

SA714813

Antique silver pocket watch & chain, Fry's chocolate, Bristol

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA714813****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Description

Antique silver pocket watch & chain, Fry's chocolate, Bristol. The watch has a Swiss 17-jewel stem-winding movement, identified as by Moeris, which is working nicely. The movement is signed Kemp Brothers which suggests that this watch was made as a private label piece, ie, made by Moeris but signed by and sold as a Kemp Brothers piece. The movement is protected by an inner hinged cover which has a lovely inscription, 'Presented to Frederick William Woodhead, by the Directors of J S Fry & Sons Ltd, on his retirement after 35 years' service, Dec 5th 1925'. Fry's was established in 1753 when ships would sail into the port of Bristol carrying precious cargo, including cocoa which Joseph Fry believed had health giving properties and he saw it as a nutritious alternative to alcohol. The business grew and became so well established that by the time of the first World War, Fry's were the biggest employer in Bristol. In 1919 they merged with Cadburys. The watch measures 52mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the loop. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside both of the case backs for Birmingham 1924 with a case maker's mark for Aaron Dennison, a prolific ca...

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