

SA830090

Early Nineteenth Century Meniscus Lens Gallery Glass or Library Glass

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA830090

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

For sale, a very large early Nineteenth Century Gallery Glass or Library Glass. A really interesting example, expertly fashioned from a single piece of mahogany with no joins between the handle and the lens bezel. In differentiation from the normal bi-convex lens this has a huge eight inch convex-concave or meniscus lens retained against the body by means of a circular mahogany slip fitted on top of the lens after it has been inserted into the one piece body. An unusual but effective method of construction which gives the piece a rather "looking glass" aesthetic. One of the largest of its type that I have handled measuring ten inches in diameter and with the unusual construction and lens combination, a really interesting variation. The lens remains in fantastic condition. A very imposing magnifier which would have been used in either a library or gallery setting to allow closer visual inspection.

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