

**SA803217**

## George IV Three Draw Telescope by Thomas Harris & Son London

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA803217****Date of manufacture: 1800**

### Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 3.5 cm (1.4")

Depth = 3.5 cm (1.4")

## Description

For sale, a George IV period three draw telescope by Thomas Harris & Son. This pocket sized example has a beautifully figured mahogany barrel and measures 38cms extended, 14cms when closed and has an inch diameter objective lens. The eyetube retains its original dustslide and has a superb and lengthy makers engraving: "Thomas Harris & Son, Opticians to the Royal Family, No52 (Opposite the British Museum), London" 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 1771 and with the reasonable assumption that he was aged about thirteen at this point, Harris was likely to have been born in circa 1758. His schooling would have been completed by the end of the 1770's and although he remained in the trade, his activities for the remainder of the Eighteenth Century remain fairly uncertain but it's likely that he became a jobbing instrument maker, manufacturing instruments or parts of instruments for more ...

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