

SA736597

Early Victorian Desk Thermometer by Thomas Buss of Hatton Garden, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA736597****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale an early Victorian cast brass desk thermometer by Thomas Odempsey Buss of Hatton Garden, London. This beautifully decorative piece is cast from two pieces, both the base and the upright are similarly designed with entwined floral motifs throughout. The central section is left open and into which is secured an engraved scale plate for both Reaumur and Fahrenheit measurements on the thermometer. It is further engraved to "T. Buss, London" Thomas Odempsey Buss (1797 – 1879) or simply Buss is a common name associated with hydrometer sets that are commonly encountered on the market but little information other than that and his place of business in Hatton Garden London seem to be well understood. It is very likely that Buss served a London apprenticeship but he is noticeably absent from all of the main records. There is however, a record for his brother, William Hubbart Bowen Buss enlisting with Charles Robert West who had associations with both George Adams and the Dollond businesses. If the dates for the Buss's parents are correct, it would also suggest that both of them had died by 1798 well before the brothers had reached the age to start work. The evidence wou...

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