

SA794725

Early Nineteenth Century Library Telescope on Stand by Thomas Harris & Son London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA794725****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 46 cm (18.1")

Width = 100 cm (39.4")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

For sale an early Nineteenth Century mahogany cased library telescope on stand by Thomas Harris & Son, London. This usefully sized example has a main barrel measuring 78cms in length with a two and a quarter inch objective lens. It has a detachable eyetube which extends the telescope to 100cms on the horizontal. Focus is achieved by means of a rack and pinion mechanism operated to the side by means of a brass knurled adjuster. The barrel is engraved to the London makers, Thomas Harris & Son and it retains both its objective lens cap and has an additional eyetube cap to be fitted when the main tube is detached and in transit, a detail befitting of its quality. The telescope is mounted upon a brass claw foot tripod which folds neatly into a fitted mahogany case which also includes an additional sunfilter eyepiece. The case has a working lock and key. The company of Thomas Harris & Son existed throughout the length of the Nineteenth Century although its origins date back to the end of the Eighteenth Century with the founder Thomas Harris Senior. Owing to the early demise of his tallow chandler Father, Harris was apprenticed to the London instrument maker, George Linnel in...

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