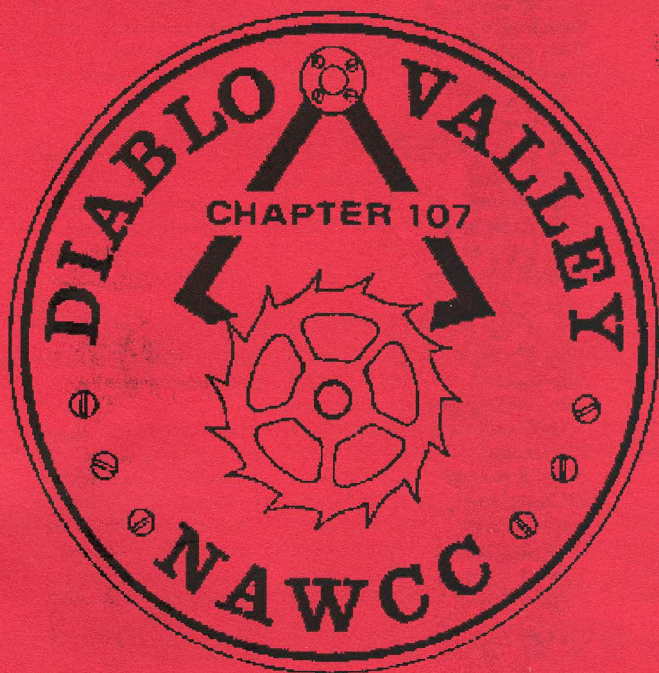


BULLETIN



December 2015
Volume 222

President's Message

The October 11, 2015 meeting was a special program given by Julia Geist, Docent at the Legion of Honor, on Breguet: Art and Innovation in Watch Making. The lecture was followed by a chapter field trip to the exhibit at the Legion of Honor San Francisco on November 15, 2015. Both events were interesting and educational. For those of us who don't get to Europe, a once in a life time opportunity. **Price Russ** did an outstanding job in putting both events together.

I hope everyone has sent in their Annual Holiday Luncheon reservations for our December 13, 2015 meeting at the Back Forty Roadhouse & Saloon. Please include your annual dues and save a stamp. We will also have our annual auction in which you keep all the money your item brings. Don't forget to mail or bring your ballots to the meeting as it's time to elect a new slate of Officers and Directors. No one wanted to be President, even though many were asked. The chapter is fortunate that **Price Russ** has agreed to fill the void and serve as President for the coming year. Hopefully, in the future someone will step up and agree to run for President of the chapter. Rotating the office of the President among different members brings new ideas and perspectives to the chapter.

The December meeting will be my last as President. I would like to thank everyone for helping to make our chapter so successful. Many folks have step up to help in many ways.

Happy Holidays!

John

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

Chapter dues are **\$25.00** (spouse included). If you did not renew on the luncheon sign-up sheet, mail a check payable to "Diablo Valley Chapter 107" to Jerry Konicek, 29185 Rockport Way, Hayward, CA 94544. If you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, your badge will be mailed to you. This will help Jerry and give us a chance to confirm your contact information.

FRENCH RARE THIRTY HOUR BALL CLOCK

Antique French rare thirty hour ball clock suspended from a bronze eagle perched on three onyx columns shaped like Roman ruins, circa 1880. No warranty. 2-3/4" ball diameter.

Additional Information

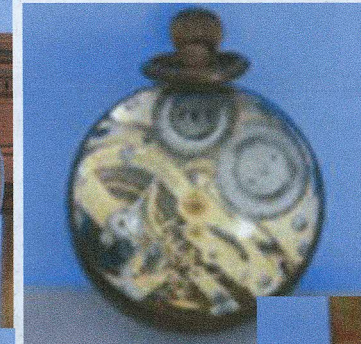
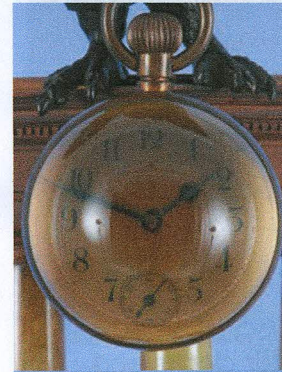
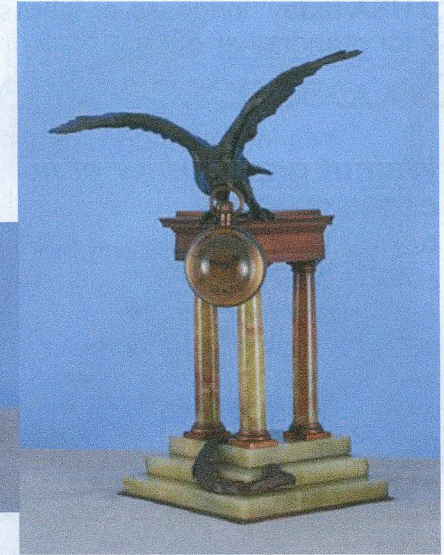
Circa: 1880

