

SA724064

Mid-Victorian Aneroid Barometer in Carved Oak Case by J Hicks London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA724064

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 34 cm (13.4")

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

For sale, a mid-Victorian aneroid barometer in beautifully carved oak case by J Hicks of London. Perhaps one of the prettiest Victorian example I have seen which makes it all the more surprising that a maker's name does not appear on the barometer itself, nevertheless this model of barometer appears in the 1860's catalogues of J Hicks (see images) and can therefore be attributed. This superb example is a five inch dial instrument with unusually fine engraving. The scale to the outer top edge measures 28 to 31 inches of barometric pressure and has gothic style weather indication below. A very fine blue steel pointer and set hand are also indications of its quality and a Fahrenheit thermometer and scale are further placed to the lower half. The oak case surrounding the barometer is festooned with rococo scrolls and floral motifs to the top, sides and even the feet. The wooden set knob which unusually appears below the instrument itself in the form of a carved flower and as part of the central decoration can be turned to adjust the daily reading as required. James Joseph Hicks was born in Cork, Ireland in 1837 to a poor farming family and was sent to London for schooli...

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