

SA706094

Late Eighteenth Century Five Draw Telescope by George Willson Engraved to George Stark

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA706094****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 110 cm (43.3")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a late eighteenth century five draw achromatic telescope in leather case by George Willson of London and engraved to the owner George Stark. The telescope measures 24cms closed and 110cms fully extended and has a two inch objective with lens cap and dust slide to the eyepiece. It is engraved to the maker G. Willson, London on the first draw and further engraved to the barrel to a George Stark which was presumably done by the owner. It comes complete with its beautifully patinated original two piece leather case. The maker, George Willson is listed as trading from 1798 to 1802 firstly at Sermon Lane and then at Wardrobe Place on Doctor's Common, London. He is perhaps most famous though for his early involvement with the Dixey family of new Bond Street. Around 1802, Willson entered into a short lived partnership with Charles Wastell Dixey's Father, Edward Dixey. Edward Dixey's history is somewhat difficult to unravel, he was born in 1772 and according to various records, he is considered to have been apprenticed to George Willson, George Linnell or George Black but more recent research by Anita McConnell shows Edward Dixey to have been apprenticed on the 4th S...

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