

J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Watch Company Model 6 Movement) - Private Label - 15 Jewels - 18 Size - Coin Silver Open Face Case Pocket Watch - (circa 1890s)



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Dial Signature View



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Case Markings View



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Full Dial Signature View



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Movement View



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Full Front View on stand



WNS-PW-6010 - J.K. Laudermilch (Illinois Movement for a Private Label) - 18 Size - Coin Silver - Full Front View

Case: 18 size Open Face Case, 55.3 mm outside case diameter, 25 mm bow and stem length. Marked C.W.C., Trademark, Coin and 1577 on the back cover, and Coin, 1577, on the dust cover.

Dial: A porcelain dial with a white background color, black Roman numerals, signed J.K. Laudermitch, Lebanon, PA with a seconds sub-dial at the 6 o'clock position.

Movement: 15 jewel, mechanical wind movement (stem wind and lever set). Inscribed with J.K. Laudermitch, Lebanon, PA which was obviously a marketing and advertisement strategy (a common practice in the late 1800s). Both Elgin and Illinois Watch Company's had the serial number 1259938, but this movement has the plate structure which is clearly an Illinois Model 6. This private label pocket watch dates to the 1890s.

Additional Movement Detailed Information: Lever-set without 5th pinion (Model 6).
Manufacturer: Illinois Manufacturer - Location: Springfield, Illinois - Movement Serial Number: 1259938 - Grade: 2 1/2-S - Model: 6 - Run Quantity: 200 - Total Production: 1,300 - Size: 18s - Jewels: 15j - Jewel Setting: Friction Settings - Movement Configuration: Openface - Movement Finish: Gilt Movement - Signing Style: Serif (Decorative) - Movement Inlay Color: None - Movement Setting: Lever - Plate: Full Plate - Barrel: Going - Train: Coarse - Regulator: Plain - Adjusted: No - Railroad Grade: No - Dial Feet Locations: 1.5, 21.5, 38.0 - Case Screw Locations: 23.5, 51.5

Comments: John "J.K." Laudermitch (July 1, 1838 - January 14, 1926) was a well known North Eastern USA jeweler during the late 1800s into the early 1900s and owned and operated a jewelry store located at 844 Cumberland Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He is listed in the United States Patent Office - Index of patents issued from the United States Patent Office from 1790 to 1873 for the Invention: Jeweler's drilling device, Inventor: J.K. Laudermitch, Residence: Lebanon, PA, Date: Sept. 23, 1873. The *Jewelers' Circular and Horological Review*, Dec. 19, 1894, states he was admitted to membership in the Jewelers' Security Alliance by their executive committee.

This timepiece is a bit of a mystery due to its private label and the fact that the movement is not marked by the manufacturer, but after getting information from a watch historian the movement was made by the Illinois Watch Company and then sold as a private label.

In excellent overall condition and is running fine.

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