



Upcoming Auctions

The Rock Island Auction Company will conduct a mammoth auction Sept. 11-13 in Moline, Illi. (No, they're not selling a collection of prehistoric wooly elephants.) In addition to more than 2,000 guns there will be vintage advertising, gambling and Victorian saloon goods, more than 100 walking sticks, Western spurs, edged weapons and Meerschaum pipes.

More than 500 Winchesters, nearly 100 German Lugers, more than 100 Model 1911 & 1911A1s, more than 700 sporting arms, more than 50 first generation Colt revolvers and guns from the Roy Rogers museum will be available. The website is www.rockislandauction.com.

Above: Rock Island Auction in Moline, Ill., will offer this factory engraved model 1873 Winchester bearing the rare "1 of 1,000" marking. A factory letter from Winchester says it was shipped in 1875. It was one of 136 "1 of 1,000" models made in 1875-79. Its serial number is 7280. Estimated at \$350,000/650,000, it's Lot 1003 in RIA's Sept. 11-13 auction.