

The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter



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President's Message "A Sign of The Times"

When you hear the statement "A Sign Of the Times" you might think this has to do with an alarm clock or something to do with clocks. Well, in a way it has to do with Alarm Clocks. More specifically, The Howard Banta Alarm Clock Chapter #178 and the rising costs of printing and mailing one of the best Newsletters in the NAWCC for the last 12 years. Costs of printing, supplies and mailing is starting to deplete our reserves in the Treasury and we have never raised dues. With that being said, at the time of the next renewal members will have the opportunity to have their Newsletter sent to them "electronically" at a reduced yearly cost of only \$10.00 rather than our past membership fee of \$15.00. Newsletters will be sent out as a PDF Format which we believe many of us will be able to easily see, read and print out their own copy of the newsletter. If you prefer we will still continue to print and mail the Newsletter as usual for a fee increase \$5.00 to \$20.00 yearly. The increase we hope will compensate for the increases in printing and Mailing and be able to still bring you the Best alarm clock newsletter in existence.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change in membership, please let me or Bob Linkenhoker know with an email.

These changes will not take place till time of the renewal next January. At that time there will be a change in the renewal form. Those that decide to receive it electronically or in the mail will have explanations on the form for renewing.

Vince Angell

EDITOR'S NOTE

If you have not already done so please fill out the form attached to this newsletter and mail it along with a check to our treasurer Mike Wilson.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: My wife and I attended the Sunshine Regional in March. I took pictures but unfortunately they did turn out. I encourage any of you who attend any clock or watch event to take pictures and send them to me for inclusion in the newsletter

All of the material in this issue was furnished by Dennis Sagvold. It is essential that you send me material or there can be no newsletters. Please take a few minutes and send pictures and written material to me at rlink3@juno.com of Vince Angell at phylathome@hotmail.com

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The Waterbury in it's original box and the X-Ray



Two German Alarm clocks, the maker of the one on the right is unidentified and the one on the left is a Hamberg American Clock (HAC)

Our friend and constant source of contributions, Dennis Sagvold sent me this letter in January.

The preceding page shows the two German Alarms, the Waterbury 'NO SLEEP' and the X-RAY.

'Bob

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Well, I made it home to Minnesota for the holidays.

Good to see family again! It was cold but oh so worth it.

Did get time to see friends and visit a couple of Antique Shops. In fact I added more clocks to my collection on one trip than ever before.

Pictures show a Waterbury 'NO SLEEP' with the original box and and Ingraham X-RAY. I had the X-RAY but not in this good of condition. I also bought a visual escapement Terry clock Co (more about this clock in a future article). Also a German Hamburg American with 2 bells on top. I also added 2 Waterbury Private Label Alarms that are in need of better cases.

I did have the Waterbury NO SLEEP with wide bezel, this one has a narrow bezel.

Hope you had a great holiday Season.

Will send another article on the Terry clock soon.

Dennis Sagvold.

The following two pages contain text and pictures I later received from Dennis about Terry Clock Co. time only clock with an exposed Escapement and some research on the S.B. Terry companys.

Terry Clock Co.
Nickel Case 5 ½" tall including Top Ring
3 3/8" Time Track Dial
Time only Visible Escapement Balance

FROM Brooks Palmer's 'Book of American Clocks'
S.B. Terry Died 1876

Two sons moved to Pittsfield Massachusetts in 1880 and organized Terry Clock Co. with George Bliss.
The company was re organized as 'Russell & Jones Clock Co. in 1884

Russell and Jones until 1888

So the Terry Clock Co. was only in business from 1880 to 1884. Awful short history. You can see the movement is clearly stamped 'Terry Clock Co. Pittsfield Mass'.

I also ran across the enclosed ad from Benjamin Allen & Co. Chicago advertising the same clock
Manufactured by Russel & Jones Clock Co in three models. Were the two Terry's still there?

I hope this is something here you can work with.

EDITOR'S NOTES

I looked up Terry Clock Co. in Brooks Palmers book 'A Treasury of American Clocks' and found the following information on the Terry Clock company:

'TERRY CLOCK CO. At least four, all to do with S.B.Terry and his sons, using this name.

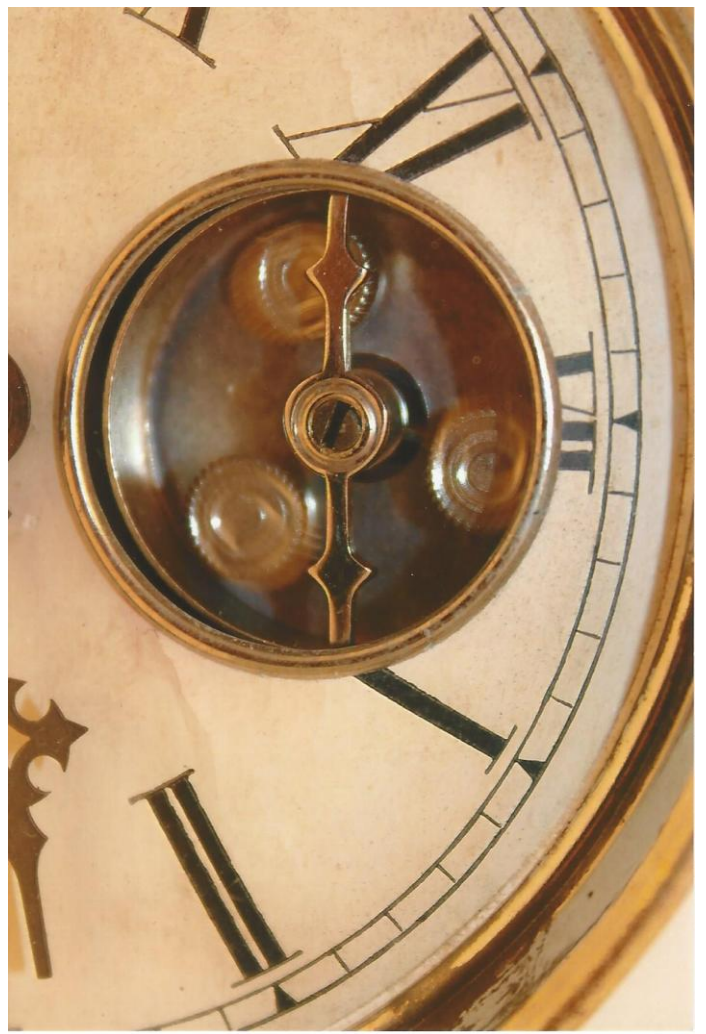
1. Terryville-Organized 1852 or before
2. Winsted-exact dates not now known
3. Waterbury-1868 at South Main St.
4. Pittsfield, Mass-1880 and later

