

SA750037

George IV Scottish Stick Barometer by Gardners of Glasgow

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA750037****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 87 cm (34.3")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale an early nineteenth century Scottish mahogany stick barometer with ebony banding by Gardners of Glasgow. This seldom encountered style is of a similar design to Gardner barometers illustrated in Edwin Banfield's publication, *Stick or Cistern Tube Barometers* (Pages 103 to 107), they are described as follows: "Scottish barometer makers continued to produce barometers in distinctive cases in the Nineteenth Century, and Fig 137 shows an example of the type of barometer produced in Scotland during the first quarter of the century. A similar barometer was made by Gardner's, Glasgow in 1822 and is illustrated in Fig 138 (very close to the one advertised here). The satinwood veneer gives the effect of crossbanding between the moulded edges of the case". As described by Banfield, this example has the same traits although it is completed in mahogany with ebony banding and cistern cover. This crossbanding style was certainly a more expensive way of consuming prized veneers and shows the quality that the Gardner business lavished on its instruments. The barometer is completed at the top with a domed topped and silvered scale plate and hand sliding vernier. It is engraved...

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