

SA1096388

Antique "Ghandi" Zenith alarm pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1096388****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique "Ghandi" Zenith alarm pocket watch. This particular model of watch is known as the "Ghandi" because of an anecdote Mahatma Gandhi wrote in his own journal about an unfortunate occurrence. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister from 1947 to 1964, gifted a 1910 Zenith pocket watch to Gandhi. This silver pocket watch became one of his rare few material possessions and accompanied his daily life, notably signalling his prayer times thanks to its alarm function. The watch was subsequently stolen during a train journey to Kanpur, but the thief, overwhelmed by guilt, returned it a few months later, begging Gandhi's forgiveness. Hence the name the "Ghandi" Zenith alarm watch. This particular watch that we are offering for sale has a Swiss stem-winding movement, signed Zenith, which is working nicely. The movement is protected by an inner cover which has some surface marking, which is quite usual for gun metal. The watch measures 47mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is gun metal with gold plated embellishments. The back cover is hinged in such a way that it can be stood up to act as a small clock. The case is in good condition, as i...

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