Origin: French

Vendor: AMIL 1

Height: 16"

Width: 11.75"



Did you know: According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the term "grandfather clock" came into common usage as late as 1876 as a result of the popularity of the song "My Grandfather's Clock". Previously, the term "longcase clock" was more usual. In the USA today, longcase or tallcase is still the usual name for grandfather clocks.

Walnut grandfather clock and longcase clock cases

Walnut was used by the very best grandfather, longcase, tallcase clock makers.

A lot of the best London makers from the late seventeenth century housed their works in these cases. Usually tall and elegant and of the finest quality, some of these cases were brought north and used to house works made in this part of the country. Walnut cases were prone to woodworm and so it is possible that a works that started life in a Walnut case could now be housed in an Oak or Mahogany case.

Mahogany grandfather clock cases

Mahogany was used to make grandfather, longcase, tallcase clock cases from the mid eighteenth century right up to the end of the clocks being made at the end of the nineteenth century. It was used initially in its solid state, and then as a veneer on either pine or oak. I tend to think of mahogany being used to house "Town Clocks". In recent times, people are on the lookout for smaller clocks and many works made in the cheshire part of the country can be found housed in very pretty mahogany cases. I prefer a larger Grandfather, Longcase, Tallcase clock and here we see the Liverpool and Manchester type case being used to house Cheshire movements. The tall, long, full length door type of case that cannot be bettered in any other part of the country.

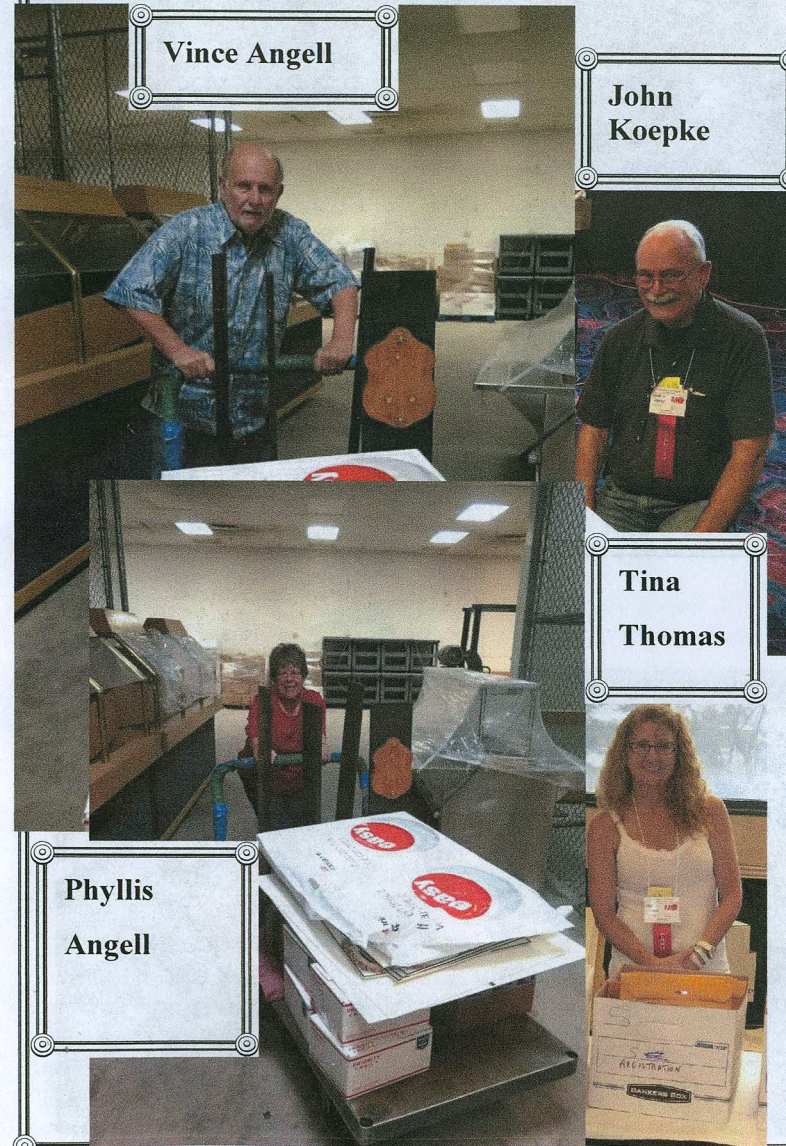
**Silver Dollar Regional
August 29-30, 2015**
Thanks Vince and John for all your hard work. I had a great time.

