

SA596713

Mid-Victorian Aneroid Barometer by Dubois & Casse for Lennie Opticians Edinburgh

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA596713****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale a brass cased aneroid barometer by Dubois & Casse for Lennie Opticians of Edinburgh. This early example of an aneroid barometer is comprised of a brass graduated case and bezel with a 4" dial card dial measuring 25 to 31 inches of barometric pressure and with Vidi style weather indications. The base of the dial is printed with the words "aneroid barometer" and the intended retailers name of, "Lennie Opticians, Edinburgh" written in pen and ink. The back of the case is also stamped with distinctive DC with central anchor motif. This approach to marking the British retailer in such a way is unique to Dubois & Casse's early export instruments and was a somewhat simplistic way of distinguishing the various British recipients whilst standardising its production. Negretti & Zambra are also known to have purchased this style of barometer from the French maker. The French firm were quality makers of aneroid barometers in the mid to late nineteenth century. Lucien Vidi invented the aneroid barometer in 1843 and held the patent rights until 1859, thereafter a number of British and French manufacturers including Naudet (PNHB) began to retail his mechanism. Dubois & Cas...

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