

SA880952

William IV Two Draw Telescope by Thomas Rubergall London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA880952****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

For sale, a William IV period two draw telescope by Thomas Rubergall of London. Comprised of a mahogany barrel with two brass draws which measure 92cms fully drawn and 41cms when closed. The telescope has a 2" objective lens with screw on dust-cap with slide opening and an extending sun-shade which pulls from the barrel end. The eyetube has a typical period bell-shaped eyepiece with incorporated dust-slide and the first draw is engraved to the maker, Thomas Rubergall, Optician to His Majesty, 24 Coventry Street, London. The maker Thomas Rubergall was active from 1802 until 1854 in London and traded from three different addresses throughout those 52 years. Princes St, Soho from 1802 to 1805, 27 Coventry Street from 1805 to 1823 and then thereafter to number 24 Coventry Street. Rubergall seems to have been from Huguenot French descent and may be related to earlier well-known Chelsea market gardeners of the eighteenth century with the same name. He was renowned enough to have been appointed optician to George III and mathematical instrument maker and optician to the Duke of Clarence (later William IV) and to Queen Victoria. The site of the Rubergall's shop was situated be...

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