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Second Model 1866 Winchester Number 22174

I have inspected this Carbine inside and out carefully and have determined it is all original or made by Winchester and detailed here.

Records show this gun was made in 1869.

The serial number is found stamped in blocks numerals near the receiver on the lower tang. The first two numbers were stamped rather lightly, but there has been no alteration or re-works in this area.

On the studs under the upper tang and on the inside toe of the buttplate will be seen the last four numerals of the serial number. These numbers are also original and correct.

Also seen on the lower tang outside in the small letter "A", the stamp of an inspector, fitted as assembled.

Carbines have tangs with round barrels or shouldered; earlier Carbine such as this have the earlier barrel working, which includes the Henry and King patent dates.

Front sights of early carbines are part of the front barrel band. The rear sight is the early style with

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graduations from 1 to 3.

This Winchester was chambered for the .44 Henry Remington Cartridge, and it is still in this caliber.

There has been no alteration to the chamber, firing pin or breech bolt.

The bronze metal of the receiver and buttplate remain in excellent condition, and the contours and edges are sharp and clear. For the models of the 1866, receiver forms are used to determine models, and the slope of the receiver near the hammer on this second model is very pronounced.

Saddle rings were provided as standard for Carbine, and the ring and its retaining staples are original and correct.

Straight grain walnut was selected for stocking this Winchester, and it is in excellent condition.

Early features seen on this Carbine are the crescent butt, sights, magazine cap, workings as well as the receiver form.

Overall this Carbine remains in excellent condition, with some of the original finish remaining on the steel

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and iron parts and the balance
of the finish is an aged brown
patina.

The bronze of the receiver and
buttle has developed the pleasant
patina of age, and these parts have
not been polished.

This is a fine collector's
Warrant, and because of the age,
condition and rarity, it deserves
a prominent place in any collection
or museum.

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