

SA544950

Late Victorian Microscope Oil Lamp by W Watson & Sons, High Holborn, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA544950****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 32 cm (12.6")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A late Victorian microscope oil lamp by W Watson & Sons. This rare lamp is comprised of a solid brass circular base on which the maker's name is engraved to 'W Watson & Sons, 313 High Holborn, London. WC.' Attached to the base is a brass square sectioned column on which the oil lamp is fitted allowing for adjustment of height. The lamp is attached from an arm to the lamp base and consists of a glass reservoir with oil burner and wick adjustment wheel stamped to 'E. Miller & Co'. The chimney has a removable glass window for emitting the light for use with the microscope. William Watson started the business in 1837 as a manufacturer of scientific instruments but did not initially produce microscopes. It was not until 1876 that the first microscopes were produced by the firm, by which time it had become W. Watson & Son with the first of his sons joining the family business. It has also moved to the High Holborn address with which it is best associated. In 1881, William Watson died and shortly after, the business became W. Watson & Sons with the addition of William's second son. The brothers continued the business and in 1908 it was incorporated as a limited company. It co...

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