



# NAWCC NEWS

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors  
Atlanta Chapter 24  
April 24, 2022 Minutes

## June Meeting

**Our JUNE Chapter Meeting has been RESCHEDULED.**

Instead of the regularly scheduled even month first Sunday,

**Our Next Meeting will be on JUNE 26**

starting at 9:30 AM at the Aquatic Center.

The Program will be on Restoring and Repairing  
Wood Clock Cases presented by George Waterhouse.

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An email message will be distributed ahead of the upcoming June 26 meeting with a Zoom link and other updates as applicable.

At the April Meeting, twenty-eight members were present in-person and two joined via Zoom. In an attempt to improve the audio and visual interface with virtual attendees, we deployed a new device, the Meeting Owl 360 Pro. To view this meeting, use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v92IupSj0cc>

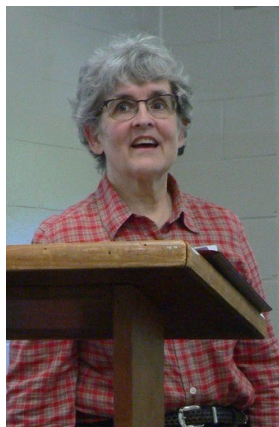
This and several other past meetings and their Programs can be viewed on the Atlanta Chapter 24 YouTube channel. We learned how to use the Owl as we went and by the time Jeff Whitfield's excellent program was presented, it worked well.



Meeting Owl



Auctioneer Brooks with Special Item Donated by George



President Mary Jones

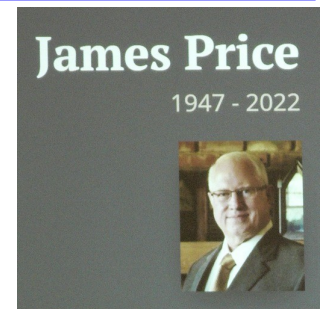
Prior to beginning the meeting, the customary auction was conducted by Brooks Coleman.

## **Business Meeting**

Mary opened the meeting welcoming attendees and our new members. Mary announced the sudden passing of Jim Price, our NAWCC Board Chairman on April 18. The Chapter will send a memorial donation to National in Jim's honor.

## **New Business:**

Mary announced that she has completed a needed update of the Chapter Bylaws. The draft version is out for review by the Board and Officers.



Charles presented the Treasurer's Report which can be found on page 4.

Fran Geier provided a brief update on the progress of preparations for the 2022 Labor Day Weekend Mid South Regional including an invitation to all chapter members to attend the May 7 MSR Planning Meeting at the Dalton Center. Consistent with the Exhibit theme, Fran requested donations for Door Prizes from "makers" within the Chapter. Kathy Warren, a pottery hobbyist, donated a beautiful blueberry blue bowl creation.



Fran Discusses MSR

Since Chris Martin and Glen Kitts, the Co-General Chairs of the 2024 National were not in attendance, there was no update provided. The 2024 National, which is also being hosted by the Atlanta Chapter, will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

Prior to the Program, Mary announced that it was Donna's Birthday today and that we will have celebration with cake at the meeting conclusion.

Happy Birthday Donna!



Birthday Girl Donna with Minnie

## APRIL 2022 MEETING MINUTES

### Program

Jeff Whitfield presented a program entitled "Silas Hoadley and Upside Down Clocks".

Jeff begins his presentation with newspaper clippings of personal interest stories each involving an individual and their one hundred year or more old Hoadley clock. The first is about a retired mail carrier turned tall case clock collector in Wilmington DE in 1934. A second article is about a Long Beach CA shelf clock owner in 1953. The third is about a meticulous restoration specialist in 2015 Indianapolis, and the final is about Lewis Hoadley Mattoon and his daughter Marilyn; Hoadley descendants in a 1995 Hartford Courant article.

Jeff goes on to describe Silas Hoadley's life story and the history of clock making in Plymouth CT starting around 1810.