Further research found this information in the book 'Two Hundred Years of American Clocks & Watches' by Chris Bailey:

Silas Burnham Terry (1807-1876) was the youngest son of Eli Terry

After Silas's death in 1876 his three sons, Cornelius Elam, Solom Mark and Simon Gunn continued the business in Waterbury Conn. Until 1880. After that the business was moved to Pittsfield Mass. were it continued till 1885. In 1888 the firm passed from the Terry family to their creditors and the firm was renamed Russell and Jones which remained in business till 1893 when it was disbanded.

**FOLLOWING ARE PICTURES OF DENNIS'S CLOCK WITH THE EXPOSED
ESCAPMENT and The BENJ ALLEN & Co AD**

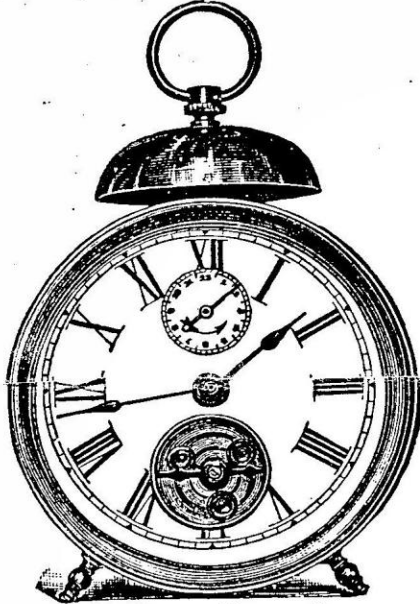


CLOCKS—Continued.

Manufactured by the Russell & Jones Clock Co.

We call special attention to the Luminous Dial Clocks.

PERT ALARM.



ONE-HALF SIZE. VISIBLE BALANCE.

1 Day, Lever, Time, Alarm \$2 60
 This Clock is also made in Hammered Metal, and is called Pert Alarm Embossed Gilt, at same price.

PERT TIME.

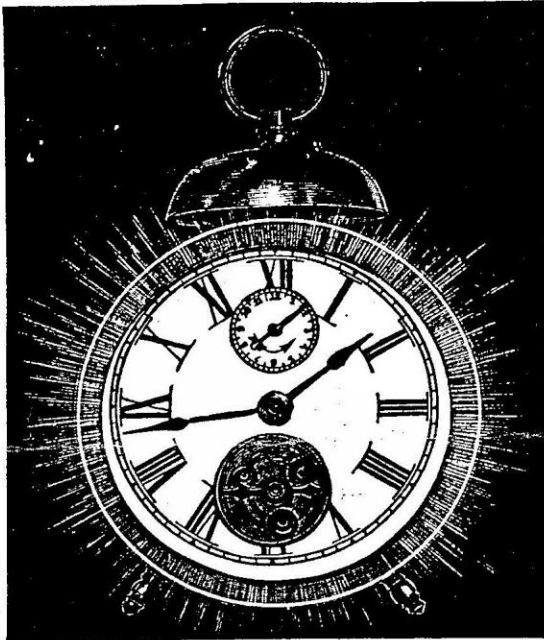


ONE-HALF SIZE. VISIBLE BALANCE.

1 Day, Lever, Time \$3 00

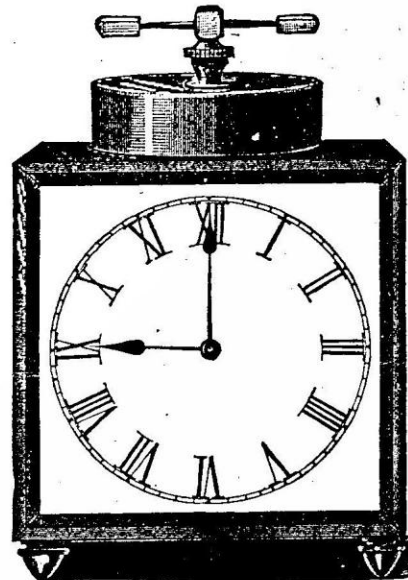
PERT ALARM, LUMINOUS.

THEY SHINE ALL NIGHT. TIME VISIBLE IN THE DARK.



NICKEL. ONE-HALF SIZE. LUMINOUS (4 INCH) DIAL.
 1 Day, Lever, Time \$2 50
 1 " " " Alarm 3 10
 1 " " " " Embossed Gilt 3 10

PATROL (Nickel.)



ONE HALF SIZE. 4 INCH DIAL.

1 Day, Lever, Time, Alarm \$2 70
 1 Day, " " " Luminous Dial 3 20

Dennis also sent a picture of two sets of salt & pepper shakers he found in Minnesota.



Another area of collecting that is interesting to explore

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