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Model 1894 Special Short Corbine Number 885127

I have carefully examined this rare Winteler, as noted here, and find it is an original "Baby" Corbine with a fifteen inch barrel.

Records show this serial number was assigned to the model 1894 in 1920.

Barrel address markings on guns in this serial range are seen ahead of the rear barrel band, on the side of the barrel. The "nickel steel" and caliber markings are also on the left side of the barrel at the end.

All of the markings on this baby are original and sharp.

This Corbine chamber the popular .30 W.C.F. cartridge, usually called the ".30-30".

Winteler proof marks, the superposed "W" and "P" in an oval, are seen on the top rear of the barrel and on the top front of the receiver. On the lower tang just ahead of the trigger is a partly legible mark, that of the fitter-assembler who adjusted the hammer and trigger, one of the more critical fitting jobs on a Winteler. After these markings are lightly stamped.

Greenwood was used for stocking this Corbine. This wood saved a little weight.

and lowered production costs somewhat. Because it is relatively soft, this wood usually shows wear quickly, but on this Corbine the wood remains in excellent condition, with most of the original varnish intact.

When determining the originality of these rare Winchester, the front sight base must be carefully examined. As seen on this Corbine, the front base is forged as part of the barrel. A steel sight blade is pinned to the base. The rear sight is of standard Corbine style, graduated from "0" to "20".

Since 1968 when the B.A.T.F. began "clearing" these short Corbines and rifles, less than 300 Model '94 have been cleared. This is a very low number, and special Corbines such as this are in great demand by collectors.

Number 885127 has seen very little use and no abuse; most of the original blue is seen on the steel and iron parts.

Most of these special Winchesters have seen much use, abuse and poor storage, and it is unusual to find one in the outstanding condition of this gun.

This is a fine rare Winchester, and with the outstanding condition, rarity, and age, it will be a welcome addition to any fine collection or museum.

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