Vince Angell

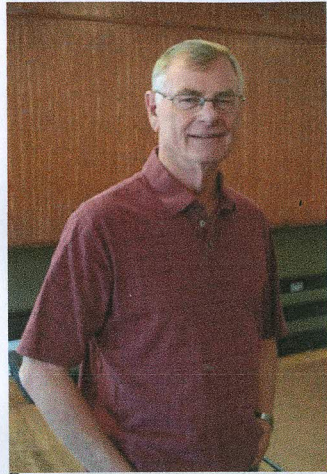
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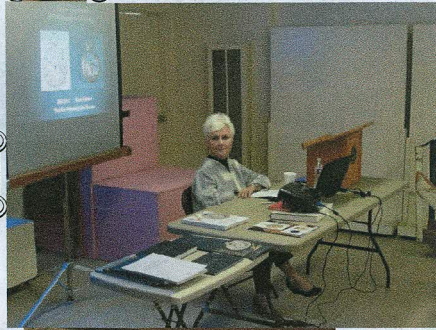
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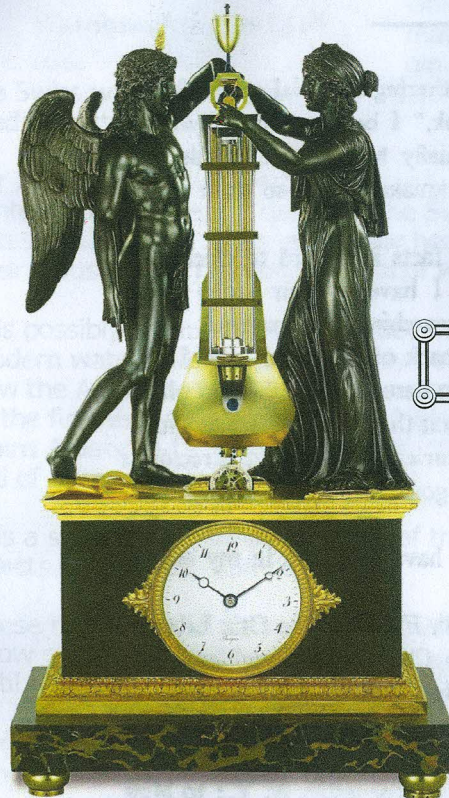
Leigh Blair



Julia Geist



Breguet Field Trip



Precision Clock

The old clock book
N. Hudson Moore

The old clock book

by N. Hudson Moore. With one hundred and four illustrations. Published **1911** by **Frederick A. Stokes Co.** in **New York**. Written in **English**.

Find more information at the link address below

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PREFACE

TEN years ago, in gathering material on clocks for the "Old Furniture Book," I became especially interested in the subject, chiefly because the details with regard to American clockmakers were so scant and so difficult to find.

I began then to note facts in regard to clocks and clockmakers. Though I have written many books since and done much searching for material, clocks have ever been in the "back of my mind" and I have steadily gathered an item here, a name there, a photograph somewhere else, and they are duly set down.

The list of town histories, newspapers, directories and genealogical books gone through is too vast for more than mention.

To all librarians who have aided me in my search, thanks are due.

