

SA668829

1909 gents silver Longines wrist watch, Sir John Bennett

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA668829****Date of manufacture: 1900**

Description

1909 gents silver Longines wrist watch originally retailed by Sir John Bennett. The watch has a good quality Longines hand-winding movement, in-house calibre 13.68, which is working nicely. The movement is protected by an inner cover which is beautifully engraved with the wording, 'Maker to the Late Queen Victoria, Sir John Bennett Ltd, 65 Cheapside, EC & 105 Regent Street, W, London. John Bennett (1814 – 1897) was one of the most controversial characters in British horology and, in many aspects one of the most advanced. He was educated to become a pastor, but after the death of his father he entered the family antique clock and watch business, which was established by his grandfather in Greenwich. He was one of a small number of British watchmakers who saw the need for modernization of the current methods of manufacturing he employed many machine tools and lectured about them, advocating Swiss production methods and interchangeability of parts, which put him in conflict with many of his colleagues. It was even said that the establishment of the British Horological Institute was designed to protect decent watchmakers from “new brooms” like Bennett. He was probably ...

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