



From the collection of Paul Sorrell

Carbine number 189, a good low number which has the model marking on the lower tang. A count of the first 38,400 models 73 produced, with figures brought to the nearest hundred, gives us these figures upon which to judge the comparative rarity of carbines, rifles, and muskets. Rifles produced, 21,900; carbines, 15,600; muskets, 900.



One of the scarce saddle carbines in caliber 32-20. Standard twenty inch length, no trapdoor in buttplate, full magazine. The 32 caliber carbines are the only carbines in the 1873 model which have a magazine retaining band in place of the front barrel band used on caliber 38 and 44 carbines. The 32-20 is the rarest caliber of the '73 carbines.



Standard rifles, as shown here, have twenty-four inch round barrels, full magazines, plain triggers, crescent butts and straight grain walnut stocks and fore ends. This rifle has the late dust cover and external hammer screw, pinned trigger and tang screws under the hammer screw, all features of the second model 1873.



From the collection of Rick Still

A set trigger, rare twenty inch octagon barrel, and fancy checkered walnut are special features of this rifle. The serial number is 510,372, the caliber 44-40. Rifles with this length barrel were most popular in the Southwest along the Mexican border and have usually seen long and hard use. They are often called "Border Models" by collectors.