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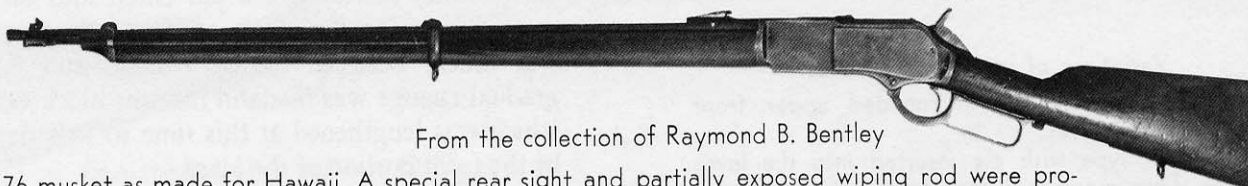
As with all Winchesters, carbines with special features are rare. Number 22,581 has fancy checkered walnut, a pistol grip, nickel trim, and is inscribed. Helsing was Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois when Lincoln was elected president. Later he was an influential newspaperman and a powerful spokesman for immigrants to this country. He traveled a great deal, covering politics and revolutions in Mexico and Latin America. Here in one gun we have great rarity; a pistol grip carbine, as well as special order features and historical importance.



From the collection of Robert N. Roningen

On this musket, number 28312, the stud for saber bayonet may be seen on the forend tip. One barrel band, standard front sights similar to those of the model 73, and sling swivels are all features of standard muskets. As with the model 1876 carbines, a retaining spring was provided for the barrel band. Caliber 45-75 W. C. F. was the standard caliber for muskets.

Another model 76 musket, number 28775, is marked on the stock C.G.H.-57; this is reported to be the Civil Guard of Hawaii, according to authorities of that island.



From the collection of Raymond B. Bentley

The 1876 musket as made for Hawaii. A special rear sight and partially exposed wiping rod were provided. Serial numbers of the muskets made for Hawaii are in the 28,000 range; this musket is number 28943. Thirty-two inch barrels were standard for muskets. Muskets in the model 76 are very rare; nearly every one reported to the author has been returned from other countries. The wiping rod, located on the left side of the fore end, is not a feature of all model 76 muskets; some were produced without this feature.