

SA874948

Victorian Wall Mounted Hygrometer by Negretti & Zambra London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA874948****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 19 cm (7.5")

Depth = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

For sale, a Late Victorian wall mounted wet and dry bulb thermometer set or hygrometer by Negretti & Zambra, London. Comprised of a mahogany backboard with brass hanging loop to the top, the board is set with two large brass screws at the top onto which are set two porcelain Fahrenheit thermometer scales measuring from 20 to 120 degrees. To the left-hand side of the scale, both are painted to the makers, Negretti & Zambra, Scientific Instrument Makers, London and with the company's familiar N&Z logo. They are alternately marked Dry (Serial No: 134590) and Wet (Serial No: 134593). The wet thermometer is fitted with a piece of muslin tubing which follow down to a zinc lined trough attached to the mahogany board underneath the thermometers into which water would be held to provide a continuous source of water to dampen the wet bulb. Meteorological instruments such as these have a number of associated names, hygrometer meaning the measurement of moisture or water, the name psychrometer (cold meter) was used by the German inventor Ernst Ferdinand August (1795-1870) and during the same period in 1836, the Surgeon, John Abraham Mason was presenting his new, Mason's Hygrometer...

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