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Springfield Mass

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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.

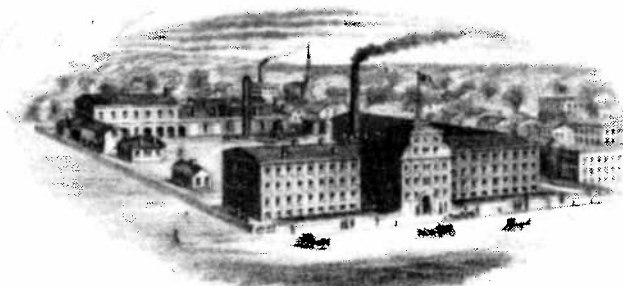
We have researched your Smith & Wesson New Model No. 3 Target, revolver in company records which indicate that your handgun, with serial number 2151, was shipped from our factory on August 21, 1893, and delivered to Ross & Butler address unreadable. The records indicate that this handgun was shipped with a 6.5 inch barrel, blue finish, and checkered black hard rubber grips. The caliber was not listed and the invoice could not be read. The manufacture records do not show any of this model be chambered in the .38 Colt Long, but the factory did chamber revolvers in this caliber both in the standard New Model No. 3 and the .44 Double Action First Model series.

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

Sincerely,

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Roy G. Jinks
Historian



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"New Model No. 3, Target"
.38 Long Colt # 2151