



## Item of the Week *from the* Long Island Collection

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### **Jno. E. Hyde Watch Paper with notation "Mr. Jones 8.2.7"**

Before the days of the Apple Watch, there was often a piece of paper located between the mechanical pieces and hands of a pocket watch. Known as a "watch paper," it normally showcased the name of the watchmaker, reminiscent of modern Swatch or Bulova faces. When a shop performed repair or maintenance on a watch, they often replaced the paper with a new one featuring their own logo or design. Such is the case with the watch papers, like the one above, from the [Stephen Manheimer Dominy Family Collection](#), which were removed in the shop of the Dominy family in East Hampton. Many of the watch papers in this collection carry notations about the owner, service costs, or date on the reverse of the paper. This watch paper bears the notation "Mr. Jones 8.2.7", which may indicate something about the account or the repair work being done.

The front of the watch paper was either an elaborate image, like this one, or the watchmaker's name presented with some decorative motifs. This image carries the name of Jno. E. Hyde, who sold watches, clocks, and jewelry out of a shop on Broadway between Maiden Lane and Liberty Street in Manhattan. Most likely, the watch that had this paper would have been purchased at this shop and then brought to the East Hampton area by the owner. The decorative image on the paper features a classical female figure with an anchor and a pocket watch on a chain, who may symbolize time. The image was probably engraved by prominent engraver Peter

Maverick, given the "P. Maverick" signature at the bottom of the image.

The original watch paper is part of a private collection of materials, originally from the Dominy family, and purchased from an antiques dealer in Southampton. The materials were loaned to the Long Island Collection to allow the items to be scanned and made accessible to the public.

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### **Welcome to the Long Island Collection's "Item of the Week."**

We are an archive dedicated to the history and people of Long Island, with a special interest in all things East Hampton and East End. Unlike some small local history rooms in other public libraries, we have over 100,000 items including, but not limited to, rare books, maps, photographs, deeds, postcards, letters, newspapers, and whaling logs. We also have a dedicated and hardworking staff ready to help you with any questions you may have. Unable to make it to the library? No problem! We upload images from the collection to Digital Long Island on a weekly basis, so there's always something new and interesting to behold.

Please visit us at the Library, make use of our extensive online digital resources, or contact us for assistance. Public hours are: Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Sat., 1:00-4:30 p.m.

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