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The great age of business entrepreneurship saw one of the greatest companies - the Illinois Watch Company - being formed. The dream of seven men, who each followed different professions of lawyer, merchant, grocery owner etc, came together that year in 1870 and launched the Illinois Springfield Watch Company. Their shared passion for creating a successful venture of the nascent manufacturing business of watch making was what bound the lot together. Therefore, the company continued through a series of ups and downs throughout the period of its existence.

A century later, Illinois Pocket Watches continue to inspire and fascinate watch lovers from all walks of life. Whether you collect the original key-wound variety, or the Railroad Quality 'Bunn Special,' or the original Illinois Pocket Watch, the 'Stuart,' you will know that there is no other watch quite like an Illinois Pocket Watch.

Even though the company changed its name several times over the years, they never removed the Illinois from their name, and this is what gave them the beauty as well as the quality that all Illinois Watch lovers have come to recognize. But this was all to end in 1920, when it was bought out by the Hamilton Watch Company, literally marking the end of an era.

Despite numerous name changes over the years, the company never lost the 'Illinois,' and, more importantly, never lost the beauty and quality that Illinois Watch lovers recognize above all else. However, in the late 1920s, the company was sold to Hamilton Watch Company, marking the end of an era. Despite the sad ending of a great watch-making empire, the Hamilton Company continued production at the Illinois factory right up until 1932, the year that the last true Illinois Watch rolled through the Illinois Watch Company factory. Watches continued to be manufactured under the Illinois name for some years more, but the quality, the craftsmanship, and the love that went into every Illinois watch wasn't there, and eventually production ceased altogether.

In the watch collector's world of today, Illinois Watches still remain one of the most sought after collectible watches. There are many watch enthusiasts as well as historians that look for watches from the Illinois Watch Company in antique shops, online websites as well as family treasure chests.

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