

SA697086

RARE CABINET OF MINERALS & FOSSILS BY JAMES TENNANT

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA697086****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 41 cm (16.1")

Width = 38 cm (15.0")

Depth = 30 cm (11.8")

Description

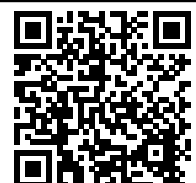
A superb, rare and remarkable "Cabinet of Mineral Specimens and Fossils" by the famous Victorian mineralogist and gemologist, James Tennant. This fine fully-documented mahogany cabinet opens to reveal a set of nine fitted drawers, eight of which are full of some 300 varied mineral specimens and unusual fossils. All are present and each is numbered and set within an individual segmented container. The last drawer contains the original printed book by James Tennant (dated 1858) which lists the thousands of mineral and fossil specimens that formed the private collection amassed during his lifetime, together with a handwritten section listing further examples, and including many hundreds of engraved illustrations. Those that are present in this wonderful cabinet are notated by him in this book. Also included in this lower drawer are original detailed labels; lecture notes and various other papers, one with a printed date of 1866. Difficult to photograph effectively, the attached images include some that show the contents of each individual drawer in the order from the top that they are displayed behind the paneled front door. This remarkable and very rare cabinet is in...

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