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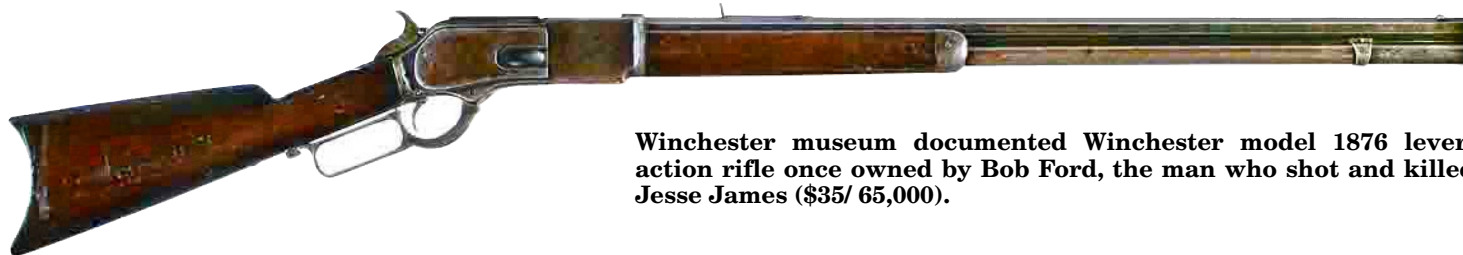
Deluxe Gustave Young engraved Sharps model 1853 slant breech sporting rifle (\$50/75,000).



The finest known identified/documentated Spanish American War Rough Rider issued Colt single action Army revolver (\$35/65,000).



Cased Colt Paterson No. 2 belt model revolver with all accessories (\$250/380,000).



Winchester museum documented Winchester model 1876 lever-action rifle once owned by Bob Ford, the man who shot and killed Jesse James (\$35/ 65,000).

Rock Island Looks To Break Records At May 3–5 Firearms Sale

MOLINE, ILL. — Rock Island Auction's May 3–5 sale will feature collectible and antique firearms from major collecting areas such as Colts, Winchesters, antique arms, military arms and artifacts, Civil War arms, sporting arms and more.

Highlights include a cased Colt Paterson no. 2 belt model revolver with case and accessories (\$250/380,000), an ultra-rare iron frame Henry rifle (\$90/140,000), the finest known LeMat percussion carbine (\$100/150,000), a rare prototype no. 2 Singer 1911A1 pistol (\$50/75,000), as well as a cased engraved pair of Purdey double barrel hammerless shotguns from the collection of NRA board member and actor Tom Selleck (\$60/\$90,000).

Rock Island Auction will also feature several firearms that belong to and have been used by Selleck in two of his western films, *Monte Walsh* and *The Last Stand at Saber River*.

Many historically important items will also be offered in the May sale, including a Nimschke

engraved and double-signed gold-washed Winchester model 1866 (\$85/130,000); a rare US Colt Walker model 1847 "D Company" revolver (\$280/330,000); the finest known model 1903 rod bayonet rifle (\$50/75,000); and a deluxe Gustave Young engraved Sharps model 1853 rifle (\$50/75,000).

Several important Spanish American War arms will also be featured, including a Winchester Lee straight-pull rifle that was salvaged from the attack on the *USS Maine* (\$16/25,000), the finest known identified/documentated Rough Rider issued Colt SAA (\$35/65,000) and a US Colt model 1895 30/40 Krag converted to 30/06 Gatling gun with armored carriage (\$45/65,000).

The auction will also offer a factory documented Winchester model 1876 rifle once belonging to the man who shot and killed Jesse James, Robert "Bob" Ford (\$35/65,000) and a Winchester museum documented Remington Derringer pistol that once belonged to Frank James,

brother of Jesse (\$10/20,000).

The sale will also be highlighted by many rare and unique firearms, including a deluxe Ulrich-engraved Marlin model 1893 special lightweight takedown rifle (\$65/95,000), the largest known Elgin Cutlass pistol from the William M. Locke collection (\$25/37,500) and a rare Colt Paterson model 1839 percussion carbine (\$75/130,000).

More than 700 Colt items will be offered, including nearly 150 percussion Colts, more than 150 Colt single-action Armys, 1877s and 1878s, Bisleys, Lightnings,

semi-autos, double actions, Woodsmans, long arms, the modern AR-15 and more. Highlights from this group include a very rare documented Colt Texas Paterson revolver with 4½ -inch barrel (\$150/180,000).

In the sale's entirety, more than 2,700 lots will be sold. A preview is set for Friday, May 2, from 10 am to 6 pm Preview on May 3– 5 is from 8 to 10 am, and during the auction for items not being sold that day.

Rock Island Auction is at 4507 49th Avenue. For information, 800-238-8022 or www.rockislandauction.com.

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