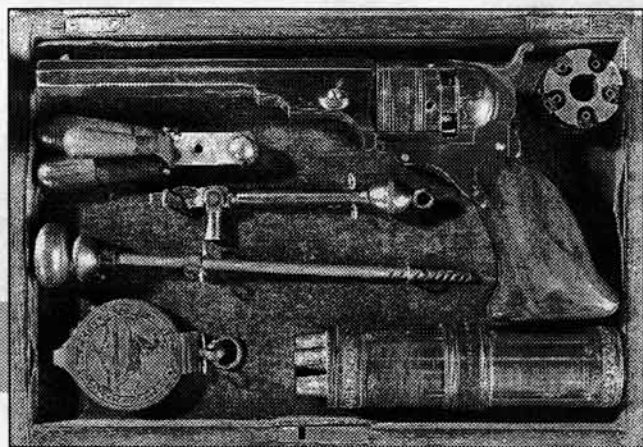


The carved Sherry Kentucky rifle brought \$97,750.

This monumental factory cased Colt Paterson was the sale's top lot at \$414,000. Bearing serial number 51 the Colt No. 3 belt model Paterson squareback cylinder percussion revolver featured a flared grip and came with extra matching cylinder and accessories.



## Auction Action In Moline, Ill.

# December's Sale Makes For Record Breaking Year At Rock Island Auction Company — \$28 Million

MOLINE, ILL. —Rock Island Auction Company (RIAC) shattered the industry record for sales in a calendar year with the recent success of its Premiere Firearms Auction on December 8-10. Total 2007

sales for the auction house reached \$28 million — \$9 million over the previous high of \$19 million set by RIAC last year. The December sale, which garnered nearly \$11 million, is also a company record for a

single auction.

The sale set several world record prices and overall the auction proved strong for all genres of firearms. The top seller in the auction was the finest belt model Paterson revolver, which set a world record for its kind by achieving a lofty sales price of \$414,000. The other two marquee firearms of the auction, the "Tears of Gettysburg" 1861 Colt revolver and its companion piece, General Meade's presentation new model Remington, brought \$368,000 and \$287,500, respectively. Percussion Colts did exceptionally well, notably the 1860 cased engraved Army percussion revolver, which sold for \$143,750; Model 1861 presentation Navy revolver, \$97,750; Glahn-engraved pre-war single action Army revolver, \$92,000; 1849 Kidder-cased presentation model pocket revolver, \$74,750, 1861 factory engraved cased Navy revolver, \$74,750; and the Glahn-engraved single-action Army revolver, \$63,250.

A truly outstanding piece in



Factory-engraved, New Haven Arms No. 1 lever action pocket pistol with original box made \$143,750.

the auction was the new-in-original-box Volcanic pistol. This incredible pistol set a new world record price of \$143,750. A very nice Henry rifle (the next generation of lever actions from the aforementioned Volcanic) brought \$74,750. Nearly doubling the previous world record price for a Singer 1911 was an example that brought \$80,500. Generally speaking,

the Colt 1911 and World War II military genres sold at the high end of the spectrum. An extremely rare Japanese paratrooper rifle brought \$6,325, and another world record price was set when a Luftwaffe Drilling sold for \$37,375. An extremely rare Luftwaffe shotgun — the companion piece to the Luftwaffe Drilling — sold at \$12,650.

The Frank Sellers collection led the way throughout the auction with outstanding results. When told what his collection brought in total dollar amount, Sellers commented, "It was twice what I had expected." Sellers' outstanding Kentucky and half stock rifles were in high demand as indicated by one that brought \$97,750, as well as another that fetched \$46,000 and still another that finished at \$27,850. As a student of the history of firearms, Sellers also collected many experimental and trials rifles. This area of his collection brought a lot of attention with an experimental Smith & Wesson revolving rifle bringing \$9,775 and a unique Civil War trials carbine that made \$8,050.

