

SA803857

Mid Eighteenth Century Stick Barometer by Henry Pyefinch London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA803857****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 96 cm (37.8")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale, a rare mid Eighteenth Century mahogany stick barometer by Henry Pyefinch, London. Superbly crafted with chevron veneer across the trunk of the barometer with mahogany and satinwood outline stringing around its circumference, the barometer is crested with an early style swan neck pediment with ivory finial and a unusually wide scaleplate. The silvered plate is very simply engraved for 27 to 31 inches of barometric pressure to the right hand side with a single weather indication of "variable" to the right, presumably marked as the centre point between clement and inclement weather. For more accurate measurement, the scale has a Vernier scale which is operated by means of a brass key to the front. The head of the plate is further engraved to the famous Eighteenth Century maker, "H. Pyefinch, London". The exposed tube runs down the front of the body into the bulbous type cistern cover with brass adjustment screw to the base. The maker Henry Pyefinch was apprenticed to the hugely renowned Francis Watkins shortly after Addison Smith in 1753. Smith went on to partner and marry into the Watkins family leaving Pyefinch to set up on his own account by 1761 at the sign ...

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