

Wristwatches and Pocket Watches / Thu, 22nd September 2022 / Lot 1063



## LOT 1063

A late 17th century silver and tortoiseshell key wind pair cased gentleman's pocket clock watch, the gilt fusee movement with verge escapement and pierced and engraved balance cock and striking on a bell, the backplate signed 'Nath. Barrow London', the silvered champlévé type dial with black Roman hour numerals and single hand, the pierced case back with engraved wrigglework decoration, case diameter 4.6cm, the tortoiseshell mounted outer case with silver piqué inlaid scene of sun, tree and buildings, outer case diameter 5.5cm (section of tortoiseshell missing). Note: Nathaniel Barrow is a recorded London watchmaker, apprenticed in 1653/54, made free of the Clockmakers Company in 1660/61, becoming an assistant in 1676 and master in 1689. He died in 1700. Provenance: formerly the property of Tom Robinson, past chairman of The Antiquarian Horological Society and author of various horological books including 'The Longcase Clock'.

Estimate: £1,200 - £1,800

## Condition Report

1063. The watch winds smoothly and starts ticking. The striking train also winds smoothly and strikes on a bell, but please be aware we give no guarantees to working order or reliability of any clock or watch.

The dial is a little loose and would need securing, otherwise typical light wear and discolouration in places. The blued steel hand appears to be a replacement. The silver pierced and engraved case with some surface scratches and wear, few dents to back and sides. Hinge is good.

Outer case is missing approx one third of its tortoiseshell mounts to the front border, also some hairlines to the tortoiseshell on front. Tortoiseshell to back of outer case in generally good condition with good quality silver inlay. Some cracks to tortoiseshell edges particularly around hinge side of case. Outer case closes tightly.

The old handwritten tag mentions 'restored barrow regulator, single hand and champlévé type dial', so had restoration at some point in its not too distant past.

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