

SA699260

Early Victorian Three Draw Hand Held Rosewood Telescope by Adie & Son Edinburgh

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA699260****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 58 cm (22.8")

Width = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Depth = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Description

For sale an early Victorian three draw hand held telescope with rosewood barrel by Adie & Son, Edinburgh. The telescope measures 19cms when closed and 58cms fully drawn with an objective lens of an inch and a half diameter. Complete with its original objective cap and beautifully grained rosewood barrel, it is engraved Adie & Son, Edinburgh to the first draw. Beautifully manufactured, the telescope continues to give a clear and sharp focus. A super example by a most esteemed maker. 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 Miller and by 1804, a partnership was agreed which traded at various addresses on Nicholson Street. Miller & Adie continued to trade until 1822 (although Miller had died by 1815) whereafter the business was renamed solely to Alexander Adie. By this point, Adie was himself an accomplished maker with a focus on meteorolo...

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