

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Pendant Watch

Dutertre (act. ca. 1765)

Date ca. 1765

Medium Gold, gilt brass, enamel, and copper

Dimensions 2 3/8 × 1 7/8 × 1 in. (6 × 4.8 × 2.5 cm)

Credit Line Bequest of Winthrop Kellogg Edey, 1999

Accession Number 1999.6.27

Currently On View

Second Floor, Room 23, Clocks and Watches Room

Commentary The movement of this watch is signed DUTARTRE A PARIS, which refers almost certainly to a member of the Dutertre dynasty of watch and clockmakers. At the time this watch was made, several Dutertres were active in Paris: the brothers Jean Baptiste, Jean Abraham, and Nicolas Charles Dutertre; and Nicolas Charles's two sons, Jean Baptiste and Charles Nicolas Dutertre. Watches decorated like this one, in various shades of gold, were particularly fashionable at the time. The colors were obtained by adding alloys to the precious metal; for example, copper, to achieve a pinkish tone. Source: Vignon, Charlotte. *The Frick Collection Decorative Arts Handbook*. New York: The Frick Collection/Scala, 2015.