

SA880016

Antique silver Sir John Bennett Longines watch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA880016****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Description

Antique silver Longines pocket watch for Sir John Bennett. The watch has a stem-winding movement, identified as being manufactured by Longines, which is working nicely. The movement is not signed as it would have been produced as a private label item to be sold under the Sir John Bennett name. The movement is protected by an inner dust cover which is beautifully engraved with the wording, 'Maker to the Royal Observatory, Sir John Bennett Ltd, 65 Cheapside, London, Swiss Made'. This inner cover also has a couple of date marks believed to be from when the watch was pawned. Sir John Bennett (1814 – 1897) was one of the most controversial characters in British horology and, in many aspects one of the most advanced. He greatly advocated the Swiss methods of manufacture where parts were interchangeable rather than being made for each individual watch. This 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. The watch measures 49mm excluding the winding stem and the loop. The case is silver and there are Continental hallm...

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