

SA673312

1930s J W Benson chronograph pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA673312****Date of manufacture: 1930**

Description

1930s J W Benson chronograph pocket watch. The watch has a Swiss Universal movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed J W Benson, London. 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 originally 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. As with many watch manufacturers, J W Benson embraced the newly introduced wristwatch during the first World War. Up until this point, 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 such as the Universal that we have here. The movement is protected by an inner hinged cover which has some short scratches where it has been opened in the past. The watch measures 50mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is chr...

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