

SA545229

Victorian Cased Monocular Microscope by Watson & Son, 313 High Holborn, London.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA545229****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

A rare cased monocular microscope by Watson & Son of 313 High Holborn, London. This early example of Watson's manufacturing output is comprised of a flat Y shaped base with the makers name engraved to the back, 'Watson & Son, 313 High Holborn, London.' The microscope uses the English bar limb system which was originally introduced by Andrew Ross in 1842. The limb which pivots on the base columns has the mirror, the square stage and a rack and pinion mechanism to allow for focusing. The bar at the top of the limb in turn holds the tube which contains the eyepiece to the top. The case contains numerous accessories including one inch and quarter inch objectives signed to Watson & Son, forceps, live box and a freestanding bulls eye condenser. 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, th...

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