

SA891299

CONVERTED ENGLISH LANTERN CLOCK BY JOHN KNIBB, OXON. CIRCA 1680 AND LATER.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA891299****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 39.4 cm (15.5")

Width = 14.6 cm (5.7")

Depth = 14.6 cm (5.7")

Description

This is an almost totally original case made by an extremely famous and sought after maker. The circa 1900 substantial and high quality two train movement with Dead-beat escapement and half and hour rack striking. Made by W & H and having a rear mounted pin wheel to operate the top-mounted hammer that strikes on the original bell. Unusually, during conversion to 'improve' this clock, the top and bottom plates have been retained and lie beneath the later, blank plates. It is also believed that the doors and backplate (now with the hole for the alarm verge wheel filled) are also original. 'Lantern' or 'Chamber' clocks were often converted not to deceive but rather 'improve' them; they could be placed on a table instead of hung on a wall with the ropes or chains dangling, they would be much more accurate and had a minute hand and lastly, they only needed winding once a week instead of once or twice a day. Because of these conversions, these examples are usually only a fraction of the price that they would be if totally original and in this case, being made by a very famous maker, the price is probably only 5% of what it would be! That being said, this clock is an amazing ...

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