

SA768654

Mid Victorian Pocket Sextant by Field & Son Birmingham

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA768654****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

For sale, a cased Victorian pocket or box sextant by Field & Son of Birmingham. Of standard construction, the instrument includes a silvered arc scale with index arm and magnifier. The face engraved to Field & Son Birmingham. It retains its original cover and telescope all of which fit neatly into the original leather case inscribed with the name WH Silk, Architect & Surveyor, 35 Royal Avenue, Belfast. Field & Son are perhaps most famous for winning the much publicised Society of Arts microscope award for manufacturing a quality and reasonably priced microscope for students and the general public. The company was formed by Robert Field Senior in about 1830 and he is considered to have been a foreman for the famous microscope innovator, Philip Carpenter, eventually taking over Carpenter's Birmingham business interests from his family in 1837 after Carpenter's earlier move to London and eventual death in 1833. Trading from 113 New Street in Birmingham, the firm became Robert Field & Son in 1845 with Robert Junior joining the business. Five years later, they were amongst the upper echelons of the trade that took the opportunity to exhibit at The Great Exhibition at Crysta...

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