

Re: Clock

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To: Flint, Debra <dflint@sals.edu>

Hi Debra,

Here is my complete contact information:

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My connection to Galway, in case you are wondering why someone 30 miles away would be offering you a clock, is that we have a camp on Galway Lake, in Ruback's Grove. We are supporters of your library, and in fact we have a brick out front.

The grandfather clock is one built from a kit in 1975 and was given to me by a member of our church in Altamont when she moved South recently. It was her father that built it. She gave it to me because she knows I am a "clock guy" that collects and restores antique clocks.

The case is mahogany and it stands 6' tall. It is what I would describe as a traditional grandfather clock case design. I gave it a fresh coat of finish, as it had a few nicks and scratches and I wanted it to look pristine, which it now does. The movement is German and I have serviced it and it is now all in good working order. This is a clock that keeps good time, and it also strikes the hours and it has a Westminster chime that gives a few notes at 15 min past the hour, a few more notes at the half hour, more at the 45 min mark, and the full sequence at the top of the hour before it strikes to count off the hour. The strike and the chime can be silenced if they are bothersome, but most people quickly get used to it and enjoy hearing its pleasant sounds.

Power is supplied by three weights that are inside the case and are suspended on chains. The clock needs to be "wound" weekly, which simply involves opening the glass door on the front and pulling on each of the 3 chains to raise the weights back to the top.

I will be pleased to see this clock in a public space. I do not need it at home and it is begging to be on display. Your library would be a perfect home for it, in my view. If you were to ask my opinion, I would suggest that it be placed in your main lobby.

I will also be happy to take care of the clock, in the event that you have any problems with it or it needs any servicing. All for free, of course. I will also show you how to take care of it (weekly "winding", setting the time, silencing the strike or chime, etc).

I have attached a photo, taken in my messy basement before I put a fresh coat of finish on it.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information.

Best,
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