

SA732721

Rare Mahogany Enamel Dialled Wall Clock by William Evill of Bath (c.1785)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA732721****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 44.5 cm (17.5")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 18 cm (7.1")

Description

William Evill of Bath: A fine and particularly rare late 18th century WALL CLOCK in full working order. This imposing and substantial clock features a large 12-inch diameter enamel dial (not painted), the manufacture of which involved a difficult production process with many dials lost during the firing process. The case is original, apart from the mahogany box behind, with a narrow well-moulded dial surround and a superb deeply moulded cast brass bezel of great quality. The 8-day fusee 'A' frame movement incorporates an anchor escapement, whilst the main hands are of gilded brass, with the additional feature of a date hand, which is of blued steel. The dial itself is perfect and is signed by the maker: William & JN'o Evill of BATH. William Evill (1762-1787) was a highly regarded clockmaker resident in Bath, with a number of noted Longcase, Bracket and Wall clocks to his name. Not to be confused with his son, also named William, but who worked in the City from 1819-1826. After many years of 'complaints' from owners of clocks, who found difficulty reading clock faces in the dark (before electricity) the clockmaking industry tried to overcome this by producing enamel dia...

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