

**The Ansonia Clock Company
Production of Street and Tower Clocks
During the 1880's
Only Three Ansonia Street Clocks Remain Today**

The purchase of Quincy was an important acquisition for the NAWCC as it is a very rare clock. The Ansonia Clock Company began manufacturing street and tower clocks in Brooklyn, NY in 1879 with the building of their new factory. Ansonia attempted to compete with well-established leaders of Seth Thomas and E. Howard but that effort was short-lived. Street and tower clocks only appear in Ansonia's 1880 and 1886/87 clock catalogs. There is no evidence that Ansonia produced street and tower clocks beyond the 1880's. It is unknown why Ansonia stopped producing street and tower clocks but it can be assumed that it became unprofitable to do so, and the line was terminated for business reasons.



It is also unknown how many street and tower clocks the Ansonia Clock Company manufactured during the short production period of the 1880's but the existence of fewer than fifteen 2 dial and only four 4 dial Ansonia street clocks have been found through searching historical photos and records. Of those few clocks, only three known Ansonia street clocks remain today – the NAWCC's Quincy, a two dial Ansonia street clock located in Sedalia, MO and a 4 dial Ansonia street clock located in Solvang, CA.

Sedalia, Missouri – 2 Dial Ansonia Street Clock

The Sedalia Ansonia Street Clock was severely damaged during a storm. The banner was lost and the column was recast using a mold made from the original column pieces. The clock has been electrified and the location of the original movement is unknown.



Solvang, California – 4 Dial Ansonia Street Clock

The base and the column of the Solvang Ansonia Street Clock appear to be original but lost is the elaborate ornamentation that was original to Ansonia's 4 dial street clocks. (Compare the head to the black and white photo of a 4 dial Ansonia Street Clock that was once located in Denver, CO.) New ornamentation has been added.



NAWCC, Columbia, PA -- Quincy

Quincy, although damaged from the snowplow accident in the 1960's, is the most complete of the remaining Ansonia street clocks. Compare Quincy to the original catalog photo in the 1880 Ansonia Clock Company catalog.



STREET CLOCK.

TWO DIALS.
Movement can be placed in building or in base of pillar. Iron column and frame. Side-work in center of dial, 18 feet. Diameter of dial 41 inches.



The Ansonia movement that was included with the clock is one of about six original movements that are known to exist today. Quincy is indeed a very rare clock. It is very fitting that Quincy finds a permanent home in the NAWCC Museum!