

SA648420

Mid Victorian Drumhead Aneroid Barometer by M Aronsberg & Co Liverpool

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA648420****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

Width = 22 cm (8.7")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale, a mid-Victorian aneroid barometer in ebonised drum head case retailed by M. Aronsberg & Co of 39 Castle Street, Liverpool. This robust looking example has a paper dial measuring 27 to 31 inches of barometric pressure with numerous weather indications, the base has a small thermometer with both Fahrenheit and Reamur scales with a blue steel pointer with crescent shaped tail and a brass setting hand. The barometer is enclosed with a brass bezel and a reassuringly thick bevelled glass front. The superb case is nicely constructed with a drumhead section attached to a flared base all of which has been ebonised and polished throughout. Maurice Aronsberg was a Russian Jew, born in 1835 in Courland, an area which was then part of The Russian Empire but now a region in Western Latvia. By the age of twenty, he had moved with his family to Glasgow as newspaper advertisements of 1855 list a glaziers company under the name of W&M Aronsberg (the brothers William & Maurice). It is likely that the family's stay in Scotland was fairly shortlived as he is listed as having married a Prussian, Eva Prag in 1858 in Liverpool whilst his brother (who also married a Prag) is listed a...

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