

SA567464

William IV Leather Cased Travelling Thermometer by Alexander Adie & Son Edinburgh

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA567464****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

For sale, a William IV leather cased travelling thermometer by Alexander Adie & Son. This early example of its type is comprised of rectangular bone scale plate engraved with a Fahrenheit scale to the left of the scale and with further markings that reference, freezing, temperate heat, summer heat, blood heat and fever heat. It is further engraved to the top with the maker's name, A. Adie & Son. Edinburgh and has two holes above to allow for a piece of string to be threaded as a hanging loop. The thermometer is in good order and affixed to the plate by means of two brass collars top and bottom. The hinged case is comprised of a wooden base covered with morocco leather with a blue velvet interior to both the lid and the base. It is locked by means of two hook and eye clasps on the outer edge. The history of the firm, Adie & Son began in 1776 with the celebrated Edinburgh scientific instrument maker John Miller, the uncle of Alexander Adie. Miller himself had been apprenticed under the world renowned maker George Adams so Alexander was privileged to have had an uncle from such a prestigious background. From 1789, Adie (1774 – 1858) undertook his apprenticeship with Mill...

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