

They didn't adjust to change, they created it  
**AHEAD OF THEIR TIME**

Innovative Journey of a 5th Generation Jeweller





Dedicated to my daughters Anne and Allison, and the four generations before me.  
Elizabeth Hardy Parks



**I am a clock.** But I'm so much more. Ever since 1885, I have been a familiar sight marking the location of the Hardy jewelry stores. Businessmen checked their pocket watches by me. Children tried to climb me. Friends chose me as a meeting place. Lovers said hello as I looked on. I've been part of the street scene in Richmond, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. I stood for years on the Boulevard in Thalia before moving to the gateway of the Virginia Beach Oceanfront. AND I'm on Wikipedia.

**I was commissioned** by jeweler Daniel Buchanan in 1884 from E. Howard Watch and Clock Company, a highly regarded Boston clockmaker. Renowned for their fine quality architectural clocks, E. Howard designed timepieces for schools, courthouses, and impressive estates such as the Vanderbilt family's Biltmore.

For decades, I stood proudly in front of the Broad Street jewelry store in Richmond where I became an icon for many people. I was hand-wound in those days, and the Buchanans kept me running smoothly.

Thalia location in Virginia Beach ►







Diamond and moonstone Victorian brooch, circa late 1800s

In the mid-1830s, Daniel Buchanan was a goldsmith and watchmaker. While working in London, he designed and created a watch commissioned by Queen Victoria for her eldest son, Prince Edward. Daniel was awarded a coveted Royal Warrant declaring him official watchmaker to the Queen.

He subsequently owned and operated a prominent watch and jewelry business at 96 Argyle Street in his hometown of Glasgow.

Seeking challenges and opportunities beyond The United Kingdom for his twelve children, Daniel sold his business in 1871. The family sailed to America, enjoying premium accommodations aboard the Anchor Line steamship *S. S. Australia*.

◀ First store in Glasgow, Scotland