

SA808789

Antique Terrestrial Telescope, English, Single Draw Refractor, NSL, Victorian

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA808789****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 1 cm (0.4")

Width = 1 cm (0.4")

Depth = 109 cm (42.9")

Description

This is an antique terrestrial telescope. An English, single drawer refractor with National Service League mark, dating to the Victorian period, circa 1880. Perfect for bird watching, landscape appreciation, wildlife, or maritime observation. Equally suitable for observing the night sky. Beautifully presented, large diameter telescope in very good order Brass primary barrel, sunshade and draw tube show light signs of tarnish Primary barrel enhanced with leather-bound cover in light caramel hues Clear, bright objective of impressive proportion at 45mm in diameter(1.75") Sliding brass sunshade protects the front element from errant rays Further protection offered by sliding dust caps for the front objective and flared eyecup Fully drawn to over 1m in length, the single draw tube is engraved 'NSL D 519' Supplied with a London Fine oak and brass 'Captain's Stand' for display During the First World War, Lord and Lady Roberts established a loan scheme for private individuals to lend telescopes, binoculars and field glass to help the war effort. Under the name National Service League, each item was given the initials NSL and a serial number, with the intention to return each...

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