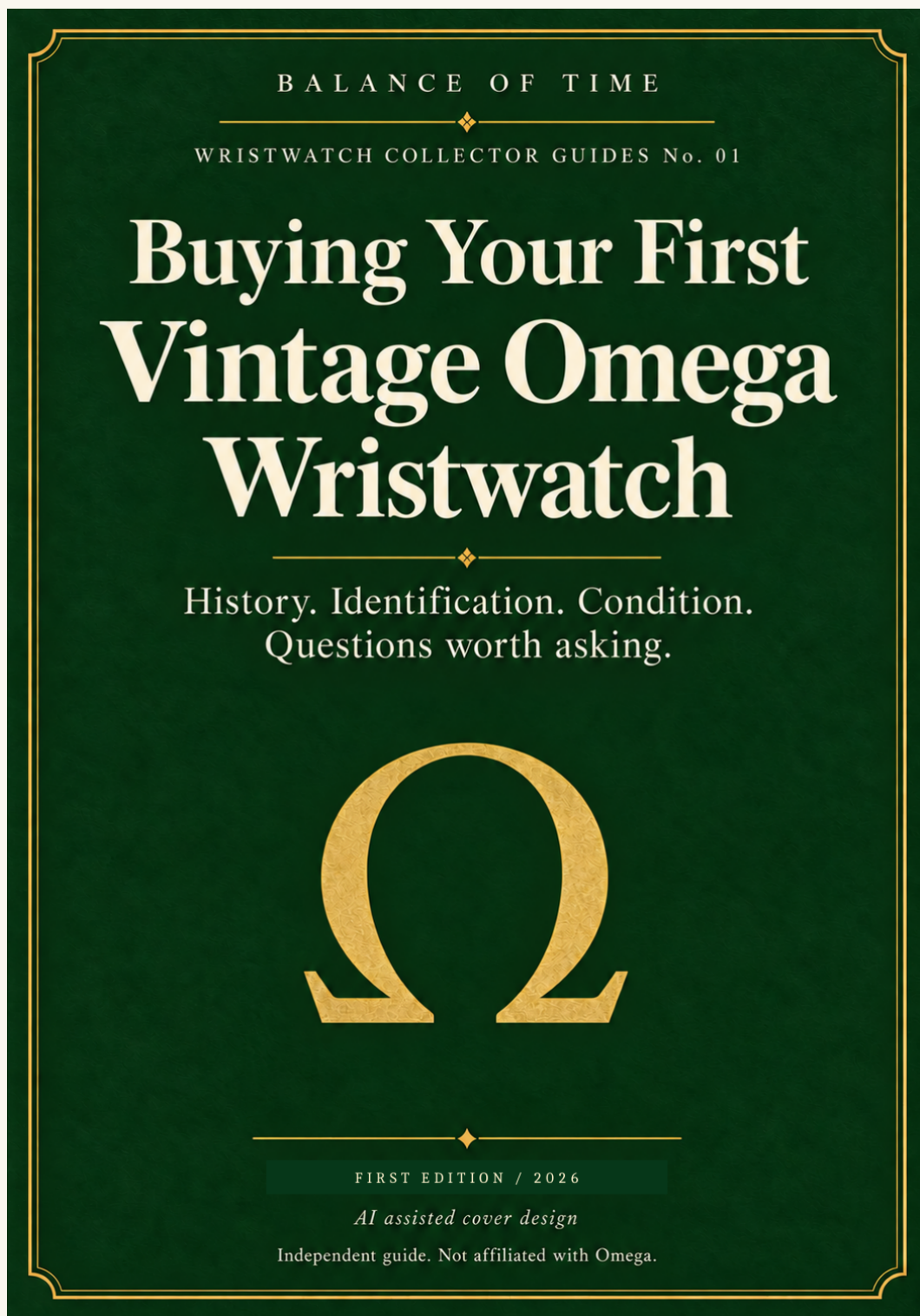




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A family name before a famous name



Biel/Bienne, June 26, 1970. The source identifies the Omega watch factory within the view. Comet Photo AG, ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, Bildarchiv, Com_F70-17738. CC BY-SA 4.0. Full image proportionally scaled, not retouched.

The company that became Omega began in 1848, when Louis Brandt opened a workshop in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. It was a business bearing its founder's name, long before the Moon landing story.

After Brandt died in 1879, his sons Louis-Paul and César took over. In 1894 they introduced the 19-ligne Omega movement, built around series production and interchangeable components. Its success led to the Omega Watch Co. name in 1903.

A ligne is an older watchmaking unit of size. The important idea is the manufacturing behind the dial: precise parts that could be replaced without individually remaking them. The later factory view provides a separate glimpse of the industrial setting, not an image of Brandt's original workshop.

Before you pay, ask for evidence

1. Identify before pricing.

Record the claimed reference, caliber, period and exact case material. Obtain clear dial, case, case back and movement photographs. Internal photographs should come from someone qualified to open the watch safely.

2. Keep every reference detail.

Compare the exact reference and material variant with a documented source. Preserve prefixes and suffixes. A serial-based date is an estimate, not proof that every component is original.

3. Slow down at the dial.

Compare printing, minute markers, hands and finish with documented examples of the exact reference. A pleasing color, crosshairs or a signed crown does not establish originality.

4. Ask about service and replacements.

Request supporting records for claimed service. Ask about replacement crowns, hands, crystals and movement parts. Separate a wearable serviced watch from a specimen valued mainly for preservation.

5. Make a complete budget.

Include shipping, taxes, fees, inspection, servicing and likely parts. Do not treat an old water resistance rating as evidence that a vintage watch is safe in water today.

Identify your candidate

Omega Wristwatch | Use one saved copy for each watch

Electronic: save a copy with a new name before entering details. Use a PDF app that supports form fields, save, then close and reopen to check your entries. Keep answers concise; attach extra notes separately. Printable: write by hand. Both versions print on Letter or A4 using Fit. Unknown is a valid answer.

Your record name or number	Record date
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Listing URL, seller, or auction reference

Case reference, exactly as marked	Movement caliber
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Movement serial	Collection or model, source identified
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Case markings and material, wording as seen

Identification source, access date, and estimated period

What is not yet identified?

Explore the complete guide

Enjoy the history, then use the collecting and buying sections to assess a specific watch. Keep three headings in your notes: confirmed from the evidence, reported by the seller, and still unknown.

\$12 USD

36 page illustrated collector guide

Six page printable workbook

Six page fillable workbook for use in a compatible PDF app

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This preview is a selection, not the full guide or workbook. The included worksheet is a printable sample.

Sources and image notes

Omega, Celebrating a name born in 1894. Company retrospective used for the founder and movement history.

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