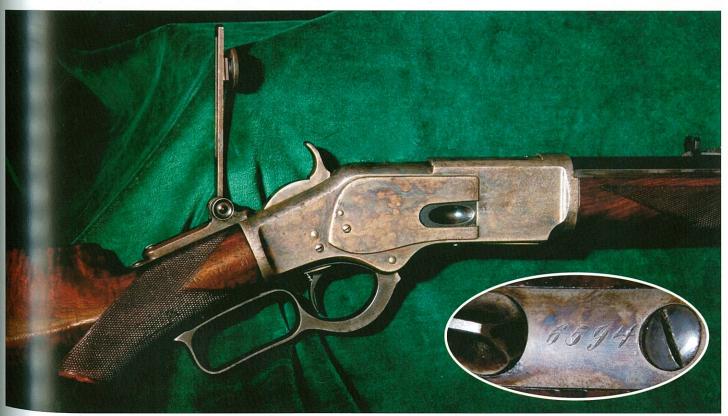






A GIFT FROM IVER JOHNSON SERIAL NO. 6594

This rifle, a First Model with an Arabic 1 of 1000 inscription, was purchased by Fred Mills in 1935 from the Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Store in Boston. It was one of the first twenty rifles that were reported to Universal Pictures and Winchester during the *Winchester '73* motion picture search. Mills reported: "I bought this rifle June 6th, 1935, as recorded in my cash book as follows, Win. 73 (1 of



1000) Fancy rifle \$10...in almost new condition... Previous owner unknown."

This beautifully case-hardened rifle, in very fine condition, was truly a gift from the folks at the Iver Johnson store, even in 1935, at the price sold. The tang vernier sight is a later, but period addition.

Two unusual features in this First Model 73 are the shotgun butt and the pistol grip, both of which are very rare in this early gun. Neither of these features were mentioned in the Winchester records. This, however, is not unusual since details like these were often not recorded. The warehouse ledgers were meant for inventory control and were not kept for the gratification of collectors over a hundred years later.

The original pistol grip configuration has a lever, which is curved to fit the grip, and is stamped with serial number 6594 using the same numbering dies. The number is found on the left side of the lever and is visible only after removal of the sideplate. This unusual feature indicates that the rifle was specially ordered with this stock. Model 1873 levers were normally not numbered.

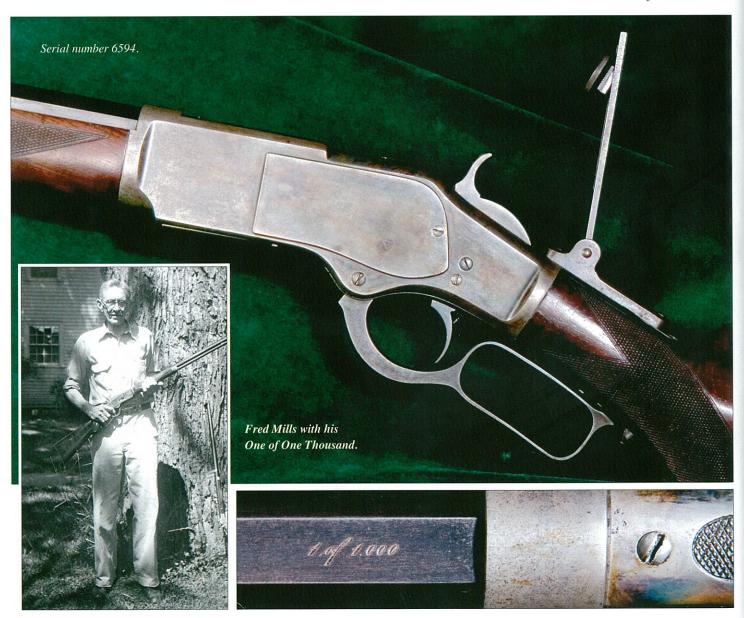
This rifle is also marked 6594 on the inner tang and has the

assembly number 594 on the inside surface of each sideplate. The buttstock inlet is marked XXX, indicating very fancy, high-grade wood. The left side of the lower tang and stock inlet is marked with assembly number 394.

