/crescent butt. Winchester factory-quality silver-plated oval-shaped inscription plate on left side of buttstock: “PRESENTED TO Fred k. Fillmore. By his Friends, San Francisco, Feb. 7, 1879”. Research indicates Fillmore was a leather-smith in the San Francisco Bay area, and a comprehensive research package on Fred Fillmore by a professional researcher accompanies this rifle. Excellent mechanical action and screws; barrel retains approximately 70% blue turned plum, mag retains 85% blue with some toning near muzzle. Receiver and butt plate retains 10% case colors, balance faded and mottled. Stocks retain most of their original oil finish w/sharp checkering. Includes a Winchester factory letter of authentication from the Cody Firearms Museum.