

SA565585

Victorian Walnut Cased Miniature Wheel Barometer by Riddel & Co Belfast

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA565585****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 52 cm (20.5")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

For sale, a Victorian walnut cased miniature aneroid wheel barometer by Riddel & Co of Belfast. This rare version of an aneroid barometer measures just 52cms high and 15cms wide and is comprised of a solid walnut body with suspension loop to the back and the front with carved C scroll detail and floral motif to the base. The neck contains a Fahrenheit thermometer with a 5 inch dial brass cased aneroid barometer inset into the main body. The "holosteric" barometer was a trademark of the French company of Pertuis, Naudet, Hulot & Bourgeois (PNHB) and the back of the case when removed from the body is stamped with the makers stamp of "PNHB" as would be expected. The dial has the typical early barometer weather conditions from Stormy to Very dry and it measures from 25 to 31 inches of barometric pressure. Under the blue steel pointer and the brass pointer, the dial is marked with the retailer's name of Riddel & Co, Belfast. The retailer of this super piece, Riddel & Co Ironmongers, is unusual as they are ordinarily marked to opticians or other scientific manufacturers. The company however, were a significant retailer of ironmongery and other household effects in Belfast from...

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