



## Robert Roskell Pocket Watch, Massey Lever, 1829



1 350 EUR

Signature : Robert Roskell

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Diameter : 52mm

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### Description

Robert Roskell Pocket watch, 1829.

Robert Roskell was one of Liverpool's most famous retailers and manufacturers of high-quality pocket watch movements made in England.

Roskell often worked closely with his own children and brother John.

He married Elizabeth Tarleton, daughter of watchmaker William Tarleton, circa 1795. His father-in-law was probably also his teacher.

In 1803, he and his brother John Roskell took over the business from William Tarleton. The company was established as Robert & John Roskell, 14 Church Street Liverpool and later as Messrs Roskell & Co, 12 & 14 Church Street, but both also supplied clocks under their own names.

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Six children were born from his marriage to Elizabeth. Two sons, Nicholas Roskell and Robert Roskell Jr., became watchmakers.

In 1825, John Roskell left the company and Nicholas Roskell remained in business and became a business partner. Since then, the firm is called Robert Roskell & Son and has become the Maker of the Admiralty (Navy Watchmaker).

This partnership between father and son lasted until February 1832, when his second son, Robert Roskell Jr., joined the company.

This partnership lasted until the retirement of Robert Roskell on 30 December 1842.

Roskell clocks and chronometers are kept in several prestigious museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Powerhouse Museum, the Melbourne Museum-Museum Victoria and the National Maritime Museum & Royal Observatory.

High quality full plate movement with dust cover, engraved cock, rare fusee and lever escapement type "Massey lever III" with large transparent rubies stopped with screws (also called "Liverpool Jewelling").

Edward Massey (1768-1852) specialized in the construction of movements for other watchmakers.

Between 1812 and 1814, he patented a variation of the English lever exhausts consisting of a steel cylinder with a protrusion formed by a ruby and fitted on the balance staff.

These patents are known as Massey lever type I, II, III, V

In working order.

On the dial corresponding to number 7 there is a small lever which allows you to lock the balance staff and stop the watch.

Equipped with a key for charging and adjustment.

White enamel dial with Arabic numerals signed

"Rob. Roskell Liverpool".

Mineral glass.

Equipped with a key for charging and adjustment.

Case in sterling silver. 925 with the hallmarks of  
Chester year 1829.

Diameter 52 mm.

In working order.

To see the video of how the watch works, click  
on the link below:

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