

SA583381

Silver Elgin B W Raymond railroad pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA583381****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique silver 1911 Elgin B W Raymond railroad pocket watch. The great North American railroad watch became an institution after a fatal crash in 1891, which was caused in part by the stopping and then restarting of the engineer's watch, which caused it to be four minutes slow. In the early days of railroading, when trains ran by strict time and timetable rules, that four minutes proved to be fatal. As a result, in 1893, the General Railroad Timepiece Standards were adopted, which mandated high grade specifications including a minimum of 17 jewels in the movement, five adjustments, micro-metric regulation and lever set hands. The B W Raymond model was named after Benjamin Wright Raymond, the first president and one of the primary investors in the National Watch Company of Chicago (later renamed the Elgin National Watch Company). The watch has a beautifully patterned stem-winding movement, grade 385 with ruby and sapphire jewels, which is working nicely. The grade 385 was produced in very low numbers in 1911 and 1912 with only 2000 being produced in total. The serial number on the movement, 15,330,338 dates this particular watch back to 1911. The watch measures 5...

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