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William Evans of Handsworth A Rare Skeleton Clock with Coup Perdu Detent Escapement

Price

GBP 5,800

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Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Description

An English skeleton clock of scroll design, the eight-day duration single-fusee movement is inverted within the plates to allow for the detent escapement to run a subsidiary seconds dial utilising the coup perdu detent escapement with an Evans pewter bob to the wood-rod pendulum. The shaped silvered chapter ring is of typical Evans design and has black Roman numerals. See Derek Roberts, *British Skeleton Clocks*, pub. Antique Collectors Club 1987, fig. 3/63a describing a near-identical scroll framed example as used by Evans to utilise his detent escapement which Derek described as: Evans detent escapement was introduced in circa 1860 firstly to some of the Scott Memorial clocks and later to an attractive scroll design with a floral influence (as this example). Because of the design of the escapement the train was inverted and thus a large seconds ring appeared at the bottom half of the dial. The escape wheel, as on a chronometer, is released only every other beat (coup perdu) and therefore full seconds are recorded on the dial even though the pendulum is beating half-seconds. Contained in a mahogany showcase with glazed front. In 1805 Boulton & Watt, of the Soho Foundry...

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