

Rare "Billy The Kid" Colt Frontier Six Shooter Brings \$92,500

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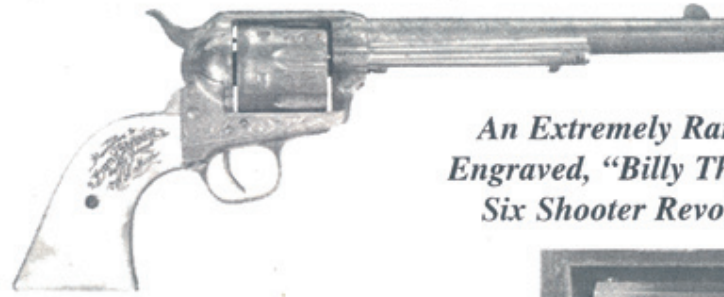
With the first major snow storm of the season occurring on preview day, the outlook for a great sale looked bleak. Entire communities south of the Moline based auction house were without power. Interstate 80 between Chicago and the Quad Cities was completely shut down. However as is often the case this did not keep collectors away. The auction hall was full when the first lot went up for sale at 10 a.m. and as would be expected at any auction, there were items that achieved lofty prices and some that were relative bargains.

The weekend consisted of many surprises and several world records. Headlining what became the finest auction in Rock Island Company's history were the nine lots that each sold for over \$100,000. Eight of the nine lots sold for even more than the high estimate. With such desirable and rare pieces being sold, it was no wonder that people were willing to pay top dollar. The star of the auction ended up being a magnificent factory cased Colt Paterson with accessories which sold for \$299,000. A pleasantly surprising lot was the factory engraved, 1st generation Colt single action army with box which was estimated at \$50,000-\$70,000 and sold for an astonishing \$143,750. With so many people interested in these rare guns, the competition was not always willing to back down. A fine example of this was the WWII Liberator pistol with ammunition. So much interest was shown for this scarce piece that extra phone lines had to be brought in to accommodate all of the telephone bidders who wanted in on this piece of history. It is no wonder that the Liberator, which was estimated at just \$3000-\$4000, sold for \$9,200.

People looking to get their hands on other pieces of history were also in for a battle. This auction featured some very impressive, historically significant pieces. It included Civil War General R.B. Marcy's presentation Colt revolvers which sold for \$230,000. Achieving great local interest was the LeClaire, Iowa native Col. William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody's 1907 Savage pistol which sold for \$126,500. Providing a little history on Edwards Pierrepont, who was a campaign manager for Abraham Lincoln, a U.S. Attorney General, a New York Supreme Court Justice, and the prosecutor of John Suratt, one of Lincoln's assassins, helped gain even more interest in an already popular Colt Belt Paterson.

Lot 3079 - Magnificent Colonel Colt Factory Presentation Rare Double Cased Pair of Colt Revolvers to Civil War General R. B. Marcy, sold for \$230,000. Lot 3027 - "National Treasure" Factory Engraved and Inscribed Savage Model 1907 Semi Automatic Pistol Presented To Buffalo Bill Cody By The Factory with Scarce Promotional Cabinet Card Photograph, sold for \$126,500. Lot 1079 - Exceptional Colt Belt Paterson No. 2 Percussion Revolver owned by Edwards Pierrepont, sold for \$109,250. Lot 3251 - Extremely Rare, Historic and Important Factory Engraved, "Billy The Kid", Gold Cylinder, Colt Frontier Six Shooter Revolver Presentation, sold for \$92,000.

The U.S. Military pieces featured in this sale were



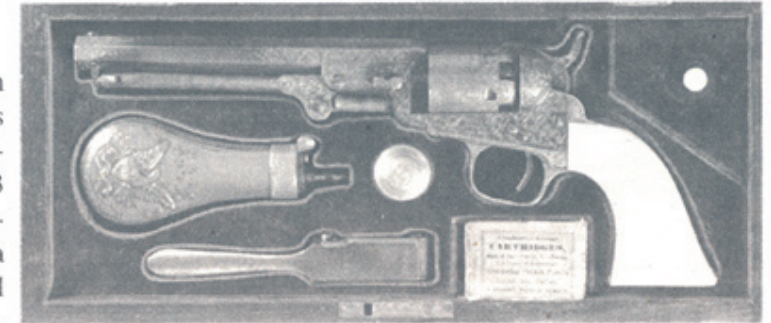
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some of the finest Rock Island Auction Company has ever auctioned off - and that's really saying something. There was an ultra-rare WWI Pederson Device sold with a 1903 Mark I Springfield Rifle. The bolt was complete and fit the rifle perfectly. This sold for a striking \$40,250. A collection of General Curtis E. LeMay's pieces went to auction, with the highlight being his U.S. Contract Colt which brought \$37,375. For the 1922 collector, there was a very impressive grouping that was sold including a U.S. .22 caliber rifle which was estimated up to \$5,500 but ended up bringing \$9,200.

