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Rare Street Clock Installed at the National Watch & Clock Museum

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Columbia, Lancaster County – The National Watch & Clock Museum is delighted to announce the installation of a rare street clock inside the museum. A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the clock will take place on July 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the newly expanded Public Time gallery.

Reaching nearly 19 feet tall, the massive two-dial clock—nicknamed Quincy since it was first installed in Quincy, IL, in 1884—is the best of three surviving examples of an Ansonia street clock and one of only two of its ornate design still existing. The clock led a nomadic life, having been installed at locations in Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, and Florida, finally being purchased by the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC) in 2014 and moved to Columbia.

To accommodate the clock's height, part of the museum's Public Time gallery has been excavated and expanded, and volunteers have devoted countless hours to restoring the clock. After 142 years and 5,000 miles of travel, this special clock is now on permanent display in the museum.

Plan your visit to see the Quincy street clock at museum.nawcc.org/visit. Admission is free for members of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. As a proud member of the Blue Star Museums program, the museum provides free admission from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day each year for active military personnel and their families, including the National Guard and Reserve.

The museum houses approximately 13,000 timepieces, many of which are the most culturally and historically valuable examples of their type in the world. Recently updated and expanded displays include the Public Time gallery, the Hamilton and Bulova exhibits, and the history of wristwatches exhibit. The museum is run by the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC), a nonprofit member organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the art and science of timekeeping.

The museum is located at 514 Poplar St., Columbia, and is open to the public on Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit museum.nawcc.org or call 717-684-8261.

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