

SA1186995

Rare antique gold filled railroad pocket watch chain

Price

GBP 325

| USD \$443 | EUR 379

Item Reference: SA1186995

Date of manufacture: 1900

Description

Rare antique gold filled railroad pocket watch chain. The chain measures 30cm long including the T-bar and the clasp. The T-bar, one of the links and the clasp all carry the mark SP&S, believed to be for Spokane, Portland & Seattle, a railroad in the north United States. In 1905, James J Hill set his ambitions on building a railroad that would travel from Spokane, Washington, to Portland, Oregon. He already owned the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, and connecting the two would allow him to capitalise on the Pacific Northwest's lucrative lumber trade. In 1906, construction began on Hill's new railroad as crews laid track through the Columbia River Gorge. This was the beginning of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway (SP&S). (Oregon Historical Society). Later manufacturing companies did sometimes use American railroad logos on their chains to enhance their marketability, but we believe this one to be a genuine example from the early 1900s, the quality, weight and classic design all point to a piece from the railroad era. A newspaper advert from the time advised that watches and chains could be purchased from the railway inspectors. The men generally s...

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