

SA841966

Large Late Victorian Wall Thermometer by Francis Pastorelli of Bond Street

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA841966****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 43.5 cm (17.1")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, a Late Victorian Wall Thermometer by Francis Pastorelli. Interestingly manufactured to mimic the "Oxford" style case design ordinarily encountered on Fitzroy type siphon tube barometers this example is comprised of a four part oak frame pegged together at each corner. The oak stretchers are part chamfered along each length and at each end. The frame surrounds a large thirteen and a half inch silvered and engraved Fahrenheit scale reading an unusually large range from -10 to 280 degrees to the right hand side and with heat indications to the right. The scale is crested with the maker's name, F.Pastorelli and the address of 10 New Bond Street. The thermometer has a very generous circular bulb with ceramic backed tube and a good width of bore for ease of reading. A very unusual and interesting design for a thermometer. The Pastorelli dynasty like most scientific instrument makers of Italian background were likely to have emigrated from the Lake Como area of Northern Italy. The first maker which appears in the records is a Fortunato Pastorelli recorded as working in Hatton Garden from 1805 to 1830. The premises at 4 Cross Street is common among all of the subseq...

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