

Firearms Estate of Respected Collector Drives Bidding Interest at Rock Island Auction

ROCK ISLAND AUCTION started the year strong with its first premiere sale of 2010 attaining over \$7.6 million! Bringing the yearly total over \$10 million! While dazzling stories of shockingly high prices excite many readers, this auction held much that will encourage the majority of firearms collectors. Prices set not by high auction house reserves but competing collectors proved that mid-range items are valuable for firearms collectors.

The main draw of the auction was no surprise, C. W. Slagle's unique derringers, palm pistols and curio type firearms. Well known in the firearms world as a collector of the unusual, the antique derringer and curio type weapons in this auction drew bidding attention. An extremely rare AM. Sterling marked solid sterling silver Colt second model derringer pistol attained \$69,000. Other examples include a large Morrill, Mosman &

Blair Elgin patent cutlass pistol, serial number 52 bringing \$13,800, and an unusual Sedgley fist gun selling above estimate at \$8,625. A cased Femme Fatale pistol ring also hammered above estimate at \$5,750

This auction included an extraordinary selection of Winchesters. The top seller of the auction was a magnificent factory cased and engraved Volcanic lever action navy pistol (shown) commanding \$74,750. An exquisite one of a kind custom engraved gold and nickel plated Winchester model 1873 lever action rifle with carved ivory stock and forearm relief realized \$40,250; while \$28,750 took home an outstanding rare deluxe special order Winchester 1873 lever action rifle in rare 22 short with a factory mounted Winchester



A5 scope. Several outstanding 1866s were sold including an exceptional Winchester model 1886 lever action rifle with casehardened receiver and factory letter bringing \$25,875.

Join RIAC for their upcoming auction: the next Premiere Auction will be held September 10, 11 & 12. Consign one piece or an entire collection and know that you are consigning with the best. For more information on selling at auction contact Pat Hogan or Judy Voss at 800-238-8022. For more information about the April auction please visit www.rockislandauction.com.