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BEFORE AND AFTER

As the old saying goes, “a picture is worth a thousand words”. At Eichhorn Jewelry we have been taking “before and after” photos of customer’s jewelry for many years in an effort to document details of an item for reference and identification as well as damage. Those photos serve a variety of purposes from repairs to appraisals. With the advent of the digital world we have been able to more effectively communicate with insurance companies and clients for filing claims or purchasing replacements. Most often the reason for the photo is to show modifications or total makeovers.

Sometimes a special repair project arrives that will be totally restyled. A family heirloom vintage 1930’s diamond ring was recently brought to us with the question of how to recycle all of the gold in the ring and convert it to a pendant economically. The top of the ring (the head and the shoulders) will be cut away, leaving the diamond intact. The bottom of the ring (the shank) will be weighed for “scrap” with a trade-in allowance for that gold value to offset the cost of the restyling. One prong on the diamond also needs re-tipped in order to make the diamond secure in the setting. The other three prongs are in good condition. The entire pendant will be rhodium plated so as to appear white gold. The total net cost = \$130. The “new pendant” will be presented to the granddaughter as a gift on her wedding day. The story with the “before and after” photos is priceless! Another generation will enjoy and love as much as the first.

We welcome your jewelry repair/restyling/restoration/renovation projects and take pride in recording them with “before and after” photographs. Visit Eichhorn Jewelry with your questions/concerns/estimates or call 260-724-2621 for an appointment.