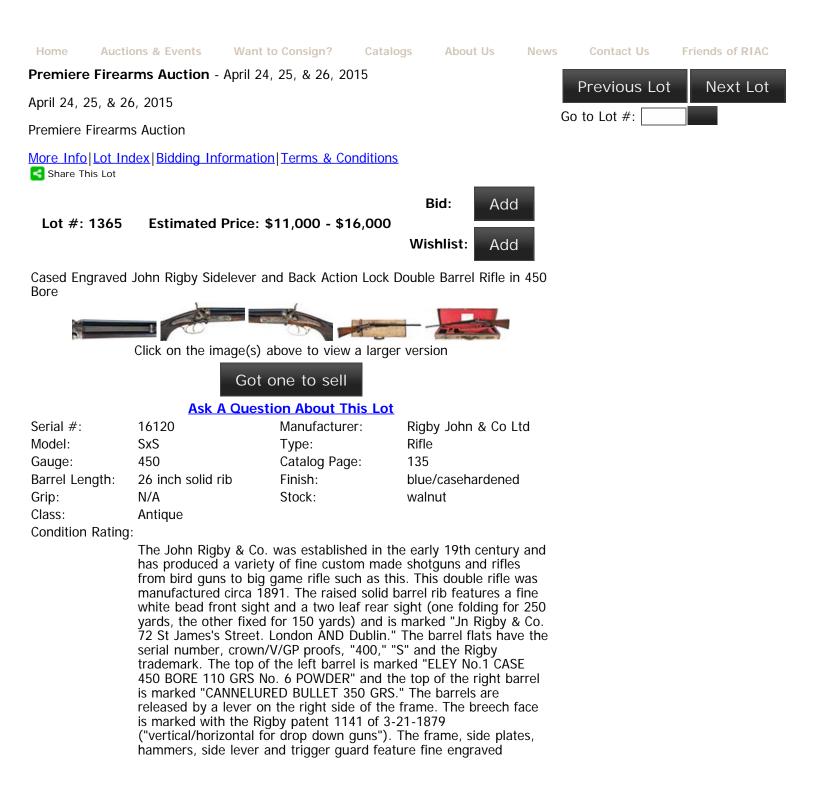


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Cased Engraved John Rigby Sidelever and Back Action Lock Double Barrel Rifle in 450 Bore

Description:	scrollwork with the side plates engraved "J. Rigby & Co." The highly figured walnut pistol grip stock and splinter forearm feature fine multi-point checkering. The grain pattern shows contrasting lines some vertical stripe figure. The pistol grip has a plain hard rubber cap. The buttstock is fitted with finely checkered flat steel buttplate. The forearm and forearm hardware are numbered to the gun. Measurements - 14 5/8 inches, Overall Weight: 8 pounds 14 ounces. The partitioned takedown case has the John Rigby Co. paper label on the inside of the lid. The lid is neatly hand marked "R.D. Gard'ner/Seaforth Highlanders" (pervious owner's name and military organization) on the outside. (Battle honours for the Seaforth Highlanders include Tel El Kebir, Egypt 1882, Chitral Expedition 1895, Atbara, Khartoum, and Paardeberg, South Africa 1899 - 1902.) The case is lined in red felt. The included accessories are, single cavity bullet mold, pull through cleaner in a leather pouch, brush, two-piece wood cleaning rod featuring brass hardware and screw in hollow point plug. The bullet mold is marked "E.M. REILLY & Co./LONDON/450."
Condition:	Very fine as partially refinished (barrels and wood). The barrels retain 99% plus of the blue factory quality refurbished finish showing a few light handling marks. A couple of patches of finished over pitting are present near the muzzle but do not detract from the overall highly attractive blue. The frame, side plates and hammers retain 60% of the vivid original case colors. The engraving is crisp. The reoiled wood is also very fine showing a few very minor handling marks with crisp checkering. A very fine example of a 450 bore double barrel hammer rifle manufactured by a world renowned London gunmaker. The case is good with one leather strap remaining and showing exterior wear typical for its age. The interior has some tears in the wear spots and is slightly loose. The label remains very fine.

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