

Two-day chronometer, Hewitt & Sons, London, c 1860. Australian National Maritime Museum collection, acquired with assistance of the family of the late Mr. Les Cox and the NAWCC.

Following clockmaker John Harrison's acclaimed success in the late-eighteenth century in producing a marine timekeeper capable of maintaining reliable and accurate time aboard ship, chronometers gradually became a standard navigational tool on all ships in the nineteenth century. This was one of many stories told in the museum's successful 2004 exhibition, About Time.

The new acquisition has a dial of silvered brass with engraved Roman numerals and is engraved "Hewitt and Sons Makers to the Admiralty London No 2112." It is among a long list of fine marine chronometers manufactured by the company. The chronometer complements a suite of navigation instruments in the ANMM Collection and, in fact, fills a notable void. It's a lasting tribute to Les and his memory that his family has offered this wonderful timepiece.

At the presentation, Director Mary-Louise Williams expressed the museum's sincere and heartfelt thanks to the NAWCC and Mr Cox's family.

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INTERESTING TIDBITS FROM THE ANTIQUES MAGAZNE **NOVEMBER 1970**

Simon Willard repairs the North Andover clock, 1836

On June 1, 1836, the new meeting house of the First Church and Parish of North Andover, Mass., was dedicated. The old meeting house was dismantled, but the clock was kept and put in repair:

"Resolved, That whereas, in 1762, Mr Benjamin Barker, a worthy citizen in the North Parish of Andover, did present to the said Pariah a clock for the meetinghouse: in grateful Remembrance of the said Benjamin Barker, the Inhabitants of said parish, for the purpose of keeping in repair the said clock, have expended three hundred dollars upon the same, under the directin of Mr. Simon Willard, clock-maker, in Boston."

(Sarah Loring Bailey, Historical Sketches of Andover, Massachusetts, Cambridge, 1880, p. 466.)

—Eleanor B. Randall

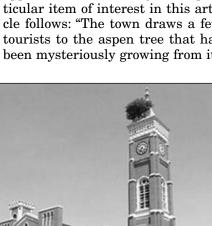
Connecticut clocks to Canada, 1825

We are inundated . . . with Yankee clocks,-and I know of a Yankee pedlar who brought from Connecticut last summer from fifty to a hundred wooden ones, with flashy cases & sold the most of them for cash in the upper parts of Canada. Where he found a respectable farmer who would not buy, he would leave a clock, set it agoing and soon return, when the farmer ten to one would purchase. Each of these clocks he sold for \$30 while the intrinsic value was not over six or eight dollars at most.

(Peter Russell to Frederick Russell, York, Toronto, September 29, 1825, printed in the Colonial Advocate, April 12, 1827.)

—Elizabeth Collard

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Greensboro, IN, courthouse.



Dallas County Courthouse.

TEXAS COURTHOUSE

"The Texas Courthouse Trivia-Part 2" by Jim West in the August 2006 Bulletin was very interesting. One thing was missing: the clock tower restoration at the old Dallas county courthouse. This has been going on for several years and is still a work in progress. The link provides http://www.oldred.org/ information on this project.

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GREENSBURG, IN, COURTHOUSE REQUIRES A SECOND LOOK

An item in the Wall St. Journal appeared some time ago. The particular item of interest in this article follows: "The town draws a few tourists to the aspen tree that has been mysteriously growing from its

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