

SA503202

Victorian Cased "Large & Best" Achromatic Binocular Microscope by R&J Beck London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA503202****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 26 cm (10.2")

Description

A mid-Victorian First Class Wenham's binocular achromatic microscope by R&J Beck of 31 Cornhill, London with original glass fronted mahogany case – serial number 4891. This early version of R&J Beck's Large Best microscope is featured in Richard Beck's work, "A Treatise on the Construction, Proper Use, and Capability of Smith, Beck & Beck's Achromatic Microscopes (1865)". The partnership of R&J Beck began shortly after in 1865 following the retirement of Smith but the design of the microscope is identical in its construction. The microscope consists of a Wenham's binocular body with three brass milled heads to provide motion of the body, fine adjustment of focus and for the adjustment of the draw tubes to compensate for differences in distance between the user's eyes. The body also maintains its original prism for binocular use and may be removed to return the microscope to a monocular setting. The objective glass is also fitted with a double nosepiece to allow for two objective glasses to be fitted to the microscope at the same time. The brass top stage has a ledge for resting the subject and a sliding piece above for clamping slides or objects as necessary and two fu...

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