John Malloy, a well-known collector and dealer, related an interesting story about this rifle to its present owner. He and Alan S. Kelley, another dealer from Connecticut, used to visit Fred Mills in order to see his gun collection. Mills was very elderly at the time and a bit grouchy, but for the sum of \$1.00 each, would let them into his house to look at his guns.

The provenance of this rifle is well documented. Following its purchase from Iver Johnson in 1935, Fred Mills owned it until his death in 1965. It was then acquired by Eldon Owens who only owned it for a short time. Owens sold it to Leon "Red" Jackson, of Jackson Arms in Dallas, Texas, for \$2,500.2 In 1965, Jackson Arms featured the rifle on the back cover of their Catalog 22. The rifle then passed to Bobby C. Burns who owned it until 1993 at which time it came into the possession of Paul Sorrell. Following this, it was owned in turn by David Bichrest, Leon Budnigas and was then purchased by its present owner.

Collection of Bert Jolicouer





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ROUTE #3, BOX 28 CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03743 U.S.A.

1 of 1000 moter 44.40 Serial No 6549 from Winchester July 30, 1875

135 of a total 720, 610 Model 1873's Words "One of One Thousand" or

figures "1 of 1000".

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Hollywood movie "Winchester 73" - Stuart N. Lake author which movie

22 owners - Lloyd Bender, Galion, Ohio; James T Fowler, asawatomie, Kan; Louis A Ostendorp, Berwyn, Ill; Scott Merry, Tacoma, Wash; Stanley W. Ollason; Hollister, Cal; D. W. Teckham, Middlefield, Conn; F. P. L. Mille, Old Deerfield, Wass; Glenn E. Ellingson, San Bruno, Calif; James R. Smith, Seattle, Work; Granville Stuart abbott, Lewistown, Mont; William W Kessler, Whitmore Calif; Charles A. Alden, St Petersburg, Fla, I homas H. Oster, Cloverdale Calif; James D. Morley, Lodi, Calif; Sam G. Bachelder, Santa Cruz, Calif; Bichard Larsen, Visalia, Calif; Phil M. Brown, Watseka, Ill; T. R. Jordan, Seattle 55 Wash; Oliver R. Jones & North Hollywood Ca; Harry L. Kemp, Judith Gap, Mont:; Chyde Schurman, Woodland, Work's John S. triend, Gassaway, West Va.

Fred P. L. Mills bought his on June 6, 1935 for 10. 00 from Iver Johnson fronting Gords Store in Boston. among first 20 reported and wonnew Model 94 30-30



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CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03743 U.S.A. Notes Mrs Lula A Hilbard was the elderly housekeeper for Fred Mills. She died a little before him: We remember eating supper with them the night of Dec 7 44 when news of Pearl Harbor came over the Fred died Sept 21, 1961 funeral in Deerfield was Lept 23. The auction of household items was left 1, 1962. We got a bunch of Refleman magazines; a gold watch; a 10. gold coin; 9 colt, rife booklete among other small stuff. to bid on Judge Trisdale of greenfield Mans handled the estate. The load of guns was picked up in Deerfield Ma on Nov 4, 1962. We left for our Calif trys Sat Jan 25, 1964. Schretady NY gun show, then Iallas; then Fort Worth Jun Show; then load of guns from Mr Ruter in Studio City Calif; then Els folks in Iowa; and Columbus This gundhow on trys home. The 10f1000 was sold to Bed Jackson for 2500. Jan 30, 1964. Eddh Owene P. S. We were at CADA Manchester NH Jun show over the week end

and ephilited 12 nice 86 Winehesters. Would be glad for you to see our gun room.

to whom it may concern. this is to state that the 94 Winchester to 1,674,643 is the carbine that Winchester presented to Mr Fred P.L. Mills of Derrfield mass,

this gun was presented because Mr. Mills ownerd the 1873 Winchester "One of One thousand" ho 6594. 1 purchased both of these guns from Mr Mills estate, Eldon J. OWPW

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