

SA834348

Mid Victorian Morris's Patent Chartometer with Original Card Scales and Leather Case

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA834348****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 9 cm (3.5")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Description

For sale, a mid Victorian Morris's Patent Chartometer in original case and complete with all nine card scales. This fascinating gilt brass measuring instrument is comprised of scale plate with blue steel pointer covered by a hinged glass front embossed to the back bezel with the company's name, "The Morris Patents Engineering Works, Birmingham". The scale dial is geared to a smaller wheel at the pointed tip of the instrument and the divided scale is provided in the form of a number of card discs which are interchangeable depending on the user's requirements. All are contained in a morocco leather case, lined with purple silk and velvet and a gilt tooled lid stating, "Morris's Patent Chartometer" and with Royal insignia to the centre. The blank scale plate for the card dials is further engraved with Morris's Patent Chartometer and the serial No: 7. The very early production number allows us to date this rare instrument to the very first year of production and is perhaps the earliest extant example known to exist. The original description of use for this instrument from Morris is provided below: "The only instrument that measures and registers distances on maps, plan...

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