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The information you have supplied in your recent letter identifies the revolver in question as a New Model No. 3 Target.

This model was introduced in 1887 and manufactured until 1910 with a total production of 4,333 revolvers. This model was designed on our .44 Single Action frame at the request of Ira Paine, world famous target shooter. The revolver was manufactured in both .32-44 and .38-44 calibers as a target arm. It was manufactured with a 6 1/2" barrel in both blue and nickel finishes.

We have researched your Smith & Wesson New Model No. 3 Target, caliber .38-44 Gallery, revolver in company records which indicate that your handgun, with serial number 1550 was shipped from our factory on August 31, 1891, and delivered to Markt & Co., New York City, NY and Hamburg, Germany. The records indicate that this revolver was shipped with a 6.5 inch barrel, target rear sights. This was a large shipment and the finishes were a mix of blue and nickel.

We trust that the information furnished will be helpful as well as of interest to you.

Sincerely,  
SMITH & WESSON

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roy G. Jinks".

Roy G. Jinks  
Historian

