

SA889519

Miniature Pocket Sikes Hydrometer by Joseph Long of Eastcheap London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA889519****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 4.5 cm (1.8")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a miniature pocket Sikes hydrometer by Joseph Long of 43 Eastcheap, London. Comprised of a small burr walnut case with a purple velvet fitted base and purple silk lid, this rare pocket version contains a small brass Sikes hydrometer with a scale marked from 0 to 10. The side of the scale is minutely engraved with "Sikes P 51 degrees" and the serial number 23422. The surrounding and complete set of hydrometer weights are all similarly marked with the same serial, and with the JL stamp for Joseph Long, the maker. It has a small horn magnifying glass for reading the measurement and a further slot at the back which contains a blue spirit Fahrenheit thermometer marked to L Lumley & Co Ltd. The case is complete with its original snap lock and a cartouche to the lid stating: "Sikes's Pocket Hydrometer by Joshua Long, 43 Eastcheap, London". Little is known of Joseph Long's business but there is some suggestion that he may have been related to the instrument maker James Long who traded at The Royal Exchange until his death in 1811. Nevertheless, his business was formed ten years later in 1821 and was based at 20 Little Tower Street until 1884. Long is most well kno...

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