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“The Gun That Won the West”

(Charles T. Haven, George R. Watrous, Harold F. Williamson, and Others)
[Manuscripts, Drafts, and Related Material]: Winchester Company Arms and Ammunition Archive

[New Haven, Connecticut]: [1912; circa 1940-1966]

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A unique archive of Winchester company manuscripts, typescripts and other in-house publications, including file or “control copies” and mimeographed documents for internal company use only, most likely compiled by Thomas E. Hall, Curator of the Winchester Gun Museum and author on Winchester arms.

The collection includes a complete unpublished typescript by Charles T. Haven: *History of the Winchester Repeating Rifle and the Other Arms and Ammunition*; an early draft typescript of Harold Williamson’s *Winchester: The Gun That Won the West*; and several draft typescripts of George R. Watrous’s *Winchester Rifles and Shotguns* (later published as *The History of Winchester Firearms* in multiple editions), including the publisher’s mock-up with original photographs of the illustrated second edition. The collection features several other in-house typescripts of works by Watrous (historical and contemporary surveys of Winchester rifles, shotguns, and ammunition), along with miscellaneous related files.

The collection also includes a splendid copy of a privately printed 1912 quarto volume documenting the life of Everett Hosmer Barney, who made his fortune as a Civil War arms producer and later developed clamp-on ice skates and rollerskates (“The Man who put America on Ice Skates”).

Most of the material in the collection was deaccessioned from the Winchester company library or belonged to company employees. Several items have the library's illustrated bookplate on the inside front cover. Other markings, present in some of the earlier items, include a small ink stamp and/or the occasional shelf mark label. All items are bound in the original custom made bindings, in very good or better condition.

A detailed list follows:

I. Charles T. Haven

[Annotated Draft Typescript/Manuscript, circa 1946]: *The History of the Winchester Repeating Rifle and the Other Arms and Ammunition made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company and its Predecessors, from 1850 to 1946*. Unpublished. 573 typed sheets (divided into 18 chapters), with light scattered emendations in ink. Housed in two stationary boxes:

-[Box 1]. Part One: (Title/Half-Title/T.O.C.), Chapters 1-11.

-[Box 2]. Part Two: Chapters 12-18.

Haven published several histories of American arms and ammunition, including the *History of the Colt Revolver* (co-authored with Frank Belden) published in 1940.

II. Harold Francis Williamson

[Draft Typescript/Manuscript, circa 1950]: *The Winchester Repeating Arms Company: A History and Analysis*. Labeled as "Control Copy" this was later published as: *Winchester: The Gun That Won the West* (1952). The draft typescript is divided into three separately bound volumes: (Volume I, Part A; Volume I, Part B; Volume II). Quarter cloth covers bound with two-hole adjustable metal clasps. Displays substantial differences from the published version, and omits the last chapter "Under Preparation":

-Volume I, Part A. Table of Contents: (Parts I-IV, Chapters I-XI, Exhibits 1-27). [4] 1-255 leaves printed on the rectos only. (+ 1 copy).

-Volume I, Part B. Table of Contents: (Part V, Chapters XII-XVIII, Exhibits 28-42). [2] 256-446 leaves printed on the rectos only. (+ 1 copy).

-Volume II. Table of Contents: (Parts VI-VIII, Chapters XIX-XXVI, Exhibits 43-53). [6] 447-512 [513-664 numbered in pencil] leaves printed on the rectos only. (+ 1 copy). This Control Copy omits the last chapter:

"Chapter XXVI. Summary and Conclusion (Under Preparation)".

Williamson was professor of American and European economic history at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Yale University, and Northwestern University, and was noted for his meticulous scholarship in writing business histories.

III. George R. Watrous

A. [Three typescripts, publisher's mock-up, printed book]: *Winchester Rifles and Shotguns* (Later published as: *The History of Winchester Firearms*).

-[Typescript]. [First edition]: February 3, 1943: Blue stiff paper covers, stapled, quarter black cloth. [7] 1-148 leaves printed on the rectos only.

-[Typescript]. Second edition (January 1, 1950): Gray stiff paper covers, stapled, quarter black cloth. Illustrated. Winchester Repeating Arms Company (1950). pp. [12] 1-188.

-[Typescript]. Second edition (Proof copy, January 1, 1950): Gray stiff paper covers, spiral bound. Illustrated. Includes additional leaves bound-in.

-[Publisher's Mock-Up]. Second edition (dated in ink: January 1, 1950). Publisher's mock-up of the title page and text pages on 9" x 14" sheets, with about 65 original black & white photographs of firearms attached. Housed in a cardboard box.

-[Published book]. Third edition: *The History of Winchester Firearms 1866-1966*. Edited by Thomas E. Hall, Pete Kuhlhoff. Winchester Western Press (1966). Signed by Thomas E. Hall on the front free endpaper. Publisher's quarter cloth, glassine wrapper, illustrated slipcase. In publisher's cardboard mailer.

[B]. [Typescript]: *Winchester Metallic Ammunition, Brass and Paper Shot Shells*

-[First edition]: January 11, 1943. Signed presentation copy (dated May, 1945) on the first blank leaf. Blue stiff paper covers, stapled. [3] 1-93 leaves printed on the rectos only. Ownership signature on the front cover and marginal annotations.

