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Antique Mahogany Cased Pocket Compass, Signed Yeates & Son, Dublin c.1870

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA220125****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Description

A charming small pocket compass dating to around 1870, set in a hinged mahogany block measuring 1 5/8" square x 3/4" deep. The compass is of the floating card dial type with a central pivot & probably dates to between 1860 & 1870, the entire dial moves on this pivot to show the direction rather than using a needle. The lid is secured with a brass catch to the front, and once opened reveals the compass signed Yeates & Son, Dublin, held by a detent which comes into play when the lid is closed. In full working order. The Yeates family business "Instrument Makers and Opticians" first appeared in directories in 1790. The shop moved to 2 Grafton St, Dublin in 1827. The business became Yeates and Son "Instrument Makers and Opticians" in 1865 when Stephen Mitchell Yeates took over the business which his father George Mitchell Yeates had raised him in. The business advertised as "Instrument makers to the University". They claimed to specialize in scientific and educational instruments. The shop at 2 Grafton St was directly across the street from Trinity College in Dublin. It was the business from Trinity, which sustained the firm for so many years. In fact some of the scientific in...

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