

SA748705

Gents silver half hunter wrist watch, 1925

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA748705****Date of manufacture: 1920**

Description

Gents silver half hunter wrist watch, 1925. The watch has a hand-winding movement, identified as being from the factory of Fabrique d'Horlogerie de Fontainemelon, which is working nicely and keeping good time to around five minutes over 24 hours. The watch is a good wearable size at 35mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs. The case is silver and there are hallmarks inside the case back for Edinburgh (import mark) 1925 with an importer or sponsor's mark for Arthur Rendell. In 1907, an act came into force which meant that all imported watches had to be assayed in a UK assay office and marked with British import hallmarks. For this, a sponsor's mark was required. In this particular case, Arthur Rendell was an employee, and probably in charge, of the department that handled imported watches at a company called Pringles, the UK's largest wholesalers of jewellery, silverware, clocks and watches, so it was deemed relevant to use his initials. The case has a screw-on back, a nice sign of quality, and it is all in lovely condition, especially for such an early piece, with just the odd minor mark. The front cover has a central lens (with a lit...

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