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William C. Dusenberry watch paper, 1828

This William C. Dusenberry watch paper was recently loaned to the Long Island Collection as part of a larger collection of Dominy family related material. The Dominy family of East Hampton were famous clockmakers and woodworkers who lived for generations in the former Dominy house on North Main Street, which had two attached workshops. One shop was for woodworking, while the other was for clockmaking and watch repairs. The watch paper above would have been found inside the watch case of a pocket watch that was repaired by one of the Dominy craftsmen. Though decorative, they served many purposes, such as advertising the watch maker (this one being William C. Dusenberry of Chatham St. in New York City) and helping the watch components fit together. They would have been removed when a watch was serviced or repaired. The reverse side of this watch paper contains a handwritten notation, reading "247, April 30th, 1828," possibly indicating a service number and when this watch was examined. You can view this watch paper and many more on [Digital Long Island](#) in the [Stephen Manheimer Dominy Family Collection](#), a current work in progress with more items to come.

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