

- PRESS RELEASE -**MIDWEST AUCTION CONTINUES TO BREAK SALES RECORDS TO STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWD**

Moline, IL. Rock Island Auction Company's sales results from this past weekend's Regional auction hit nearly \$3.2 million dollars. An astounding accomplishment when compared to their last two Regional auctions which brought \$2.2 and \$2.5 million respectively. The 2,100+ lots featuring over 5,500 firearms brought in collectors, dealers, hunters and sportsmen from all over the Midwest and beyond to participate in the final auction at their Moline facility. Not a seat was empty when owner/auctioneer Pat Hogan took his place at the podium Saturday morning. All 200 plus seats were filled, bidders stood along the back wall and spilled in through the doorway from the preview hall.

With a packed auction hall, 25 telephone lines poised to handle the 3000 plus telephone bids, 12,000 plus absentee bids input, and the live auction services Proxibid and iCollector fired up and ready to go, the first lot went up for sale. Lot 1, a Martially Marked Henry Rifle with 24 inch octagon barrel and 15 round integral magazine sold for an impressive \$25,875. Of the 2,100+ lots, an assortment of 18 U.S. Silver Dollars received great attention with over 50 pre-auction sealed and telephone bids but eventually sold to the floor for an unprecedented \$7,475.

Two High Standard Supermatic Trophy Semi-Automatic Pistols with Extra Barrels were in high demand selling for \$8,050. Another popular item was a Winchester Model 1866 Lever Action Rifle with Factory Letter which brought \$5,175. Other notable sales include a Chicago Firearms Protector Palm Pistol realizing \$5,462.50, a Rare Nazi Proofed Belgian Armand Gavage Semi-Automatic Pistol bringing \$2,300 and a Percussion Musket with Confederate Lock and Bayonet exceeded expectations at \$3,450.

Rock Island Auction Company is looking ahead to May 20th, 21st, and 22nd to their Inaugural Premiere Auction of their new state-of-the-art 85,000+ sq. ft. auction facility. Some of the highlights of the auction include: The finest Sharps collection to come to auction since the Frank and Karen Sellers Collection, exceptional U.S. and German military arms, an outstanding Luger collection, rare and desirable Winchester lever actions, quality Colts from percussions to 1911's to include longarms, quality antique Smith & Wessons, high grade sporting arms, a nice grouping of Class III firearms, a quality single shot collection, exceptional Civil War items including swords and Confederate arms. This auction is shaping up to continue the record breaking success that has become synonymous with Rock Island Auction.

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