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Sørnes' Clock Belongs in a Specialist Museum

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Was there no appreciation for Sørnes' clock in Norway?

The Norwegian Watchmakers' Association has given Rasmus Sørnes full recognition, but beyond this, and the pleasure of his studies and his work, Rasmus Sørnes received no recognition for his work over 30 years.

After his death, the clock stood at Maihaugen. The Friends of the Sandvig Collections attempted to raise money to purchase it, but without success. (They could have acquired it for less than half of what Mr Seth G. Atwood offered.)

One may, of course, regret that we have not kept the clock in Norway, but it is of such exceptional professional and scientific quality that it rightly belongs where it is now, among a collection of the world's most outstanding timekeeping instruments. It is the most worthy place it could be given, and we can only regret that Rasmus Sørnes himself did not live to experience it.