

SA807660

Georgian Universal Equinoctial Sundial by Robert Brettell Bate London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA807660****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 14.5 cm (5.7")

Width = 15 cm (5.9")

Depth = 4.5 cm (1.8")

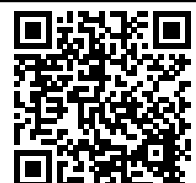
Description

For sale, an early Nineteenth Century rayskin cased universal equinoctial sundial by Robert Brettell Bate of London. Comprised of a base plate supporting a silvered dial compass with two bubble levels. The level is set by means of three levelling screws which are attached around the outer circumference. The engraved hour plate is marked to the top and the inner circumference and bears the maker's name of "Bate, London". It is hinged to the base enabling it to be angled at various latitudes set against the scale on the secondary arm to the side. The gnomon is also hinged within the hour plate and can be turned out for use and lain flat whilst in transit. The maker, Robert Brettell Bate was a very high quality manufacturer of scientific instruments working in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. Born in 1782, to a family of Bankers in Stourbridge, he initially travelled to London to become a Haberdasher under his Uncle Robert Brettell. His Aunt also living in London was married to Bartholomew Sikes, famous for winning favour with The Board of Excise for his hydrometer design in 1802. In 1804, Robert Bate married his cousin, the daughter of his aunt Mary and Barthol...

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