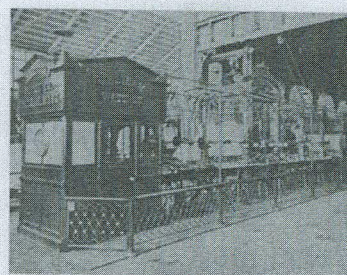
To Jonathan Trumbull, Esq., of The Otis Library, Norwich, Conn., and to Clarence S. Brigham, Esq., Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, of Worcester, Mass., I am peculiarly indebted.

To Mrs. H. P. Brownell of Providence, R. I.; to Mrs. Frederick G. Yates of Rochester, N. Y.; to Miss Mary Woodward of Sharon, Conn.; to James Terry,

Jacques David

Richard Watkins

American and Swiss



Watchmaking in 1876

This book, containing reports to the Intercantonal Committee of Jura Industries on the manufacture of watches in the United States, was first published in 2003, and I assume that by now all those copies have sold. So I am making it available as a free download.

In 1876 Jacques David, who later became the director of Longines, was sent to the United State to investigate American watch factories. When he returned he wrote a 108 page manuscript report which gives detailed information on Waltham and Elgin. His summary was that

the Swiss watchmaking industry would be destroyed unless immediate action was taken.

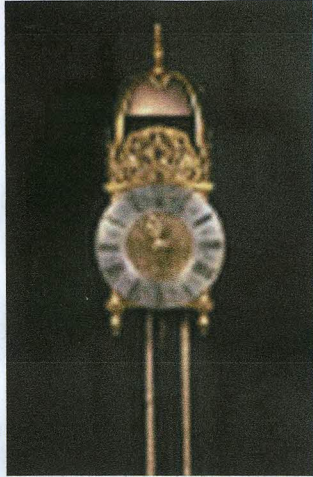
For 2 months David's warnings were ignored, and he then presented a second report damning the Swiss makers for not taking him seriously. The Swiss eventually headed his advice, rebuilt their industry and regained control of world watch production.

It is possibly the most important document in the history of modern watchmaking. It is the only book to describe in detail how the American factories made watches, from the raw metal to the finished, cased movement. And the only book which explains American factory organisation, quality control and standard of interchangeability.

It is a superb analysis of the state of the Swiss industry and the effects of American competition.

These reports were suppressed so that the Americans would not know of them. And they remained "suppressed" for 115 years until Longines published a facsimile.

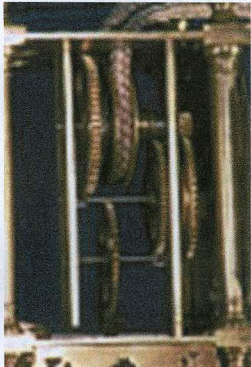
The book is available from <http://www.watkinsr.id.au/American.html>



National Museum of American History, Kenneth E. Behring Center

Joseph Hall of London, England, made this clock about 1680. It is a weight-driven style of domestic clock made entirely of metal and named after its shape, which roughly resembles a lantern. English emigrants from Bermuda purportedly brought the clock to

Massachusetts around 1700. At that time, a brass lantern clock or a tall case clock with a brass movement would have been among the most expensive items its owners possessed. More important as status symbols than as precise timekeepers, the clocks often had only an hour hand. Most people did not require to-the-minute accuracy.