Most of the Connecticut clock making industry was engaged in wooden works manufacturing until 1840. Brass makers Munger, Clark, Ives and Silas Terry were present but their movements could not cost compete with prevalent wood works.

Eli Terry (1772-1852) apprenticed under Danial Burnap in East Windsor. In 1793, Terry moved to the Northbury wilderness to avoid competing with Burnap. Northbury would become Plymouth in 1795. Terry developed mass production techniques for standardized and interchangeable movements parts using equipment powered with water wheels. In 1803, Terry purchased a grist mill on the south side of Plymouth at a place called Ireland and began production.

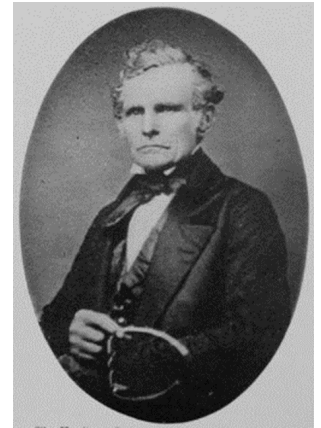
In 1807, Edward and Levi Porter contracted Terry to manufacture 4,000 grandfather clock movements in three years. To assist in this project, Terry hired two key contributors; wood joiners Seth Thomas and Silas Hoadley. The successful completion of this contract would become recognized as Terry's most important contribution to American clockmaking. Eli Terry would acquire several patents and improvements for movements including the outside escapement and the five wheel design in the following years.

In 1813, Hoadley acquired sole possession of Ireland where he would manufacture 8-day and 30 hour tall case clocks exclusively until 1820. He then began shifting production to the more portable shelf clocks and was among the very last to fully make this transition in 1830.

During this time, Terry entered into licensing agreements with Seth Thomas to manufacture movements but these agreements eventually fell into litigation. Meanwhile, Hoadley was able to produce designs independent of Terry's patent claims. Hoadley would reverse the strike and time trains and then develop upside down movements. Featuring ivory bushings, he would brand these as "Franklin Clocks". In his essay "Advice to a Young Tradesman", Benjamin Franklin originated the aphorism "Time Is Money" which appeared on Hoadley's label.

After the Terry/Thomas litigation settled amicably, Hoadley would manufacture Terry five wheel train and Franklin movements in equal numbers. By 1836, he manufactures 2000 clocks every year.

Jeff displayed upside down Hoadley pieces including a dial, "Franklin Clock" case and label, movements and reverse painted door glasses. This was an excellent program!



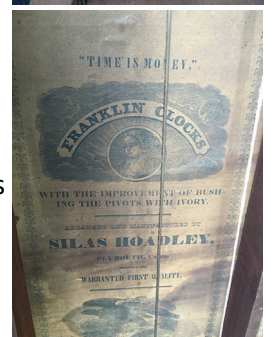
Silas Hoadley  
1786-1870



Jeff Details an Upside Down Dial



Warren Assists Jeff





## Tuesday Night Clock Group:



**FREE!** Learn Antique Mechanical Clock Repair  
at the  
**Tuesday Night Clock Group**  
Most Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm  
"We share knowledge, experience, and tools"





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### Treasurers Report

*By Charles Carroll*

The beginning balance for the period was \$14,518.78. Income was \$552.00 Expenses totaled \$1,423.45 including the full page Regional Mart ad (\$927). The closing balance is \$13,597.33 plus \$50 cash on-hand.



### Groaner

George Waterhouse presented Two Philosophical Horological Nuggets:

Henry Ford: "The man who stops advertising to save money is like the man who stops the clock to save time."

#### The Clock

The Clock of Life Is Wound But Once, And No Man Has the Power,

To Tell Just When the Hands will Stop at Late or Early Hour.

To Lose One's Wealth Is Sad Indeed, To Lose One's Health Is More,

To Lose One's Soul Is Such a Loss That No One Can Restore



Good to Have You Back!

### 50:50

Jeff Whitfield held the \$38 winning 50:50 Ticket.

#### Important Note:

Special Thanks to Randy Grunwell for providing all Photographs included in these Minutes!