

SA815823

Carved Ivory Monocular with Morocco Leather Case by Abraham of Bath

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA815823****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

For sale, a carved ivory single draw monocular with original morocco leather case by Abraham of Bath. Housed in a two part hinged and conical morocco leather case with original silk and velvet interior, this superb quality monocular is comprised of an engine turned ivory conical body and eyepiece with brass fittings to house the objective lens and to retain the single draw tube. The brass tube is engraved to "Abraham Optician, Bath". It measures just 7cms closed and 10cms extended with an objective lens one and a quarter inches. The founder of the business was Jacob Abraham who was a thriving optician and instrument maker in Bath during the early part of the Nineteenth Century. Originally from Exeter, the family moved to Bath in circa 1800 trading first from St Andrew's Terrace and then later from 7 Bartlett Street. Given the fashionable setting, Abraham was patronised by various members of the nobility and gained a Royal Appointment to The Duke of Gloucester and was also heavily patronised by The Duke of Wellington. He further expanded his business to Cheltenham in 1833 but the venture seems only to have lasted for a short four year period. His Bath business lasted u...

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