

SA1210620

Antique silver Borgel cased trench watch with history

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1210620****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique silver Borgel cased trench watch with history. The watch has Swiss hand-winding movement which is working nicely. We believe this to be a Fabrique d'Horlogerie de Fontainemelon movement. The watch measures 34.5mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and it has hallmarks for London 1917 together with a sponsor's mark for Arthur Rendell. In 1907, an act came into force which meant that all imported watches had to be assayed in a UK assay office and marked with British import hallmarks. For this, a sponsor's mark was required. In this particular case, Arthur Rendell was an employee, and probably in charge, of the department that handled imported watches at a company called Pringles, the UK's largest wholesalers of jewellery, silverware, clocks and watches, so it was deemed relevant to use his initials. The inside of the case back also has the mark for François Borgel. He was a very successful inventor and business man, and his company became one of the most important watch case manufacturers of its time. He advertised his screw watch case, such as this example, as "impermeable", which means that he considered his sc...

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