

SA1159567

Single Fusee Skeleton Timepiece By Richard Webster

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1159567****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 14 cm (5.5")

Description

This highly decorative skeleton timepiece signed Webster, London has a single fusee eight day movement regulated by a brass cylinder pendulum. With a very finely made deadbeat escapement and sixty tooth escape wheel. The silvered Roman dial is intersected with a subsidiary seconds dial of unusual design. The plates are very finely pierced in a Gothicized Arabesque pattern of foliate scrollwork mounted on an ebonised base with its original glass dome finished in a brocade cord to protect the edge of the glass. Dating from circa 1830 this clock was made by Richard Webster of the famed family of clockmakers that can be traced back to William Webster who was apprenticed to Thomas Tompion "The Father of English Clockmaking". Richard Webster, the second in a series of Richards, who moved the family business from 26 Exchange Alley to 43 Cornhill around 1813. The company traded from 43 Cornhill and later 74 Cornhill. Richard Webster was chronometer maker to the Admiralty and to the East India Company. Under Richard Webster II the business seemingly went from strength to strength, at one point occupying two premises – at 74 Cornhill and at nearby 3 Birchin Lane. The Webster nam...

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