



**STORIES  
FROM  
THE SEA**

## SHIPWRECK OBJECTS



### TITANIC WATCH

**Date made**

about 1874

**Object ref.**

ZBA0004; [D8137]

**Credit**

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

**Description**

This watch belonged to Robert Douglas Norman, who died in the *Titanic* disaster on the morning of 15 April 1912. He was a second-class passenger and was aged 27 at the time. He was on his way to Vancouver to visit his brother and then planned to complete a world tour. According to another passenger, Kate Buss, Robert witnessed the ship hitting the iceberg and told everyone there were ice splinters on the deck. He found Kate a place on a lifeboat but had to stay on the *Titanic* himself.

This gold-cased watch was found in his pocket when his body was recovered from

the sea. The rusted watch hands still show the time it stopped when he entered the water: 3.07 in the morning (local ship's time)

**Questions**

1. Can you see what time the watch stopped?
2. Do you think this watch is valuable? In what way?
3. Why do you think Robert didn't get into one of the lifeboats?



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