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Model 1894 Winchester Carbine Serial Number 958476

I have carefully examined this fine Winchester, inside and out, and have determined it is all original or made by Winchester.

According to remaining records, this serial number was assigned to the model 1894 in 1925 and the gun was made in 1926.

On the lower tang, under the stock, is stamped the number 153. At the time this carbine was made, assembly numbers were not usually used, and no other numbers are found on the gun.

On the lower tang, just ahead of the trigger, is seen the number 5; this is an assembler marking. Also seen in this location is the number 7 and a diamond shaped outline. There are important fitter and assembler markings.

One of the rarest features to be found on any Winchester is a special order stainless steel barrel.

Barrels of this special material were offered from 1926 through 1930, a relatively short time. Because of the extra charge and delays in obtaining the gun, few were ordered and they are seen only rarely.

All markings on the barrel as well as the tang and serial number markings are correct and original. Proof marks are seen on barrel and receiver, and the receiver proof marks are double stamped. Proof marks on guns of this period were stamped by hand after the gun was assembled.

A saddle ring was factory fitted to this carbine. Collector have noted

Carbines of this period which have saddle rings "Western Carbines". During this time, Carbines shipped west of the Mississippi were provided with rings; guns shipped to the East did not have the rings except on special order.

The caliber of this gun is .30 W.C.F., more popularly called the .30-30.

Quarter sawn walnut, of very dark black walnut, was used for stocking this Carbine, and most of the original silver finish is present.

A steel front sight blade is pinned to the sight post which is forged on the barrel. A three leaf rear "Elyse" carbine style rear sight was factory fitted, and it has special order bands inlaid under the sight notches.

A high degree of original bluing is seen on the steel parts of this Carbine, and most of the original black Japanning is present on the stainless steel barrel.

Winchester offered stainless steel barrels for guns which had already been sold or well on for guns being made. This particular Carbine was originally made with a stainless steel barrel and was not returned for re-barreling.

The combination of a saddle Carbine and stainless steel barrel is especially rare, and few collectors or dealers have ever seen one. In over forty years of Winchester studies, this is the first 94 Carbine with stainless barrel I have observed.

Number 958476 is one of the rarest of Carbines and it deserves a prominent place in any collection of rare arms.

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