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It gives me great pleasure to deliver to you one Colt SAA revolver serial number S58640A. This revolver was engraved by the internationally famous Colt engraver Mr. Jerome Harper. The following is a brief description of his career as well as your revolver:

Jerry Harper was born and raised in Tennessee. He always had an interest in guns but primarily in the old cowboy guns rather than the modern shooting arms. After graduating from high school he attended U.C.L.A. where he became friends with a gunsmith and engraver. He admired a fully engraved Drilling rifle that hung on a wall in his friend's home. He implored his friend to teach him to engrave and a little at a time he became familiar with the tools and the practice of hammer and chisel engraving. He had no idea that what started out as a hobby would ultimately lead him into a profession that he loved.

After graduation Jerry became a professor at U.C.L.A. and stayed on there for many years. He married and started a family. Engraving was just a pastime for him then but he was getting better and better at it. Word arrived that his Dad was ill back home in Tennessee so he moved his family back to be close to his father. He landed a job as a college professor at the University of Tennessee and remained there until his recent retirement.

He now engraves full time and has a very strong clientele. He likes to take a break now and then to gaze out the window over his 300 acre ranch. He doesn't hunt but says he likes to share his ranch with the turkey and deer that are in abundant supply there. Harper guns are fairly easy to spot. He likes to imitate the styles of the artists of the 19th and 20th centuries, but I can see an added element that places his work just above others that simply imitate. Your gun S58640A a fine example of his work and shows the little extra touches that make a Harper gun so special.

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COLT
SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER
4 3/4" COLT 45

DELUXE ENGRAVED
by
JEROME HARPER

FINISHED IN
BRIGHT NICKEL

FITTED WITH ONE PIECE
AFRICAN IVORY GRIPS

SERIAL NUMBER S58640A

A MASTERPIECE
of
AMERICAN ARMS ENGRAVING
SIGNED THREE TIMES
BY THE ENGRAVER

FINISH

This wonderful revolver was beautifully prepared at Colt's Manufacturing Co. This masterpiece was richly clad with a bright nickel finish that gives the gun a masterful appearance.

ENGRAVING COVERAGE

Jerome Harper has applied one of his trademark scroll patterns to this spectacular revolver. This Colt SAA serial S58640A is a 4 3/4" 45 caliber. The B+ "Expert" coverage on this revolver is in the style of L.D. Nimschke who emigrated to the U.S. from Germany circa 1850. Nimschke's most famous gun was the Colt he engraved for Teddy Roosevelt. Your Colt masterpiece has been specially prepared for engraving for Nutmeg Sports. The superbly detailed scroll and fine linework is evident on all areas of the surface of this masterpiece. Mr. Harper takes pride in his unique ability to intertwine the lines of the scroll.

Once a Harper gun is examined and placed away you find yourself surprised to find new things to admire with repeated examinations. Jerome was so proud of this work he has signed it in three locations. Once with his initials beneath the ejector tube, again on the rear face of the cylinder with his initials between two chambers and lastly with his full name on the right side of the trigger guard beneath the grips.

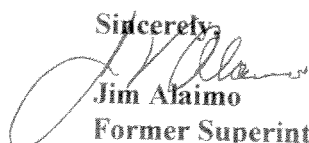
GRIPS

The grips on S58640A are made from African elephant ivory. They were selected by me and were made and fitted by me in my own Connecticut shop, where I still perform all of the ivory work for The Colt Custom Gun Shop. The grips were specially chosen due to their creamy grain. The configuration for this pair of ivory grips is the one-piece configuration. They have been fitted with genuine antique Colt medallions.

CONCLUSION

Creating a fresh and new firearm, previously unknown to the collecting fraternity is one of the most exciting events in the challenging and captivating field for the arms engraver and the collector alike. When a masterpiece with the quality and style as that of S58640A is completed it is an important event. This marvelous Colt is destined to become an increasingly valuable collectable in years to come, and I congratulate you on it's ownership.

Sincerely,



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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE OF GENUINE AFRICAN
ELEPHANT IVORY GRIPS.**

**THIS LETTER WILL CERTIFY AND GUARANTEE THAT YOUR GRIPS WERE
HAND MADE FROM IVORY CUT RIGHT FROM THE TUSK. THIS MATERIAL
IS NOT A POLYMER OR BONDED RESIN, BUT RATHER THE REAL THING.
YOUR IVORY GRIPS HAVE BEEN MADE FROM LEGALLY IMPORTED
AFRICAN ELEPHANT IVORY IMPORTED PRIOR TO THE EMBARGO OF 1989.**



**YOU CAN EXPECT A LIFETIME OF SERVICE FROM YOUR IVORY GRIPS.
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT AS IVORY AGES ITS APPEARANCE CHANGES.
RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING YOU MAY SEE "GRAIN VOIDS". THESE
USUALLY CAN BE SEEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GRIPS. NOT TO BE
CONFUSED WITH CRACKS OR WEAKNESS, THESE LINES ARE VERY
COMMON AND ARE PART OF THE AGING PROCESS FOR YOUR GRIPS.
NATURAL BODY OILS AND AIR PARTICLES WILL CAUSE THE LINES TO
DARKEN. THE MORE THE IVORY IS HANDLED, THE MORE THE COLOR
WILL BEGIN TO GO TOWARDS THE SOFT YELLOW. OVER TIME
DEPENDING ON CLIMATE, TEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY, AND USE, IVORY
WILL HAVE A TENDENCY TO DEVELOP MORE AGE LINES. COLLECTORS
VIEW THIS AS A VERY DESIREABLE FEATURE. IN DRY SITUATIONS IVORY
HAS A TENDENCY TO SHRINK SLIGHTLY. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU
TREAT YOUR GRIPS ABOUT ONCE A MONTH TO A COATING OF CLEAR
VEGETABLE OIL OR NORMAL CLEAR GUN OIL. THIS WILL REDUCE THE
AMOUNT OF POSSIBLE SHRINKAGE.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PATRONAGE. WE HOPE YOU
EXPERIENCE YEARS OF ENJOYMENT WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL HAND
CRAFTED IVORY GRIPS FROM NUTMEG SPORTS, AND HOPE TO HEAR
FROM YOU AGAIN.**

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER...IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH OUR GRIPS...
TELL YOUR FRIENDS... IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY ...
TELL US!**

**James V. Alaimo
Former Superintendent
Colt Custom Gun Shop
Fully Licensed Ivory Dealer**

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