-[Two additional copies]. [First edition]: January 11, 1943. One is printed and bound as above in quarter black cloth and blue stiff paper covers; the other is a photomechanical copy bound in a red three-ring binder.

[C]. [Two typescripts]: *Prices of Winchester Arms*
-[Typescript]. "Prices of Winchester Arms as of Nov. 13, 1941." (April 15, 1943). [5] 1-63 leaves printed on the rectos only. Brad-bound in blue paper covers.

-[Typescript]. "Prices of Winchester Arms as of 6/10/43." (June 10, 1943). [5] 1-106 leaves printed on the rectos only. Light blue paper covers, stapled. (2 copies).

[D]. [Typescript]: *Standardization and Simplification of Paper Shot Shell Loads*

-[Including the first - tenth revisions]: (1926-1948). [1] 1-43 leaves printed on the rectos only. (3 copies in paper covers, stapled).

[E]. Miscellaneous File Folders [Typescripts and related material]

About 8 file folders of typescripts by Watrous and

related materials: including Winchester company correspondence and documents (dating back to 1943); along with correspondence and manuscript notes by Thomas E. Hall (circa 1955-1973). Selected historical surveys by Watrous:

-[Typescript]: "Remington Arms" (August 24, 1945). 25 leaves, stapled. (With accompanying material).

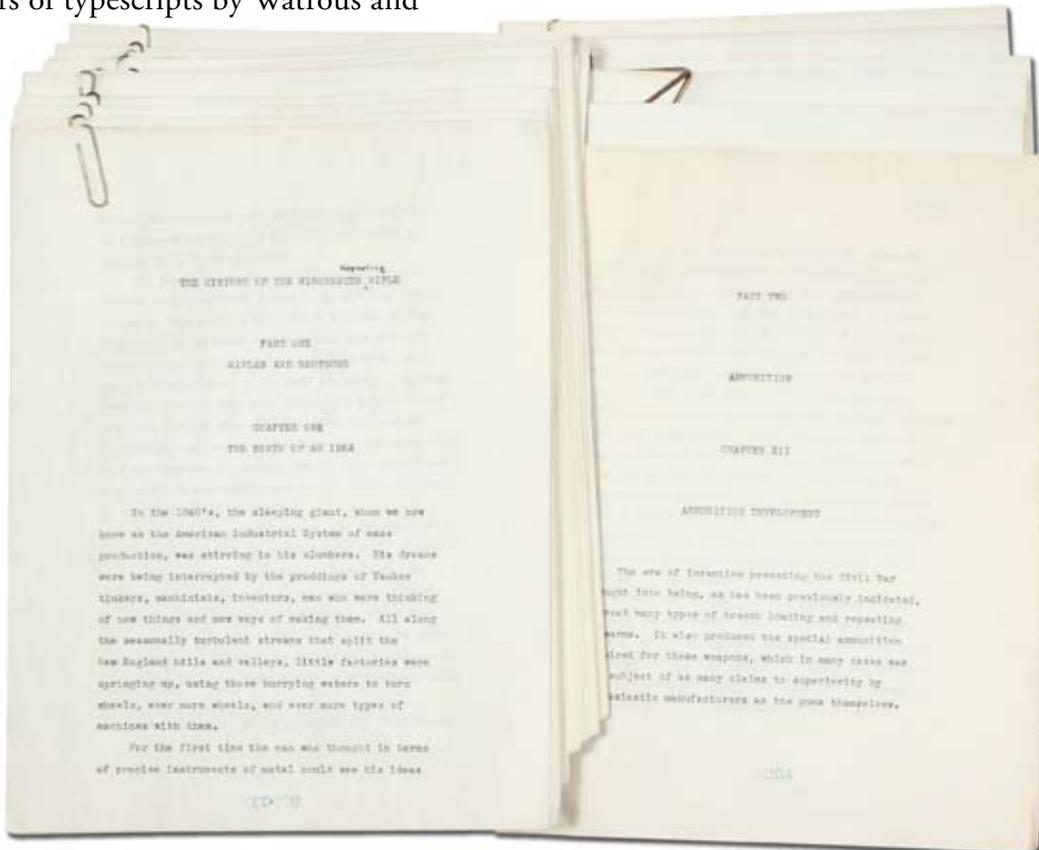
-[Typescript]: "Savage Arms" (September 10, 1945). 19 leaves, stapled.

-[Typescript]: "Mossberg Arms" (November 1, 1945). 20 leaves, stapled.

-[Typescript]: "Marlin Arms" (December 12, 1945). 21 leaves, stapled.

IV. Privately Printed Book

[ADAMS, William F. compiled by]. *Everett Hosmer Barney, His family connections, a record of his life's work. George Murray Barney*. Privately printed: Springfield, Massachusetts, 1912. Large thick quarto. Five preliminary leaves, pp. 13-177 pages. Coat of Arms, steel-engraved frontispiece portrait, and several other plates (some color). Bound in maroon crushed morocco, gilt spine with raised bands, dark red moire fabric endleaves, all edges gilt. Typed slip laid-down on the front fly leaf: "November 28, 1928. When the equipment and office records from the Barney & Berry plant was moved to New Haven, this book came with the other records. Henry Brewer." [BTC#399260]



(Charles T. Haven's Unpublished Manuscript)