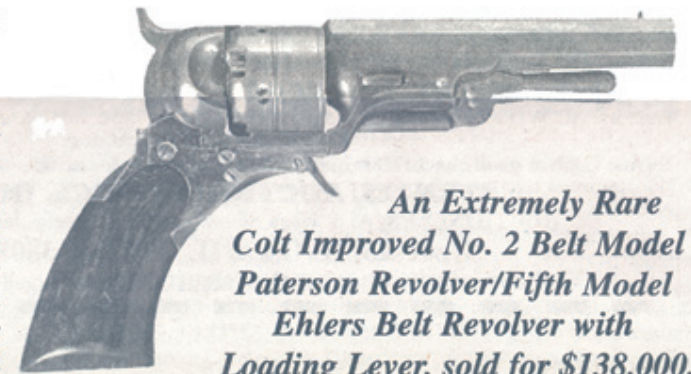
Lot 3564 - Ultra-Rare WWI US Army Pedersen Device with M1903 Mark I Springfield Rifle, Magazine, Metal Automatic Bolt Carrier, Ammunition and Accessories, sold for \$40,250; Lot 1615 - Historical General Curtis LeMay's U.S. Contract Colt .380 Caliber Model M Pistol with General Officer Belt and Holster, sold for \$37,375; Lot 3565 - Scarce Springfield Gas Trap M1 Garand Rifle, sold for \$7,475; Lot 1684 - Scarce U.S. Springfield M1922 .22 Caliber Bolt Action Rifle, sold for \$9,200.

Highlights of the December auction: Lot 1073 - Magnificent Factory Cased Colt No. 2 Belt Model Paterson Revolver with Accessories, sold for \$299,000; Lot 3050 - Exceptionally Rare Squareback Colt Texas Holster Model No. 5 Paterson Revolver, sold for \$264,500; Lot 3079 - Magnificent Colonel Colt Factory Presentation Rare Double Cased Pair of Colt Revolvers to Civil War General R. B. Marcy, sold for \$230,000; Lot 3070 - Magnificent Cased and Deluxe Gustave Young Factory Engraved Colt Model 1849 Pocket Revolver with Panel Scenes, sold for \$207,000; Lot 3058 - Extremely Rare and Desirable Colt D Company Walker Model Percussion Revolver, sold for \$184,000; Lot 1195 - Rare and Exceptional Prewar Factory Engraved 1st Generation Colt Single Action Army Revolver in Original Box, sold for \$143,750; Lot 3066 - Extremely Rare Colt Improved No.2 Belt Model Paterson Revolver/Fifth Model Ehlers Belt Revolver with Loading Lever, sold for \$138,000; Lot 3027 - "National Treasure" Factory Engraved and Inscribed Savage Model 1907 Semi Automatic Pistol Presented To Buffalo Bill Cody By The Factory with Scarce Promotional Cabinet Card Photograph, sold for \$126,500; Lot 1079 - Exceptional Colt Belt Paterson No. 2 Percussion Revolver, sold for \$109,250.

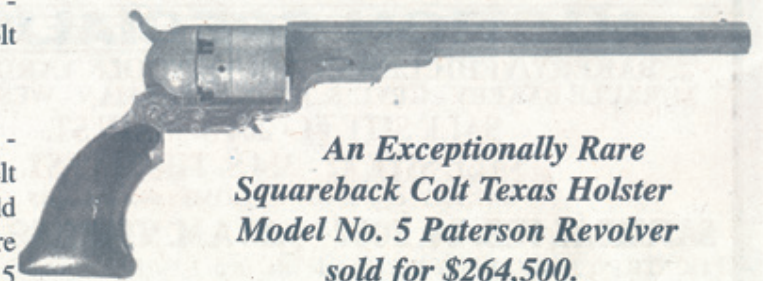
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An Exceptionally Rare Squareback Colt Texas Holster Model No. 5 Paterson Revolver sold for \$264,500.

over 1,100 lots which includes nearly 2,500 items and many multiple gun lots. Featured in the sale will be Military, hunting, sporting and antique firearms - many near new in the box long guns and pistols, ammunition, books, knives, swords, scopes, bayonets, holsters, bronzes, collectible military items, and gun parts. There are hundreds of Winchesters, Colts, Smith & Wessons, Remingtons, Rugers, plus many Savages, Stevens, Mausers, Marlins and other manufacturers.

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