

SA743503

Antique silver Wille Frères Roskopf pocket watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA743503****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique Wille Frères Roskopf pocket watch. The watch has a stem-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed Roskopf and it also has a couple of brevet (patent numbers). 22530 relates to a 1900 patent in the name of Wille & Cie and the other, 6269, relates to an 1893 patent in the name of Charles Leon Schmid & Cie and Wille Frères. Roskopf was founded by George Frederic Roskopf in 1855, his dream was to make affordable watches for the working man. In an effort to increase sales, in 1867 Roskopf employed Charles Leon Schmid, his target was to sell five to six hundred watches per month. Schmid had the inspired idea to offer the watches to different European armies and railroad companies and it was so successful that demand could not be met. After the death of his wife Francoise in 1872, George Roskopf sold his house in La Chaux de Fonds and handed over his business to Charles Léon Schmid and the brothers Charles and Eugène Wille, forming Wille Frères. The movement is protected by an inner hinged cover which has images of exhibition medals won in Geneva in 1896. The watch measures 53mm diameter excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is...

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