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Rock Island Auction Company's Sale Realizes Nearly \$9 Million

MOLINE ILL. — Rock Island Auction Company's first premiere sale of the year concluded on May 5, putting some of the world's finest firearms into the hands of many serious collectors from across the globe. The two highest grossing lots of the auction were both rare antique Colt firearms: a Colt Walker Model 1847 D Company revolver, which sold for \$310,500, and a belt model Colt Paterson No. 2 revolver, complete with its original case and all accessories, which sold for \$258,750.

In its entirety, the sale contained a wide variety of quality firearms from major collect-



A Winchester cartridge display board realized \$19,550.

Auction Action In Moline, Ill.

ing areas such as Colts, Winchesters, antique arms, military arms and artifacts, Civil War arms and sporting arms. For its first time, Rock Island Auction Company also accepted real-time bids from online purchasers for all nongun items, such as military uniforms and other collectible accessories; Rock Island plans to offer this feature for every lot in its upcoming auctions.

Important historical items sold exceptionally well, including two firearms with documentation by the Winchester Museum as being attributed to the infamous outlaw Jesse James. The first lot, a Winchester Model 1876 lever-action rifle that was once owned by Bob Ford (the man who assassinated James), sold for \$57,500, while a derringer pistol that was once owned by Jesse's brother, Frank James, sold for \$28,750.

Rock Island's May sale also brought together a group of more than 200 Civil War and Confederate items, including one of only six known LeMat percussion carbines, which sold for \$115,000. Several post-Civil War lots brought

This 1911D \$2.50 gold piece is extremely rare; spirited bidding took it to \$17,250.

high prices as well, including a Colt Model 1897 30 caliber Gatling gun with armored carriage, which brought \$63,250.

Several antique pistol lots reached remarkably high prices, like a pair of exhibition quality Henry Deringer pocket pistols that sold for \$51,750, and a rare Elgin cutlass pistol from the William Locke collection, which sold for \$46,000.

Aside from the auction's two biggest winners, there were other outstanding antique Colt pistols, including a spectacular factory cased and exhibition engraved Colt Model 1849 pocket revolver, which sold for \$63,250, and a US Contract Colt 2nd model Dragoon revolver sold for \$57,500.

A special order Winchester Model 1886 sporting rifle sold for \$57,500, and Volcanic firearms (the predecessor to the Winchester rifle) also sold well. Above all was a rare Volcanic pistol carbine with an attachable stock that realized \$80,500.

A Winchester Model 21 Royal Grand American 6-barrel shotgun set led the sporting arms group, selling for \$69,000. Also drawing much attention at auction was a complete five-gun set of gold inlaid Winchester Model 12s/42 by master engraver

Angelo Bee, which sold for \$63,250.

A strong military collection was led by the finest known 1903 Rod bayonet rifle, which brought \$69,000. The popularity of the ever-collectable 1911 pistol was evident when a rare prototype No. 2 Singer 1911A1 sold for \$63,250.

A large collection of US Trench and riot shotguns was led by a Winchester Model 12 Trench gun in outstanding condition that brought \$10,350.

Rock Island also sold a number of edged weapons and other nongun items, including a Civil War infantry officer's sword that sold for \$3,450, a rare Hopkins and Allen "Prairie Girl" folding screen, which sold for \$4,887; a rare coin, a 1911D \$2.50 gold piece, went for \$17,250; and a Thomas Hart Benton lithograph, "Spring Plowing," sold for \$5,750.

All prices quoted include the buyer's premium.

Rock Island Auction Company is seeking consignments for its upcoming fall premiere auction, to be held September 6, 7 and 8. Rock Island Auction Company will accept single items or entire collections.

For additional information, www.rockislandauction.com or 800-238-8022.



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A belt model Colt Paterson No. 2 revolver, complete with its original case and all accessories, sold for \$258,750.



A rare pair of mint, double cased, engraved gold and silver mounted Henry Deringers brought \$51,750.



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