

SA353852

Collectible Antique English Miniature Globe - Johnston's, Edinburgh and London c.1910

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA353852****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

A superb and scarcely found miniature desk-top globe by the well renowned W. & A.K. Johnston. W. & A.K. Johnston was among the most important figures in the production of globes in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Although a British manufacturer, they were highly influential in producing globes to be sold in America under the Johnston name, or under the name of American globe makers and school supply houses. William (1802-1888) and Alexander Keith (1804-1871) Johnston began as apprentices to the Scottish globe maker and publisher James Kirkwood (fl. 1774-1824). After a fire at the Kirkwood's Edinburgh workshop, they set up their own workshop. Their largest globe was a 30-inch diameter physical terrestrial globe which won a number of medals at the Great Exhibition. The mahogany stand is supported on three original brass feet seen from the underside. St. Petersburg is shown indicating a date of 1914 or before, I would date this example to around 1910, early twentieth century but a true antique. It remains in excellent condition with minor wear commensurate with age. Standing 6 3/4" tall with a base diameter measuring 3 1/4". Item ID:36864 FREE Worldwide Regi...

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