

SA498854

Rare stick barometer by Gatty of High Holborn, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA498854****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 102 cm (40.2")

Description

A very rare 18th century mahogany stick barometer by this famous maker. The main silvered brass scale is calibrated from 27" to 31" and incorporates a sliding silvered brass vernier with a brass knob and pointer. The scale also displays typical weather indications from Stormy to Very Dry. The makers name is engraved to the top of the scale, James Gatty of No 132 High Holborn, London. Also with very delicately engraved flowers and foliage. The thermometer scale is unusually dated Anno 1787 and mounted onto the main column of the barometer and features an almost full length silvered brass scale reading from 20 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The alcohol thermometer is attached to the scale with brass loops and brass bulb guard. An additional and rare feature is a recording pointer for the temperature. To allow the thermometer scale to be displayed in this way the main mercury tube which is fitted with a boxwood cistern is of a rare bayonet design to allow the tube to travel underneath the thermometer scale and reappearing at the main scale. The superbly made and well proportioned cabinet work has boxwood and ebony 'barber pole' edge inlay throughout, exquisitely made oval i...

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