

SA898302

Early Victorian Platinum Scale Stick Barometer by John Newman, 122 Regent Street London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA898302

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 12 cm (4.7")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

For sale, a very rare early Victorian mahogany stick barometer by J Newman of 122 Regent Street, London with platinum scale. Undoubtedly the finest example of an early Victorian domestic barometer that I have encountered. On aesthetic consideration it represents the more serious style of this period with a horizontal, graduated pediment and rectangular glazed scale front. Behind is a two-part inverted scale plate with thermometer over a Fahrenheit and Centigrade on the left, and barometer scale on the right. The scale measures 27 to 31 inches of barometric pressure with a slide Vernier attached to the edge, operated by the set key below. Engraved above the barometer scale, it states, "Corrected Scale for Capacity" and above the maker's name of J Newman, 122 Regent St, London. All are beautifully executed, but the material used for the scale immediately point to this being a unique domestic example. Instead of silvered brass as one would expect, the plates are comprised of platinum which is easily discernible from the bright lustre and the lack of any associated tarnish. They remain as bright as they would have been at the date of manufacture. During this period, Newman...

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