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Jim Watson

Dear Jim

I wrote to you at the museum concerning a rifle of mine that may have been placed into the box I sent to the museum containing the items I loaned them for the opening in November. It was placed on my original working list when I had the items boxed for shipment but the serial number was not included on that list with the other items.

Would it be possible for you to check at the museum to see if there is a 1903 bolt action Springfield rifle manufactured by Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois just before World War two.

The rifle has a yellow tinted wood stock not normally found on 1903 rifles. Almost all 1903 rifles had a dark brown walnut stain color which makes the color of the Rock Island Springfield 1903 stand out.

If there is no evidence of the rifle not being there I will look elsewhere for it.

Fred Miller

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