

February 01, 2018

Mr. Bryan Ventre  
14129 US Highway 19  
Hudson, FL 34667

Dear Mr. Ventre:

The original manufacturer's data for Model 1894, serial number 5646, as extracted from the original Winchester records housed in this museum, are as follows:

Serial number applied on August 07, 1895

Type: Rifle

Caliber: 32/40

Barrel Type: Round

Trigger: Plain

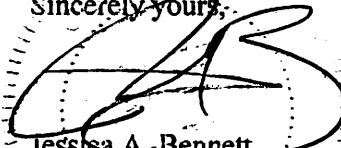
Received in warehouse on August 29, 1895

Shipped from warehouse on August 30, 1895, Order number 18473

Repair and Return on June 06, 1914, Order number 57374

No other information is available for this serial number.

Sincerely yours,



Jessica A. Bennett  
Records Specialist  
Cody Firearms Museum

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## Factory Letter Information

1. The information provided in this factory letter is from the original company ledgers archived at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.
2. The Cody Firearms Museum of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West makes no representations concerning the authenticity of the firearm, its value, or the history of ownership.
3. If the content of this letter does not match the current configuration of your firearm, please contact the Cody Firearms Museum Records Office. Acknowledging that many firearms have been modified over the years, we will be happy to double-check the entry.
4. In accordance with our policies and federal law, we are not allowed to provide appraisal services. Basic information on firearm values can be found in books listed in the Firearms Bibliography available on the Cody Firearms Museum Website.
5. Letters listed as part of the serial number on Winchester Model 1873 and Model 1895 firearms (ex.: 56789B) identify variations in the production series of these models. These letters have no bearing on serial number records and are not represented on your letter.
6. While the record may list an order number, it is very rare that we have information on a shipping destination. If this information is not listed, it is not available to us.
7. If the caliber/gauge, barrel length, etc. is not listed on your letter, this information is not listed in the record. This signifies that this component should be standard to the model for the period. For example, a blank caliber entry for a Model 1866 would be .44 Rimfire, whereas a blank caliber entry for a Model 1873 would be .44 WCF. More information on these components can be found by referring to Madis, Flayderman, or various books by North Cape Publications.
8. A printed watermark is used on factory letter stationary in an attempt on our part to prevent fraudulent use of our stationary and to protect our Members and Customers. This mark will generally show up as a light-colored smudge. However, it may also have a half-tone or darker appearance. Factory letters also bear the signature of the Records Specialist and the raised seal of the Cody Firearms Museum.
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