

SA551131

Early Victorian Mason's Hygrometer or Wet & Dry Thermometer by Bennett of 65 Cheapside London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA551131****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

An Early Victorian Mason's Hygrometer or Wet & Dry Thermometer engraved to Bennett Watchmaker, 65 Cheapside, Maker to The Royal Observatory. The instrument is comprised of two thermometers affixed by four brass clasps to a silvered U shaped scale plate. Both using a Fahrenheit scale, the left (dry bulb) registers 20 to 115 degrees whilst the right (wet bulb) measures from 15 – 115 degrees. The maker's name is engraved to the top as follows, "Bennett, Watchmaker 65 Cheapside, Maker to The Royal Observatory". This rare and unusual thermometer set is contained within an immaculate red morocco leather case with original red velvet and silk lined interior. The hinged case is secured by two hook and eye catches which are both still present. As a testament to the craftsmanship of this piece, both catches are set upon brass washers to ensure that the movement of the catch does not rub the leather whilst being operated. This was a top quality instrument during its time and the care and attention is very evident. Meteorological instruments such as these have a number of associated names, hygrometer meaning the measurement of moisture or water, the name psychrometer (cold meter) ...

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