

SA421739

An antique silver Borgel cased trench watch, 1913

Price

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Item Reference: SA421739

Date of manufacture: 1910

Description

An antique silver Borgel cased trench watch. The watch has a hand-winding movement which is working nicely. The watch measures 34mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London (import mark), 1913 with a sponsor's mark for George Stockwell. From 1 June 1907, Stockwells acted as assay agents, facilitating the import into Britain of foreign gold and silver items, which had to be assayed and hallmarked in a UK assay office before being released for retail. 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 screw case to be waterproof. Early adopters of the Borgel screw case included Longines and IWC. After François Borgel's death in 1912, the business was carried on by his daughter Louisa. Despite the Borgel case, this watch, as with any vintage watch, should be kept away from water. The case is in good condition w...

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