

19th Century
Gaydon Clock and Watch Makers



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About this book

In 1880, four Gaydon brothers donated a turret clock to St James' Parish Church in Swimbridge, Devon. In 2008, an Australian-born Gaydon and her husband looked up at this clock in wonder and admiration. So began a journey, the culmination of which is this book.

Across the 19th century, 27 Gaydon family members became clock and watch makers. Many of these were very successful in their trade; some gained high acclaim and were granted various titles including Master of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, Clockmakers to the Queen and Watchmakers to the Admiralty.

The book is as much about those 19th century clock and watch makers as their enduring time pieces. The quest has taken the author and his co-researchers across the globe to Auction Houses, Antique Dealers, Churches, Museums, Government Offices and Private Homes in New York, Hollywood, Geneva, London, Devon, South Africa, New Zealand and more, often via the World Wide Web.

The author has looked behind the clock dials and contemplated the amazing mechanical machines which keep track of time.

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