

SA495606

1920s Cyma half hunter pocket watch for J W Benson

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA495606****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Description

A 1920s Cyma half hunter pocket watch for J W Benson. The watch has a Swiss stem-winding movement by Cyma, reference 938, and it is working nicely. The movement is signed with the J W Benson name. 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. Up until the first World War, the company was still manufacturing its own movements in the UK but after its factory at Belle Sauvage Yard was hit during a bombing raid in 1914, it purchased mechanisms from a number of quality movement producers in Switzerland, including Cyma. From a collector's point of view, both the British and Swiss made J W Benson movements are de...

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