

SA922252

Early Victorian Aneroid Barometer on Carved Oak Stand by Frederick Cox, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA922252****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 16 cm (6.3")

Width = 21 cm (8.3")

Depth = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian aneroid barometer on carved oak stand by Frederick Cox of Newgate Street, London. Comprised of a 4.5" card dial containing a large scale measuring 25 to 31 inches of barometric pressure divided to tenths of an inch. The top half of the scale is provided with Vidi type weather indications, the centre with a seven-pointed star motif and the base printed with the retailer, "F. Cox Newgate St, London" and the words, "aneroid barometer". The blue steel indicator hand is finished with a crescent moon design and the brass setting hand. Although unmarked, this example, owing to its style and like many of the period would have been imported from France from famous firms such as Naudet. The elegantly sized oak base is superbly executed with floral scroll motifs emanating from either side of the barometer. This style is perhaps the most aesthetically pleasing of the Victorian stands and (in my view at least), provides the most appropriate proportions without overwhelming the instrument. The retailer, Frederick James Cox was born in 1834 in Shoreditch, the son of optician, Frederick Cox. Cox's adverts of the 1870's proudly state that the company had be...

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