

SA917072

Shapland and Petter Arts and Crafts Bureau Bookcase

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA917072****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 192 cm (75.6")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 48 cm (18.9")

Description

A stylish Arts and Crafts bureau bookcase by Shapland and Petter of Barnstaple. Very well constructed in solid mahogany and embellished with beautiful solid brass hardware throughout. The top section with a floral carved freeze and capacity for two rows of books. The base section with a fall front bureau (lockable, key supplied) which opens to reveal a fitted interior. With 2 drawers beneath and carrying handles to the sides. Cleaned and waxed in our workshops and now offered for sale in excellent condition. Dimensions: Width 93cms Depth 48cms Overall height 192cms Height of writing surface with fall open 72.5cms The Shapland and Petter factory was established by cabinetmaker Henry Shapland (1823 – 1909), following a trip to America in 1848. While there, he saw an ingenious new machine which he realised could be used for cabinetmaking. Upon his return to Barnstaple, he reproduced the machine from notes he'd made and set up business in a mill. He later met Henry Petter, an accountant, and together they achieved rapid success. In 1888 the mill burned down. Undeterred, they moved to larger premises. The same factory now produces high-quality joinery. Hand-tooled or machin...

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