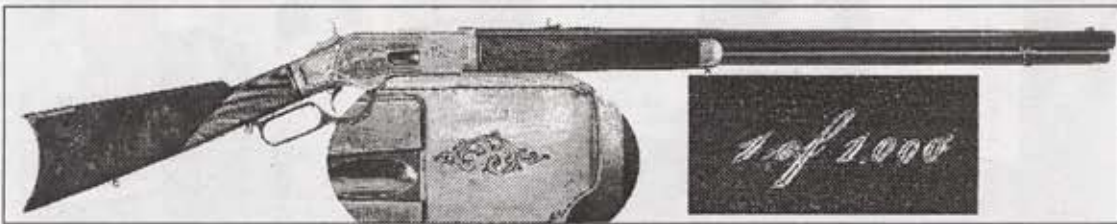


Auction Action In Moline, Ill.



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Rock Island's Firearms Auction Fetches Close To \$8 Million

MOLINE, ILL. — Firearms enthusiasts from all over the world participated in Rock Island Auction Company's premiere firearms auction September 11-13. Strong bidding participation drove sales to nearly \$8 million.

Strong prices were obtained for collectable firearms, and the top lot of the auction was the winning bid of \$425,500 for a factory engraved digital "1 of 1000" Winchester Model 1873. This three-day sale proved highly successful, with a 98 percent sell-through rate.

Several pieces of history were offered, among them was a rare historic and deluxe Tiffany & Co. Smith & Wesson .32 double action 4th Model revolver exhibited by the factory at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago that commanded a price of \$103,500.

Another standout was a pair of highly embellished exhibition-quality Adolph Frohn, Suhl Germany pistols that brought a high bid of \$172,500. A presentation pair of exhibition-grade, silver mounted, gold inlaid flintlock T. Dobson pistols made for the sultan of Turkey achieved \$69,000.

More than 500 Winchesters were offered, and led by a special order Model 1876 deluxe lever action rifle fetching \$23,000, while a Model 1866 lever action rifle went above estimate at \$25,875. A rare deluxe factory engraved New Haven Arms Co., volcanic lever action No. 2 Navy pistol with ivory grips earned \$48,875.

Collectors with interest in the West and cowboy legends had a plethora of items from which to choose. This auction offered firearms from the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Museum. The cowboy star's fame drove prices, with most of the items reaching above the high estimate.

Both of the factory engraved Winchester Model 21s presented to Roy Rogers sold within estimate at \$46,000 and \$43,125. Above estimate prices were attained on a Cole Agee engraved Colt SAA documented as being Roy Rogers' "holster gun," selling for \$23,000, and an elaborate custom relief engraved and gold plated Colt SAA at \$12,650. A documented historical Audie Murphy presentation Roy Rogers Colt single action Army revolver with factory letter garnered a price of \$19,550.

Rare derringers were led by a highly embellished exhibition-quality factory cased gold inlaid Gaulois palm pistol at \$17,250, followed by a factory engraved Southerner deringer with ivory grips for \$13,800. Another piece from this collection was a relief silver eagle hilted Tiffany sword from the famous Flayderman/Medicus collection, realizing \$23,000.

The 300-plus Colts in the auction brought strong bids, leading with an above-estimate bid of \$28,750 for a cased custom engraved gold and silver inlaid Colt deluxe SAA by master engravers R.J. Smith and Siegfried Rentzchke. A black powder Colt frontier six-shooter single action etched barrel revolver fetched \$40,250, and a Hartley &

Graham engraved black powder Colt SAA with factory letter sold for \$23,000.

The sporting arms category featured the E. Warner Bacon collection and was led by a scarce engraved and gold inlaid Ithaca Flues Model Sousa grade double barrel 16-gauge shotgun with extra barrel at \$25,875. A desirable Winchester Model 12 28-gauge skeet grade takedown slide action shotgun garnered \$9,200, almost twice the low estimate.

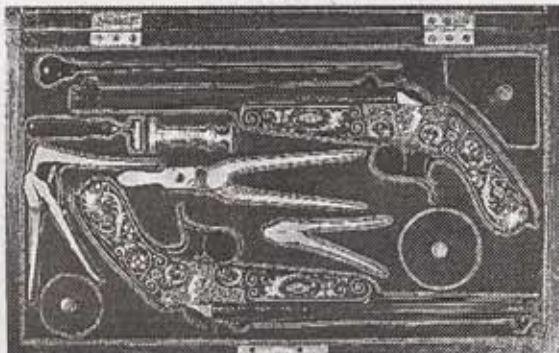
Rounding out the firearms were a pre-64 Winchester transition Model 70 bolt action carbine in the rare and desirable .35 Remington caliber with factory box for \$20,700; an 1899-style Swiss test luger serial number 20 and an original DWM Model 1902 luger carbine with matching stock for \$48,875 and \$34,500, respectively. Interest was also high in a rare Nazi presentation Walther PPK pistol that went out at \$28,750.

Rock Island Auction ventured out of its normal arena of expertise and offered many Victorian-era pieces, including gambling items, slot machines, vintage advertising signs, ivory canes, spurs, back bar bottles and more. Of the slot machines, a scarce Character Manufacturing Company/Mills one-arm bandit carved figure nickel slot machine stole the show for \$7,475. A metal Oshkosh Brewing advertising sign reached \$3,737.

All prices reported include the buyer's premium. Rock Island's next premiere auction will be December 4-6. For more information, www.rockislandauction.com or contact Pat Hogan or Judy Voss at 800-238-8022.



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