

SA545386

Victorian Cased Binocular Microscope by H&W Crouch of 64A Bishopsgate St, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA545386****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 44 cm (17.3")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 19 cm (7.5")

Description

A rare Victorian cased binocular microscope by H&W Crouch of 64A Bishopsgate, London. The microscope stand on a reverse claw or Y shaped base with rack and pinion movement for coarse focus and fine focus to the front of the barrel. It is engraved to the barrel with, "H&W Crouch, 64a Bishopsgate St, London" and the serial number, '312'. The case contains numerous additional accessories including a bulls eye condenser, numerous eyepieces and a one inch and one fifth of an inch objective lenses signed to H Crouch at 54 London Wall. Henry Crouch, the driving force and later sole owner of the Crouch business was originally apprenticed to the famous company of Smith, Beck & Beck but left in 1862 to form his own company with his brother William. Initially their repertoire consisted of microscopes similar in design and make up to Henry's previous employers but soon changed their focus to manufacturing lower priced microscopes to cater for an alternative market. This change won them numerous positive reviews from celebrated microscopists of the period and Henry became a member of the Royal Microscopical Society in 1863 and later, the Quekett Microscopical Club in 1866. Initia...

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