



From the collection of R. J. Muckerheide

Although non-factory work is rarely shown in *The Winchester Book* occasionally a Winchester appears which just needs to be shared with you. Here is a special short rifle with twenty-two inch barrel, two X deluxe walnut, checking, special shorter forend often found on shorter rifles and a shotgun butt. This rifle has British proofs, a Holland and Holland ramp front

sight and the H & H three leaf rear sight with platinum inlaid bands. On the barrel, just ahead of the receiver, are the two markings "Sighted, Shot and Regulated by Holland and Holland, 98 New Bond St., London" and "Winners of all the 'Field' rifle trials, London, 1883". The lever loop is leather bound; a gun from the Worlds foremost manufacture reworked by the Worlds leading gunsmiths.



From the collection of Fred Miles

Special long barrels are rare in all Winchesters, but with low production and a gun which was already a heavyweight, they are especially rare on this model. Number 41,332 has a thirty-two inch full octagon barrel, deluxe fancy checkered walnut and nicked trim. No trapdoor was provided in the buttplate, which is an unusual feature. The customer requested that the sporting leaf rear sight be placed "as far back as possible". This rare gun was made in 1883, yet the caliber is 40-60 W. C. F., which was not introduced until 1884. This rifle probably was the first of this caliber made and was used in the ballistics lab to develop the loads for this cartridge.



From the collection of Duane Q. Shook

Short rifles are a rare feature on the model 1876; only one of each 800 rifles had special barrels shorter than the standard twenty-eight inch barrel length. For the 50 Express, as number 19574, twenty-six inch barrels were standard. Part round barrels as on this special rifle, are also a very rare feature. A half magazine, set trigger and shotgun butt are additional rare features of this rifle: "Half" magazines usually extend only a very short distance past the fore end on Express rifles; the distance which the magazine extends past the fore end tip depended on the cartridge for which the gun was chambered.