

Curio weapons from Slagle collection will highlight Rock Island Auction

MOLINE, Ill. - Rock Island's April 30, May 1-2 Premiere Auction will feature the C.W. Slagle Firearms Estate Collection including derringers, palm pistols, powder flasks and other curio type firearms.

Slagle was well known throughout the firearms collecting community, especially for his collection of unusual and unique antique and curio and relic firearms. For example, Slagle's collection included a Morrill, Mosman & Blaire Elgin patent cutlass pistol, serial no. 52 (largest known example). Also part of this unique collection are two scarce factory engraved gold and silver Colt Cloverleaf house model revolvers with pearl grips and a Liege

proofed double barrel percussion knife pistol with attractive engraved silver panels.

More than 600 derringers and curio type weapons will be included in the auction headlined by an extremely rare AM. Sterling marked solid sterling silver Colt second model derringer pistol, one of only four known solid silver Colt derringers, estimated at \$50,000 - 90,000. This auction also boasts more than 650 Colts with excellent percussions, single actions and fine engraved double action revolvers. An exceptional Colt model 1849 pocket revolver with deluxe factory engraving, ivory grips and pipe style case is expected to bring \$27,500 - \$35,000.

A firearms auction

would not be complete without Winchesters. More than 400 Winchesters comprised of outstanding lever actions plus excellent rifles including Model 21s and sporting rifles including Model 70s will be brought to the auction block. Three Henry rifles, a magnificent factory cased and engraved Volcanic lever action Navy pistol estimated at \$70,000-125,000 and a spectacular, Winchester model 1886 fancy sporting rifle with factory Montgomery Ward inscription in 38-56 WCF which holds a pre-auction estimate of \$30,000 - 60,000 are only a few of the impressive firearms being offered at this sale.

Militaria collectors will not be disappointed. The auction will offer a

presentation cavalry officer's saber with Collins & Co. blade. The upper scabbard mount has an integral, oval, plate inscribed: "COL. NELSON WALL. / - From Officers of - / the 4th R.I.M."

The World War II items in this auction are in abundance: nearly 250 German, European and Japanese military arms will be offered. The tunic and personal effects of Luftwaffe Ace Horst Petzschler makes for some interesting reading. It includes the missions he flew, fights he was involved in, including times he was shot down.

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