

## Joseph Holländer's Fob Watch

Before being deported Joseph Holländer left his fob watch with Frau Gertrude Peter, his next door neighbour in Hilchenbach. She also gave him a knapsack.



After my mother passed away, I found the watch and a letter that she had written which explains the voyage of the watch.

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Dearest Son!

This watch is yours, to keep, as a memento, or rather a sentimental heirloom from your grandfather Yusef Hallander.

Due to Hitler's holocaust you are the only descendend and it's rightly yours.

Before being deported your Grandparents left the watch with a woman in Germany. She kept it for nearly 20 years, and 2 years ago when our cousin Lathi Haskel was in Germany she turned it over to her, so she should get it to us. But Lathi took it to Israel, to ask uncle Edmund if it was really our father's. Then she took it along to Rhodesia. But last December uncle Edmund visited her and took it back.

to Israel. Last week somebody called me, to pick up the watch which a friend of his had brought along from Israel.

So after about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a century this watch returned to the U.S.A from where it originally came. And it still keeps perfect time.

To set the watch, there is a small lever, recessed near the numeral 5, which has to be pulled out. This your aunt Selma still remembered.

Both, aunt Selma and I entrust to you the only material memento which still remains of your grandfather, knowing that you will keep and treasure it.

your father

## Technical Information Concerning Joseph Holländer's Fob Watch

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M.O.S.T (MY OWN SWEET TIME) WATCH COMPANY.

Hampden Watch Co.  
(Dueber Watch Co.)Springfield, Mass. and Canton Ohio (1876-1930)

The New York Watch Co. preceded Hampden, and before that Don J. Mozart (1864) produced his three-wheel watch. Mozart was assisted by George Samuel Rice of New York and, as a result of their joint efforts, the New York Watch Co. was formed in 1866 in Providence, Rhode Island. It was moved to Springfield, Mass. in 1867. Two grades of watches were decided on, and the company started with a 18S, 3/4 plate "State Street" which had steel parts and exposed balance and escape wheels that were gold plated.

John C. Dueber started manufacturing watch cases in 1864 and bought a controlling interest in a company in 1886. At about this time a disagreement arose between Elgin, Waltham and the Illinois Watch companies. Also, at this time an anti-trust law was passed, and the watch case manufactures formed a boycott against Dueber. Dueber was faced with a major decision, whether to stay in business, surrender to the watch case companies for by a watch company. He decided to buy the Hampden Watch Co. of Springfield Mass. By 1889 the operation had moved to Canton, Ohio. By the end of the year the company was turning out 600 watches a day. The first 16 size watch was produced in 1890. In 1894 Hampden introduced the first 23J movement made in America. Hampden assigned serial numbers at random to the New York Watch Co. movements for years after they purchased the NYWCO.

Chronology of the Development of Hampden Watch Co.

The Mozart Watch Co, Providence, RI (1864-1866)  
N.Y. Watch Co., Providence, RI (1866-1867)  
N.Y. Watch Co. Springfield, Mass. (1867-1875)  
N.Y. Watch Mfg. Co., Springfield Mass (1875-1876)  
Hampden Watch Co., Springfield Mass (1877-1886)  
Hampden-Dueber Watch Co., Springfield Mass(1886-1888)  
Hampden Watch Co., Canton, Ohio (1888-1923)  
Dueber Watch Co., Canton, Ohio (1888-1923)  
Dueber-Hampden Watch Co., Canton, Ohio (1923-1931)  
Amtrog, U.S.S.R. (1930-present)