

SA839871

Late Eighteenth Century Mahogany Stick Barometer by Gilbert London

Price

GBP 1,595

| USD \$2,160 | EUR 1,866

Item Reference: SA839871

Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 95 cm (37.4")

Width = 11 cm (4.3")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

For sale, a Late Eighteenth Century Mahogany Stick Barometer by Gilbert of London. A simply designed yet beautifully robust example comprised of a solid mahogany backboard with domed top and base. The inset bone scale plate is engraved with weather indications to the left and a scale to the right measuring 27 to 31 inches of barometric pressure with a sliding Vernier incorporated for fine measurement. The head of the scale is simply engraved with the maker's name of Gilbert, London to the top and a brass dome above to secure the head of the barometer tube. The exposed barometer tube runs the full length of the body into a half globe mahogany cistern cover with brass travel screw protruding underneath. During the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the Gilbert family of Tower Hill carried a huge reputation, rivalling that of the Dollond and Ramsden for their skill of manufacture. The first family member to come to prominence as a scientific instrument maker was John Gilbert Snr. After beginning an apprenticeship in 1709 with a John Johnson he began trading after the customary seven years in 1716, entering the Company of Grocers. In 1726, he is referred to b...

Seller Details

Jason Clarke Antiques

Newbury Berkshire United Kingdom



Tel: 07815 046645

International Tel: +44 7815 046645