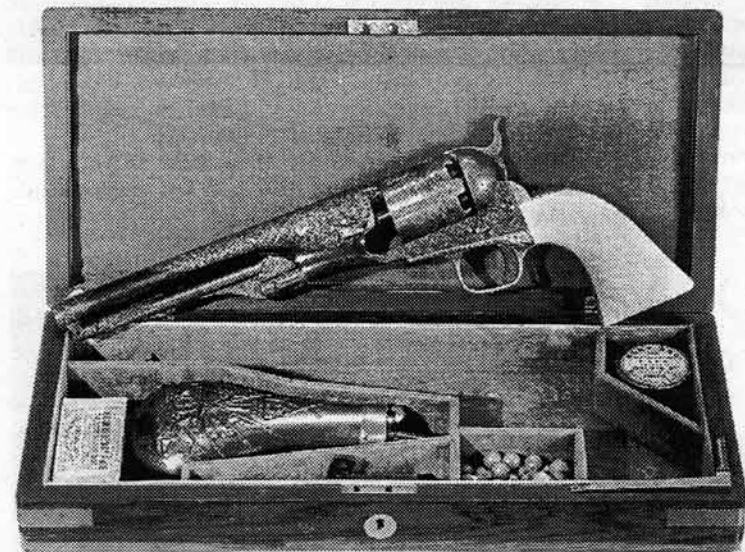
Patrick Hogan, owner of RIAC, stated, "We knew we had a high quality auction, yet the results surprised us all. I, however, am not amazed that the collectible firearms continue to do better in this economy. The stock market and uncertainty in markets in general have led people to seek 'hard assets' and collectible firearms in my opinion are still very much underpriced."

All prices reported include the 15 percent buyer's premium.

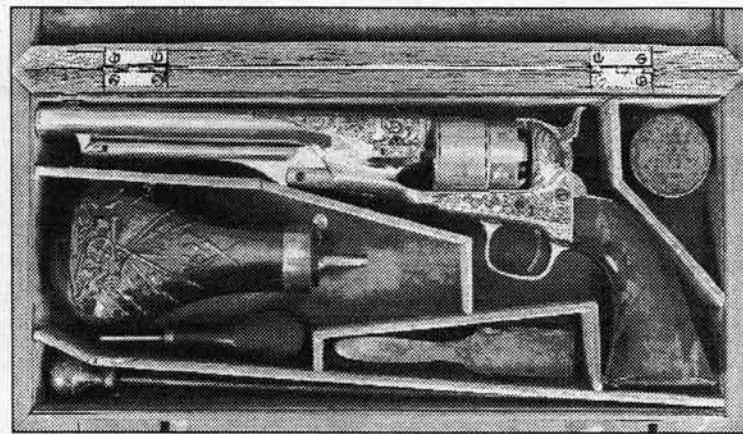
Rock Island Auction Company is currently seeking consignments for its upcoming Spring Premiere Auction to be conducted May 3-5. For information, 800-238-8022 or [www.rockislandauction.com](http://www.rockislandauction.com).



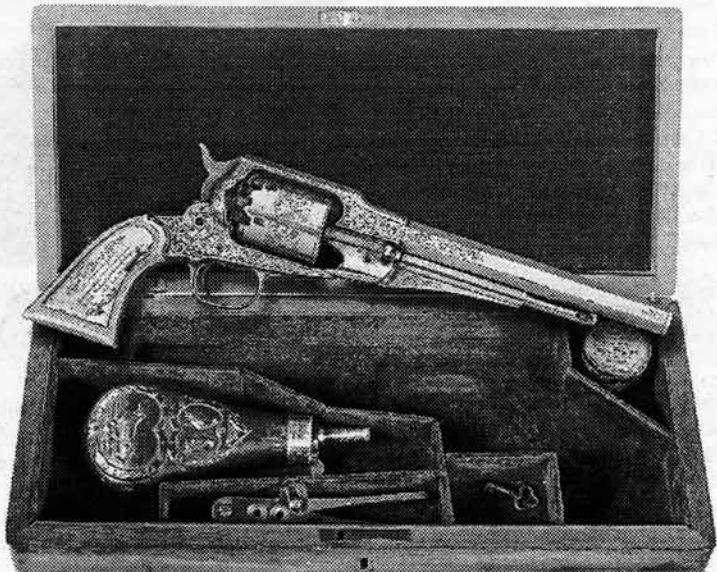
A successful bidder paid \$97,750 for this deluxe factory-engraved and inscribed Colt Model 1851 Navy revolver presented by Samuel Colt to the viceroy of Egypt.



Historical deluxe rosewood cased Gustave Young "Masterpiece" engraved "Tears Of Gettysburg" Model 1861 Colt Navy percussion revolver sold for \$368,000.



Rare cased factory-engraved Model 1860 Army percussion revolver realized \$143,750.



Attaining \$287,500 was the victor of the Battle of Gettysburg General George Meade presentation Nimschke engraved ivory stocked cased Remington new model Army revolver.

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