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Upon careful inspection of your Marlin Model 1897 Serial # 345579 and after extensive research in our records show that it was a custom order for a longer forearm and a cheekpiece and special buttplate and sling swivels. It was shipped to the Wyoming Ranch on April 10th 1902.

The Wyoming ranch ran an old West Show and some of the people that worked there where Buffalo Bill Cody and Annie Oakley. This rifle was to be used for exhibition and trick shooting. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to examine this unique and rare firearm.

I can not set a value on such an item , but I spoke to, Dick Paterson in Champaign Il. who is the head of the Marlin Collectors Assoc. and he seemed to be very interested in it.

yours very truly,



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