

SA829134

Late Eighteenth Century Three Draw Telescope by J&W Watkins of Charing Cross

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA829134****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a late Eighteenth Century three draw handheld telescope by Jeremiah & Walter Watkins of Charing Cross, London. Comprised of a dark mahogany barrel with fine brass fittings, this telescope measures 76cms fully extended, 24cms closed and has an objective lens diameter of one and a half inches. The telescope retains its original dust slide to the eyetube and is finely engraved to the makers, "J&W Watkins, Charing Cross, London". The brasswork is very well executed and as a sign of quality has a small hole to the largest draw in order to aid the passage of air when the telescope is extended and contracted. The telescope also retains its original two part leather carrying case which remains in good solid condition with a wonderful patina to the exterior its original decorative cloth interior intact. A fine example from a very prestigious London instrument making family. The Watkins dynasty traces its roots back to the apprenticeship in 1737 of the renowned scientific instrument maker, Francis Watkins under a Nathaniel Adams. Watkins was granted his freedom of The Spectacle Maker's Company in 1746 and opened premises using the sign of Sir Isaac Newton's head in ...

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