

SA554055

Victorian Drawing Instrument Set by Elliott Brothers London - Owned by Sir Hay Frederick Donaldson KCB

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA554055****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 5 cm (2.0")

Width = 34 cm (13.4")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A superior quality Victorian engineers drawing instrument set by Elliott Brothers of London, once owned by Sir Hay Frederick Donaldson KCB. This beautiful electrum set is enclosed in a blue velvet lined mahogany case with silver cartouche to the lid, engraved to HF Donaldson. The lift out top section contains numerous dividers including a proportional divider, a pair of Swiss pattern trammels, pens and a rare telescopic turnabout compass. All instruments are marked to Elliott and/or engraved with Donaldson's initials. The base section has an ebonised wooden rolling parallel marked to "Elliott Strand London" and with initials HGD engraved to the top, numerous pen attachments including a further bone handled and stamped example, an initialled forty five degree set square and a later sanding block for creating points on pencil leads. The owner of this superb set of drawing instruments Sir Hay Frederick Donaldson and his life's works are sadly overshadowed by the unusual cause of his death. He was killed when the HMS Hampshire was struck by a mine off the coast of The Orkney Isles whilst leaving on a secretive mission headed by Lord Kitchener to bolster support from the Ru...

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