

SA770274

Victorian Carved Walnut Wall Thermometer by William Dixey of 241 Oxford Street London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA770274****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 36 cm (14.2")

Width = 10 cm (3.9")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

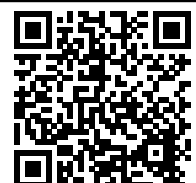
Description

For sale, a Victorian carved walnut wall thermometer by William Dixey of 241 Oxford Street, London. This superb example is ornately carved with floral motifs throughout with brass lined engraved scale with both Fahrenheit and Reamur readings. The blue alcohol thermometer is superbly conceived with a rare and very large tear drop bulb. It is engraved to the top with the maker's name William Dixey 241 Oxford Street, London. The maker William Dixey was the son of Edward Dixey who was born in 1772, the son of John Dixey a victualler or publican in Vine Street, Piccadilly and Catherine Dixey (nee Harris). According to most records, Edward is considered to have been apprenticed to George Linnell or George Black but more recent research by Anita McConnell shows Edward Dixey to have been apprenticed on the 4th September 1787 for seven years to the top instrument maker Jesse Ramsden at a cost of £21. A Christie's sale record for a Wilson & Dixey telescope is also marked, "late apprentice to Jesse Ramsden" so the corroboration of these two facts seems to prove undeniably that his training was of the highest quality. By the 1790's (presumably after his apprenticeship in 1794) Edwa...

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