

SA443042

Antique J W Benson pocket watch with chain and fob

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA443042****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

An antique J W Benson open faced pocket watch and chain. The watch has a Swiss stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed J W Benson, 62 & 64 Ludgate Hill, London, By Warrant to Her Majesty the Queen. J W Benson originated in 1847, founded by James William Benson and Samuel Suckley Benson. They were regarded as one of Victorian London's most prestigious retail jewellers and they also manufactured their own watch movements. The company flourished and proudly boasted an elite client base made up of both British and European royalty and a selection of well heeled industrialists and business figures including the King of Siam, the King of Portugal, the King of Denmark, the Emperor of Japan, the Tsar of Russia and the King of Greece. J W Benson also supplied watches to Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales. In 1914, Benson's Belle Sauvage Yard was hit during a bombing raid. Subsequently, movements were purchased from a number of quality movement producers in Switzerland. From a collector's point of view, both the British and Swiss made J W Benson movements are desirable and comparable in quality. The movement in this particular watch ...

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