

SA825199

Georgian Three Draw Telescope by Cary of London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA825199

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, an early Nineteenth Century three draw telescope by Cary of London. The telescope measures 76cms extended, 24cms when closed and has a one and three quarter inch objective encased in a mahogany barrel. The first draw is nicely engraved with the maker's name, "Cary, London" and the eyepiece has its original dustslide cover. A simple yet finely manufactured telescope from this renowned family. The Cary dynasty were highly regarded instrument makers of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the two brothers William and John forming a partnership manufacturing both scientific apparatus and globes from the London address of 181 & 182 The Strand. William had previously served his apprenticeship with the hugely renowned London instrument maker Jesse Ramsden whilst John was a trained mapmaker. A devastating fire in 1820 led to the brothers combining the two businesses into a single premises at 86 St James Street although throughout the 1820's they seem to have individually occupied various premises on The Strand in addition to the former. William Cary died in 1825 leaving generous sums of money to his brothers and his immediate family and his nephews George and ...

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