

Our December 2020 article features a very special Featherweight from our collection. It was an easy one to select for a several reasons; It arrived just in time to celebrate Pam's Birthday in July, it arrived from England 400 years after Pam's ancestors did on the Mayflower (she's currently working on "Pilgrim's Crossing" cross-stitch" and this special Featherweight would be be sharing its birthday with Christmas Eve - Yes! the same day! A unique early British if ever there was one and in pristine condition!

This 221K serial # EE452847, is from the second British production run of only 500 Featherweights born on Christmas Eve December 24th, 1947! It would be the 126th made of that run and the 626th made overall of the British made Featherweights.

Compare the features found on this machine to those of American made 221s the later British.

- * It sports a British made bakelite CAK 6-12 motor in 230-250 volts (British household voltages)
- * The motor is unique in that it has "gold" colored fonts that match the decals used on the machine's bed and arm and rarely seen on this side of the pond!.
- * Both the motor and foot controller are made in Great Britain.
- * Also note the original motor lube/ box produced in Great Britain.
- * It has the first style of the Egyptian-scrolled faceplate with the short leg. American machines had abandoned this faceplate for the second style more than 10 years prior and had since switched to the third style or striated faceplate the year before.
- * Note that the case has the leather handle and hardware used on USA cases of that period but the interior fabric design is only found on the interior of cases destined for the European 221Ks.
- * Another feature of the case is the wire oil can clasp vs. the American's sheet metal clasp.
- * The manual is the first English produced 221K instruction manual with the date of (347) or March 1947 in the upper left corner of the cover.

The machine came to us from Leicester, England home of Sir David Attenborough and Englebert Humperdinck and ok, the burial ground of King Richard III. It's located 100 miles due North of London. This Featherweight arrived in July just in time to be opened on Pam's Birthday! It's definitely a year that could use a little cheer and warm-tidings!

Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday! And long-live this Pilgrim Featherweight!