

SA870531

Georgian Surveying Compass & Sundial by William Harris & Co London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA870531****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 17.5 cm (6.9")

Depth = 16 cm (6.3")

Description

For sale, a complex Georgian surveyor's sundial and compass set by William Harris & Co of 50 Holborn, London. Comprised of a hinged mahogany case fitted with a five inch split level, silvered and engraved compass dial to the base. The upper level providing the degree scale and the lower central section with compass bearings and a superbly engraved star motif. Above the compass glass is provided a removable sundial chapter ring with two arcs attached to the inner circumference supporting a hinged gnomon which can be folded flat for transit. The dial is engraved with Roman numerals and the maker's name of Harris & Co, 50 Holborn London. The case lid is fitted with original green baize filled inserts to accommodate the gnomon and the there is a further section which contains two brass sights which can be removed and slotted into the base at the North and South points of the compass dial. One sight and slot is engraved with the numeral "1" to denote which sight is placed where. For transit the lid closes onto a small pinpoint on the base which automatically locks the compass needle in place. The lid is secured with two hook and eye type fasteners. A rare and uncommon for...

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