

# Antique Winchester 1895

## U.S.-Marked Musket s/n 18329



**Antique Winchester 1895 U.S.-Marked Musket** .30 US caliber s/n 18329 mfg 1898 - 28" round barrel; musket-style graduated rear sight; ramp style front sight with pinned steel blade; dense straight-grain walnut stocks with proper carbine/musket buttplate & trap door; full forend w/upper hand guard; U.S.-marked on top of receiver; K.S.M. (Kelly S. Morse) government inspector markings are seen on the bolt, hammer, lever, trigger link and buttplate. Receiver mag, lever & buttplate retain 70% coverage of a brown patina with age; barrel retains 90% blue thinning at the muzzle; stocks remain in very good condition with dings, dents & mars; buttstock retains MP/8 flaming bomb ordnance stamp on right side, with rack number "5" on left side.

An order for 10,000 model 1895 muskets was ordered by the Army on May 3, 1898, at a cost of \$207,000. Only 100 of these muskets saw service in the Philippines, shipped from San Francisco in September of 1899 and were issued to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Volunteer Infantry for testing. Sometime in 1900, they were returned to the US and were sold to a Boston arms dealer who presumably disposed of them on the commercial market. The remaining 9,900 muskets were purchased by the M. Hartley Company and most of them were eventually shipped to Cuba in 1906.

Most of these guns saw hard use; but this one is in exceptionally good condition and would make a fine addition to a collection of Winchesters and/or historic military arms.

