

SA777432

Victorian Carved Oak Admiral Fitzroy Storm Barometer by J Hicks of London

Price

GBP 3,495

| USD \$4,729 | EUR 4,089

Item Reference: SA777432

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 102 cm (40.2")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

For sale a Victorian carved oak stick Admiral Fitzroy's Storm Barometer by J Hicks of London. This superior example is comprised of an oak body with a cistern cover richly ornamented with a central floral motif, chamfered and carved stem and a carved domed top supported by scroll pediments either side. The stem is adorned with a large 13 inch thermometer showing both Fahrenheit and Centigrade scales on an opaline glass with black numerals and has richly carved capital and pediment motifs to the top and bottom. The 10 inch scale plate contained in the familiar dome top style has an inverted piece of opaline glass to each side with red and black detailing reflecting Admiral Fitzroy's weather predictions and a scale of 26 to 31 inches of barometric pressure. The barometer tube rising between the scale plates is of an unusually thick bore and has a Vernier scale to either side on a rack and pinion movement adjusted by two oak setting keys below. The two scale plates and accompanying verniers would allow the user to take one measurement at 10am the first day and then another with the other side on the following day and thus enabling them to visually track the movements in a...

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