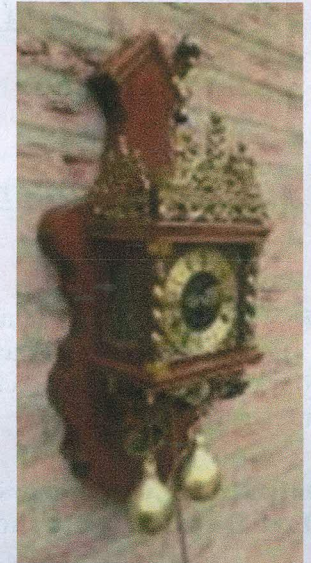
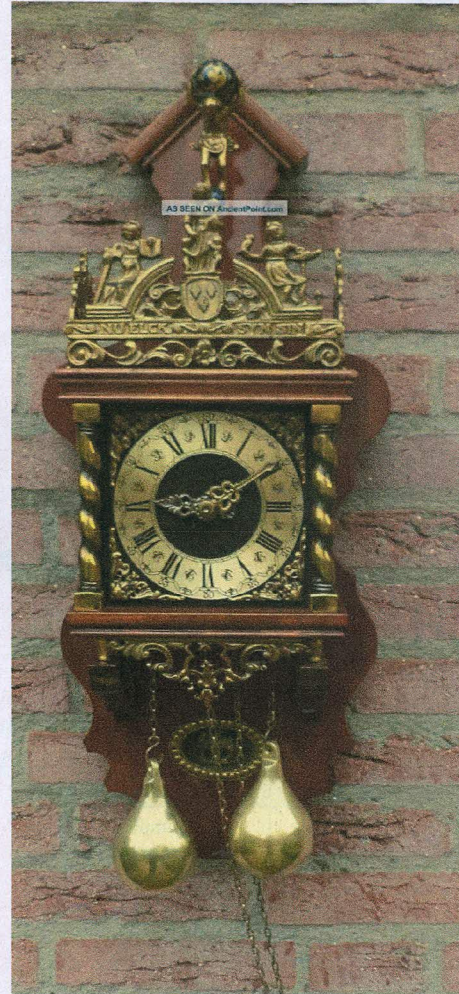


PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: brass (overall material)
MEASUREMENTS: overall - clock: 10 in x 4 1/8 in x 5 in; 25.4 cm x 10.4775 cm x 12.7 cm overall
 - pendulum: 2 1/4 in x 1 3/8 in x 3/8 in; 5.715 cm x 3.4925 cm x .9525 cm



PLACE MADE: United Kingdom: England, London
DATE MADE: ca 1700

Old Dutch Large Zaandam Clock Of Holland



CHAPTER #107 MEETINGS

Second Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

Mart: 10:30AM
 Chapter: 12:00PM
 Board: after the Chapter Meeting

Future Meeting Dates

February 14, 2016

We want to keep our members coming to the chapter meetings on a regular basis. If you have problems with transportation to and from meetings, let a director or officer know so we can help you find a carpool.

Only NAWCC members can participate (buy or sell) in our Mart. Be prepared to show your current membership card.



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 Collectors, Inc.

Other NAWCC Chapter Meetings in Northern California

Chapter	Meeting Address	Meetings
De Anza #94	Odd Fellows Lodge 20589 Homestead Rd Cupertino, CA	2 nd Sunday even months (except April)
Monterey Bay #70	Live Oak Grange Hall 1900 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA	3 rd Sunday odd months
Sacramento #71	Sacramento Garden Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento, CA	4 th Sunday odd months
San Francisco #5	Boys and Girls Club 401 Marina Blvd. San Leandro, CA	2 nd Sunday odd months

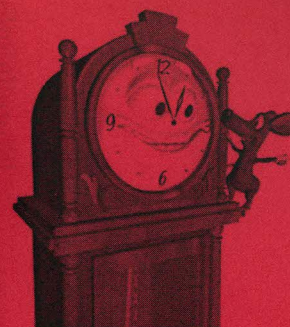
DIRECTIONS TO CHAPTER MEETINGS

(except August and December)

743 Diablo Road, Danville

Take Interstate 680 to the Diablo Road exit in Danville. Go east on Diablo Road for 0.6 mile. The Grange Hall will be on your right. Parking is available in the front and rear. Enter from the front; *i.e.*, street side. Facing the building from the street, there is a ramp on the right side for handicap and cart access.

CHAPTER LIBRARIES



BOOK: The Chapter book library is located at Classical Clocks and Antiques, 1082 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Contact Nile Godfrey (925-449-2127) for more information.

VIDEO: Chapters 107 and 5 share a DVD video library. Contact Price Russ (925-937-9231) for information.

TOOL: Contact Walt Hubrig (925-685-0260) or Price Russ (925-937-9231) for information on the tools and parts available for use by Chapter members.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

(The Bulletin accepts notices from Chapter members for all items/subjects horological - wanted, for sale, giveaway, services, and so forth. There is no charge. All you have to do is supply copy to the editor.)

Wanted: Articles for the *Bulletin*. Contact Tina Thomas (209) 481-3930.