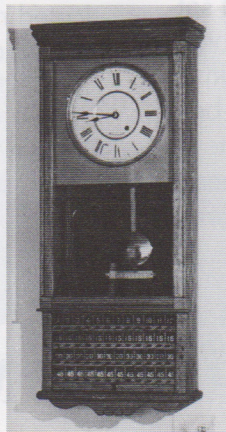


Jerome Allway

On Thanksgiving evening, 1980, I was introduced to horology and the NAWCC at the home of a new friend in northern Virginia. Soon after, on December 7, he took me to my first local Chapter meeting. At the mart I stopped at the display of Jerome Allway, whose name I was sad to see in the *May/June Watch & Clock Bulletin's* obituaries.

Lying on Jerome's table, barely visible at the bottom of a stack of three large wall clocks, was a golden oak rectangle I asked to see. I was hoping to buy my first clock, and I spotted wood that matched the antique oak furniture my wife and I had recently purchased. When he had extracted the clock, a rare Seth Thomas hotel clock, I knew that I had found what I came for, and the \$275 price tag was



Seth Thomas hotel clock, 38" tall, purchased from Jerome Allway.

within my budget. I quickly asked my friend to take a look, and I was reassured when he exclaimed that if I did not buy it, he would. We both were especially attracted by the numbered rows of hooks where room number tags would hang at guests' wakeup times.

Only just recently, I sold my first clock to another new collector. He spotted it in my house and, I could tell, was as excited about it as I had been nearly 40 years ago. I thank Jerome Allway and the NAWCC for having so many years of pleasure with that clock. It is number 1 on my sheaf of handwritten pages listing my acquisitions. The ending number, as of now, is 1,958.

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