

SA490783

Antique silver trench watch with Ormsby crest

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA490783****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

An antique silver trench watch, 1909. The watch has a Swiss hand-winding movement made for the English market and it is working nicely. The watch itself 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), 1909 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 case is an early attempt at producing a waterproof and dustproof wrist watch. It is very much in the style of François Borgel whereby the movement and bezel unscrew and lift out the front of the case back... there is a little movement in the bezel but it is very safe. There is a family crest on the back of the watch including the wording Fortis Qui Prudens (he is brave who is prudent). This was the family crest for the Ormsby family and used by Sir Lambert Hepenstal Ormsby, MD, of Merrion Square, Dublin, an eminent senior surgeon so we can be fairly certain that this was his watch, perh...

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