

SA647974

Augustus Siebe Patent Dial Weighing Machine by Marriott of 89 Fleet Street

Price

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Item Reference: SA647974

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 49 cm (19.3")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, an early George IV period Augustus Siebe patent spring balance by Henry Marriott of 89 Fleet Street, London. This example is comprised of a thirteen inch diameter brass scale plate divided for measurements of up to 20 stone with each stone subdivided for pounds. The plate holds an iron and brass pointer attached to a central shaft and a brass back stop at the zero point. Underneath the central shaft is a brass plaque stamped to "Marriott Patentee, 89 Fleet Street, London". The scale plate is attached to an iron cased back which contains the original working spring and fixed ring support to the top for hanging and a ring support at the base which would be used for attaching the item to be measured. The manufacturer of this early scale was a Henry Marriott who is listed in most directories as an ironmonger and inventor. His early career is somewhat difficult to deduce but Marriott must have reached some level of prominence during the reign of George III as by 1820, he was one of the largest ironmongers in London with an insured stockholding of £8600. Marriott was also a prolific patentee and throughout the 1820's he is documented as having lodged patents for ...

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