

SA729018

Victorian Met Office Issued Aneroid Barometer by J Hicks of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA729018****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 6 cm (2.4")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Description

For sale, a Victorian cased Met Office aneroid barometer by J Hicks of Hatton Garden London. Wonderfully preserved with its original lacquered brass case, this temperature compensated barometer has a four and a half inch silvered dial measuring 26 to 31 inches of barometric pressure. The centre is engraved to "J. Hicks, 8, 9 & 10 Hatton Gardens, London" with a broad arrow mark above the serial number 1179. The same marking is also present to the back of the case implying Meteorological Office use. The leather covered wooden case with red velvet interior has seen some wear and tear over the years but remains serviceable and has certainly done its job in protecting its contents, a superbly Victorian Met Office barometer which looks very much like it would have done on its first issue. Owing to the address of 8, 9 & 10 Hatton Gardens it can be confidently dated after 1885 when the Hicks's business premises were expanded to incorporate numbers 9 & 10. James Joseph Hicks was born in Cork, Ireland in 1837 to a poor farming family and was sent to London for schooling. He was apprenticed to the famous Louis P Casella where he remained until 1861. In that short time he had alr...

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